



Oklahoma District Teen LWML

# Teen Talk

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*"Teens empowered through the Word, reflect Christ's love."*



## Busy Teens Have Serving Hearts, Lots of Fun



From left to right: Jenny, Kristen, Lexie, Genevive, Michalah, Morgan, Monica, Laura and Malory.

The Friends Into Serving Him® group in Owasso stays pretty busy! In the last six months we have collected and delivered Teddy Bears to the Child Abuse Network, did advertising for an LWML auction, collected Easter items for an Easter basket to be auctioned off at the LWML Dinner, played hand chimes during Mother's Day church services, stuffed bags with donated school supplies for Owasso Community Resources and even hosted one of our societies LWML quarterly meetings.

To top it off, we also find time to have fun together! We will have movie nights at someone's house, sleepovers, shopping, or go to dinner. The night of the sleepover we also: watched a movie, made Friends Into Serving Him® pillows, made sale signs for the upcoming youth garage sale and went shopping for items for the Easter basket we donated to the LWML Auction. Next month we will be learning how to sew confirmation stoles.

Submitted by Kari Clark, Teen LWML Coordinator, Faith, Owasso

## What My Faith Means To Me

My faith is like making a cake. Baptism is the bowl in which I mix the cake. The first step to baking a cake is to get something to mix it in. Baptism was the first step as my faith began. Being baptized makes me God's child when I received His grace. His grace started me out with the right amount of faith I needed to grow.

Just as there are necessary ingredients required to make a cake, there are necessary ingredients to shape my faith. The Apostle's Creed might be compared to mixing the flour, sugar and baking soda. If you omit portions of the Apostle's Creed, it might seem blurry and distorted. By leaving out parts of my faith, I would never be able to understand what faith is all about.



My learning and coming to understand the Ten Commandments is like adding the butter, vanilla, oil and eggs to the cake. When I add the ingredients, I come to anticipate what my cake is going to taste like and what my faith should resemble. If I leave out an ingredient, the flavor may leave a bad taste in my mouth. Sin is also like this. When I sin, I get a bad taste in my mouth. Holy Communion is a necessary ingredient in the Christian faith. Without it, Christians don't have the body and blood of Christ. By taking the bread and wine, I receive the body and blood of Christ. Without ingredients, the cake is nothing but a bowl and a pan.

The Lord's Prayer is in comparison to the pan in which a cake is baked. Without the pan you have no foundation or boundaries for the cake to be confined. The Lord's Prayer lays a foundation for my faith. It keeps me in the boundaries of what my faith should be like. The pan for a cake sets the structure and size. How I comprehend the Lord's Prayer sets the structure for my faith. Also, by reciting and learning more about the Lord's Prayer, I establish the size of my faith.

When a cake is finished baking, it should be firm and full. When I confess my sins, my confession should be firm and strong. And when it is finished, and ready to eat, I might pass it out to family and friends and even people I don't know. By passing out this cake, I am sharing it as if I was sharing the Word of the Gospel. The good news about Jesus from God our Father is a remarkable thing to hear.

Submitted by Taylor Grimes, teen member of First, Pond Creek



Teens are welcome at the Oklahoma District LWML Retreat October 23-24 at Oakridge Christian Camp and Retreat Center near Anadarko. Lots of fun activities planned.

Have a fundraiser or ask your LWML society to help sponsor you to help with registration.

Registration and information on [www.oklwml.org](http://www.oklwml.org)