



Church of the Savior

September 9, 2003

Pastor's Note:

Fall is my favorite time of the year. The heat of the summer winds has dissipated, replaced by the cool zephyrs of fall. School has resumed, and football players are once again earnestly cheered to victory by zealous fans. Churches across the country are gearing up for the coming year and COTS is no exception. We kicked off fall with a wonderful Ice Cream Social, with entertainment provided by the world renowned Rice, Carrier & Manion Quartet, with a special appearance by Clayton. We had a great time! Our Sunday school is gearing up with an addition for Sunday evenings. We will be hosting a marriage enrichment video series: "Hidden Keys to Loving Relationships," by Gary Smalley, Sunday evenings from 5:00-5:45 PM that starts this Sunday. I will be leading the Pastor's Intensive Study using the book, Being Disciples of Jesus in a Dot.Com World that begins Sunday, October 26th through November 9th. A new member class will begin September 28 through October 12. And the Elders are busy planning a second round of Listening Groups; these are opportunities for you, the Elders and I to talk about what is going on here at COTS. If you can't attend with your assigned elder, you could attend a different group's get together. **There are so many events in the planning stages, please make sure you don't get left out.** Fall is going to be a wonderful time of fellowship as we praise and worship God-together!
-Pastor Thea

In Our Prayers...

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.*

With Sympathy and Prayer...

The Swanson Family in the passing of Harold ~
Ruth Murray in the passing of her sister, Adele.



Happy Birthday!

September...

Lucille George ~ 1st (90th Birthday!)
Tony Kienlen ~ 1st
Kristie Buntin ~ 9th
Steven Kienlen ~ 18th
Jacob Boucher ~ 19th
Lucille Whiteturkey ~ 20th
Wes Baxter ~ 23rd
Glenn Van Wyngarden ~ 24th
Bill Johnson ~ 30th

☛ Youth Truth

Rejoice in the Lord always! That's my encouragement to each of you as you wake up each day. We have a fantastic Youth Group and I'm very proud to know and work with each of you! You're the best!

Looking Ahead:

Sat. Sept. 13th – Work Day at COTS

Sun. Sept 14th – The Crosswise Players

End of Sept. we'll have a carwash and C.O.T.S.Y. Café will be starting up again soon!

Also: read my Ski Trip letter and let's get excited about going on a great trip together.

☛ Joyful Noises

We're off to a great start on our choir year with great attendance, great attitudes, and your voices...yippee!

Don't forget our choir party/luncheon together on

Sunday, Sept. 21st at Pat and Jean Martindale's. I believe we're going to have a wonderful year. Let's hear it for Lou Ann, Clayton, and Aaron – Thanks!

☛ Kids Korner

Don't forget...it's almost here...C.O.T.S.Y. Kids choir program beginning **Wed. Sept. 17th from 4:30-5:30 p.m.** Come and bring your friends!

Also from Deb~

A special note of THANKS to Wes Baxter and J.P. Richardson. My hats off to both of you for teaching Sunday school and your constant support of C.O.T.S.Y. You both are great brothers in the Lord! Welcome aboard Mike Deming-our new High School teacher!!



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...

the 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.

Thank you for helping to establish the COTS Swap Meet!



Lucille Robinson's turtle needs a good home!
She comes with her own tank and is easy to care for.
Please contact the church office if interested!

Construction Zone:

The construction project is approximately one week ahead of schedule as of July 29, 2003.

The only unforeseen problems that have been encountered are the discovery of some asbestos in the mechanical piping insulation and in the old vinyl and sheet flooring in the west portion of the existing building. We have experienced some leaks along the front of the building where some construction demolition has taken place. The contractor is doing all that can be done to prevent this, but it is a moving target. As soon as a leak is discovered, measures are taken to stop the leak and prevent its future occurrence.

