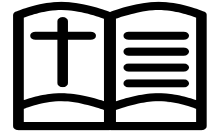


# Church of the Savior



October 7, 2003

## *Pastor's Note:*

The fall harvest season is here. Time for apples, mums and pumpkins. It's also the time we recommit ourselves to growing in our relationship to the Lord and one another. Church events are in full swing, events are being planned for Advent and all the way through to next summer. We have got a lot going on and a lot for which to be thankful. Yet, we often fail to be grateful for that which is the foundation for all our blessings: God's amazing grace and love as offered through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. God's gift is so overwhelming to me that sometimes I can't quite articulate all that I see and feel in regards to His grace. The theology and doctrines of Christianity sometimes overwhelm and burden us and we lose sight of the simple fact that God so loved the world...

A friend sent the following as a simple reminder that Christians are like pumpkins:

A woman was asked by a coworker, "What is it like to be a Christian?"

The coworker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in and washes all the dirt off. Then he cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., and then He carves you a new joyful, smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see!"

This was passed on to me from another pumpkin. Now, it is your turn to pass it to fellow pumpkins.

**Pastor Thea**

## Notes From Deb...

### Youth Truth:

Thought for the day – Be All That God Created You To Be.. Make The Most Of Every Day!

Looking Ahead: Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday- Party for someone special

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> - Fall Break..Come up on Friday from 10-12 a.m. to help set up the carnival.

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – 5 to 7...get ready for carnival.

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> – Carnival at COTS

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Fun at Camp Dakani

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – PCO/PCN Football game

-Love you guys, Deb.

### Joyful Noises:

Well, you all have a very happy Music Director. I've had to redo the choir loft to accommodate the crowd. I am elated! But, most importantly I am happy about each of you using your time and talents for God and I believe you'll enjoy great blessings because of it! I am proud of you and for you.

-Love, Deb.

### Kids Korner:

I am enjoying watching each of you as you grow and I'm happy to see you at church, at choir and on our Sunday evenings together! You are important!

Looking ahead: Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – 5 to 7...come help and get ready for the carnival.

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Fun at Camp Dakani.

Don't forget "Kids In Action" choir – 4:30 to 5:30 each Wednesday

-Love. Deb.

## COTS Swap Meet

Do you have an item you'd like to sell, but don't know how to go about doing so?

Do you have a service (i.e.- lawn mowing, babysitting, painting, piano lessons...) you think the congregation could use, but don't know how to "advertise"? Here's the place for you to buy/sell items and offer your expertise services...

### COTS Swap Meet!

Please call or e-mail the church office (with your items for sell or wanted items, as well as services offered) anytime during the day, as we will be posting information in upcoming newsletters.

Pastor Thea will begin a  
**Pastor's Intensive Study on Sunday,  
October 26<sup>th</sup> through November 9<sup>th</sup>  
during the Sunday school hour (9:30).**  
She will be leading with the book; "Being  
Disciples of Jesus in a Dot.Com World"

This book was written by the same authors who wrote Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt. If you are interested, *please call the church office* so we can order a copy of the book for you and so you can read the first three chapters in advance of the first class.

The cost of the book is \$12.95.

See you there.

The **OCTOBER MISSION COLLECTION** will go to the **Presbyterian Urban Mission (PUM)**. They are in great need of hygiene items and paper goods, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, toiletries, paper towels, as well as pre-packaged food items. Please bring your donations to the church office or place in the wagon outside the sanctuary and thank you for your help!



### *In Our Prayers...*

Dorothy Reeves  
Will Kamp  
Nancy Murphy  
John Robinson

*\*if you know of someone who would benefit from a visit by our Caring Commission or Pastor, please call the church office.*

The Staff at Church of the Savior has begun a **prayer ministry** during Staff meeting on Mondays. Each week, we will randomly take ten member's names from the congregation and say a special prayer for those people. The office will mail a postcard to those ten people each week simply to let them know they were thought of and prayed for on that particular day. Thank you for letting us share your name in the Staff's weekly blessing and prayer.

### \$\$\$ **FYI** \$\$\$

Financial statements are available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary.

Happy Birthday! 

October...

Mike McKee ~ 03<sup>rd</sup>  
Sam Billerbeck ~ 12<sup>th</sup>  
Thea McKee ~ 16<sup>th</sup>





## LIFE LINE SCREENING

will be here **October 27<sup>th</sup>** from **8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

Life Line will be doing ultrasound screening in the Activity Center for the following conditions:

**Stroke, Peripheral Arterial Disease, Aneurysm, and Osteoporosis.**

These tests, which are non-invasive and completely painless will take only ten minutes each and are offered at \$45 per test (or less). **Pre-registration is required by calling 1-800-407-4557.** For more information, please see the posters in the hallway or ask Dale at the church office for a flyer.

With early detection, these problems can be treated and the screening results are sent directly to you to allow you to work with your doctor.



**Don't Miss This...**

the **COTS Progressive Dinner**  
is **October 18<sup>th</sup>** from **5:00-9:00 p.m.**  
Please sign the sign-up sheet outside  
the church office. Thank you.



## COTS CHILDCARE

is having their annual Halloween carnival  
for kids of all ages on  
**Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**  
from **7:00 to 8:30p.m..**

There will be a cakewalk, lots of food,  
games for the kids and a haunted house!  
Kids can wear their Halloween costumes  
and the cost is only \$7.50 for a wristband  
that allows them to enjoy it all.

It will be a 'scream' of a time!



Each month, the newsletter will spotlight a **"COTS Members of the Month"**  
This is to allow the church family to 'get to know' one another better...enjoy!



### **The month of October is Mike and Donna Deming:**

Donna was born and raised in the Ardmore are. Her mother and father raise cattle west of Ardmore. Mike was born in Caracas, Venezuela and grew up in East Texas and Houston. Donna works in the Oklahoma County Court Clerk's office, while Mike works for the City of Oklahoma City Planning Department.

Over the past several months, most of their spare time has gone into remodeling their home. Now that the end of the project is in sight, they can get back to their usual interests...cooking, traveling, movies and listening to music.

Mike and Donna are both life-long Presbyterians and look forward to continuing their faith journey at Church of the Savior. They enjoy the worship services, Sunday school and fellowship here.

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**



**SUNDAY**

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:50 a.m.
Youth	5:00 p.m.

**MONDAY**

Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Mobile Meals	9:00 a.m.
Staff Meeting	1:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Quilters	10:00 a.m.
Kids In Action	4:30 p.m.
Choir	7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

Men's Breakfast	7:00 a.m.
Mobile Meals	9:00 a.m.

**\*This Saturday is a WORK PARTY starting at 9:00 a.m.**

**W.O.C. will meet October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.**

All women of the church are welcome and are invited. It may be a bit noisy and exciting with all the building construction occurring, but it will be an enjoyable time for fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Help!**

We need volunteers to drive the church van on Sunday mornings to pick up and take-home children for Sunday School. Please call the church office to offer your assistance. Thank you!

Come support the PC High School Drama Team (and Jonathan Martindale) in the production of *Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. The show times are 2:00 & 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5-adults & \$4-students.

**Staff:**



Pastor: **Rev. Thea A. McKee**  
Director of Music, Youth & Young Families: **Deb Roberts**  
Office Administrator: **Dale Gomez**  
Organist: **Lou Ann Rice**  
Financial Secretaries: **Georgia Gandall & Janie Thompson**  
Treasurer: **Lucille Whiteturkey**