At the construction meeting held on July 29, 2003, our contractor proposed completing the complete roof and new heat and air units earlier than planned. This would require some work inside the church, but would not disrupt our use of the building. This would accomplish much earlier our primary objective, which is to stop the flood every time it rains, as well as providing new heat and air for our facilities. It was also proposed to move up the remodel of the restrooms, so that when the renovation of the hall and office begins, we will have easy access to bathroom facilities, rather than having to use the facilities in the west wing of the church. The construction committee approved these changes, which do not incur any additional cost.

Overall the attitude of our contractor, Smith and Pickel, our architect, ADG and our roofing contractor, Southwestern Roofing, is one of a partnership with COTS. They are committed financially to a successful execution of our building and roof plan.

We are attempting to open an email box, NehemiahProject@sbcglobal.net, for your questions or comments about the project



This Sunday (9-14)

begins a free six-week marriage enrichment video series.

The videos are titled "Hidden Keys To Loving Relationships" by Gary Smalley and will be hosted by Rev. Thea from **5:00-6:00 p.m.**

Please come, bring a few snacks to share and join us for the great video!



The Swanson Family appreciates all the love and concern expressed by our church family at the loss of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Harold.

Your friends in Christ,
Isabel, Howard, and Margaret Swanson

“Death of a Mate” Grief Support Series

Calvin Presbyterian Church will sponsor a six-week series on the “Death of a Mate”. It helps bring around other people who have experienced the same thing. When one loses a mate, he or she may feel like the Lone Ranger, as if he or she is the only one going through this. Contact with others is very important.

The series will be held every Tuesday evenings beginning
September 9th through October 14th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

It will be held at Calvin Presbyterian Church located at 2001 N. Meridian.
The series is designed for anyone who has experienced the death of a spouse or significant other.
Pastor Jo Clipson will facilitate the sessions.

For more information and to register for the series, please call Calvin Presbyterian Church at 943-8564. Please call during office hours: Mon-Thurs. 9:00 to Noon, or leave a detailed message on the answering machine.

Attention all women of the church...

Pastor Thea is inviting all women of the church to her home
September 17th at 7:00 p.m. for a housewarming/Candlelight party.
Please call the church office to rsvp and directions.



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 September is Jerrel and JonEvah Murray:

Jerrel and JonEvah have been married 51 years and had two sons. Andrew, age 49, and his wife, Deidra, live in Oklahoma City. Randall would have been 47 in August, but died in September of 2002 from Melanoma. Sean, Randall’s son, is 22 years of age and is their only grandchild. Andrew is self-employed as a CPA, CVA (Certified Valuation Analyst). Sean is enrolled at both Oklahoma City Community College and Oklahoma University studying Clinical Psychology.

Jerrel and JonEvah are both retired; Jerrel from 34 year’s service with the IRS after a short stint in the US Marine Corp and a few years of employment by private industry in accounting. JonEvah retired after 33 years teaching piano and music theory and 13 years selling furniture at Ballengers. Since retirement Jerrel has devoted much time to Scottish cultural enrichment by serving in various capacities and offices on the Board of United Scottish Clans of Oklahoma, Inc., which he helped to form in 1986. JonEvah is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota Alumnae (a music fraternity) and a recent volunteer at the Presbyterian Urban Mission.

JonEvah became a member of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) in the past year. Jerrel is an FSA Scot (Fellow of Scottish Antiquaries). They both are involved in genealogical research of their family trees. With all their activities, they do find time to spend in “hobbies” of a sort. JonEvah loves to do water aerobics at a nearby spa and Jerrel loves to cook; usually some new Scottish recipe, as well as spending a great deal of time sitting in front of his computer researching all sorts of things from religion to Scottish history, but his favorite subject is surnames.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:



SUNDAY

Worship	8:30 a.m.
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.

TUESDAY

WOC fellowship	10:00 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY

Quilters	10:00 a.m.
Choir	7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

***This Saturday is WORK PARTY day
from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Staff:



Pastor: Rev.Thea A. McKee

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