


# Church of the Savior

# Messenger



**Tuesday, October 15, 2002**

Next issue of the newsletter: Tuesday, November 5, 2002

Deadline for items: Friday, November 1, 2002

### **Pastor's Letter**

Have you ever wondered how you can put your God given talents to work for Him? Or, what special gifts you have that will aid in the ministry of the church of Jesus Christ? If you answered yes, to either of these (and even if you didn't), I would like you to check out a web-site. The Church Growth Institute has a free, on-line spiritual gifts inventory. It is just a basic inventory, but this web-site is a good place to begin. We are linked to this site on our own web-page, and hopefully you will all have an opportunity to take the inventory in the next few weeks. Even if you think that, "God can't use me anywhere," take the inventory. You just might be surprised to find out that God ain't finished using you yet. And your church family can always use a helping hand—and what better way to serve God than to use your unique spiritual gifts—gifts given for the sole purpose of serving Him and His church. Check it out: <http://www.churchgrowth.org/>.

Pastor Thea

**Worship Theme For October:** Unity Through Christ is our Foundation

October 20: Cantata, *Come Together*, with Santa Fe Presbyterian Church

October 27: Reformation Sunday—we'll have a bagpiper and a Celtic harpist here!

Potluck to follow

### **Sunday Leaders For Sunday, October 20, 2002**

**Greeter:** Mary Jo Walker.

**Worship Assistant:** Carol Welsh

**Ushers:** Mary Jo Walker, Fred Kamp, Mary Webster, Wenoa Harber, Clarence Feightner, Al Welsh.

**Guest Book:** Dot Rosson.

**Refreshments:** Provided by the Worship Commission.

**Flowers:** Given in honor of Tim Kate's mother, Erma Miller Gerig, October 25, 1884.

### **In Our Prayers**

Helen Lanius                      Will Kamp                      Tim Kate                      JonEvah Murray  
Laurence Wellons              John Robinson              Charlene Ledbetter

Our prayers are with Laura Arens' family in her recent death.

If you know of someone who would benefit from a visit by our Caring Commission or Pastor, please contact the church office.

### **DEB'S PAGE**

#### **Youth Truth**

“Rejoice in the Lord Always – I say it again...rejoice”  
Wow! What a great time we have coming up.

Friday, October 25	Carnival at church	6-9 p.m.
Saturday, October 26	Hayride/Camp Dakani	
Thursday, October 31	Youth party...wear costumes	6-9 p.m.
Saturday, November 16	Youth “Christian Band Night” in Activity Center	
Sunday, November 17	Michael W. Smith concert 6 p.m. at the Ford Center - \$25	
Sunday, November 24	Youth and Parents Thanksgiving time together at church 5 – 7 p.m.	

#### **The “Group”**

The “Group” formally known as C. A. Y. A. had a great time together and I am looking forward to meeting with you once a month. Our next meeting together will be Sunday, November 17...join all of us to go to see Michael W. Smith at the Ford Center. Tickets are \$25 at Homeland and well worth it.

#### **Joyful Noises**

Choir...I am so proud of you!  
You all have a beautiful sound and I want to Thank You for all of your hard work as we work on “Come Together” and “Celebrate Life”

#### **Kids Korner**

Hi kids! We've got some great things coming up this month.  
Friday, October 25                      Carnival  
Saturday, October 26                      Hayride/Camp Dakani  
So, get your costumes ready! You are so loved, Deb

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and support during our time of grief. A special thanks to Rev. Thea McKee, Deb Roberts, the Caring Commission, and the Quilters. All of you helped so very much.

Tom and Marilyn Dry

## **NEEDED**

### **Old Working Computers**

The Child Care Center is in need of old working computers that are new enough to run children's software. Please contact Rachel Brand, Deb Roberts, or Paula Pons if you have one to donate. Thank you.

### **Volunteers Needed**

We are in need of volunteers to help assist in answering the church office phones from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. when the church secretary is out of the office. Please call and leave your name with Karleta.

### **First Sunday Mission Collection**

November First Sunday Mission Collection will be taken to N. W. Food Pantry. They would appreciate peanut butter, canned meats, soups, and personal hygiene items.

### **PUM Santa Store**

Beginning Sunday, November 3, the Santa Store box for Presbyterian Urban Mission will be at the back of the sanctuary for the following items:

*New toys, ages 4-12 (Please no war toy)*

*Teen gift items*

*Mom and Dad gifts*

*Story books*

*Hats, socks, gloves, mittens (any size)*

*Crayons and coloring books*

*Barbie dolls*

*Legos, trucks*

*Stocking stuffer items*

*Basketballs, footballs, soccer balls*

*Christmas decorations (new/good used)*

*Board games*

*Money to buy toys.*

We have had a tremendous amount of stuffed animals donated, so that is not a need for us this year.

## **WHAT'S GOING ON**

### **Carnival**

In a mutual endeavor between Church of the Savior and the Child Care Center, there will be a Fall Carnival on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6 – 9 p.m. We are seeking volunteers from our congregation. If you would like to help, please notify the Child Care Center's office. Also, if you would like to donate baked goods for the cake walk and a bake sale, please deliver them to the Child Care Center on that Friday. Everyone, young and old, is invited so please plan to come out for an evening of fun and fellowship.

### **Child and Parenting Specialist to Speak**

Thursday, November 7, 2002, 7:00 pm, Diana Anderson-Goetz, Certified Child and Parenting Specialist will speak at a program on parenting in a scary world. Free childcare and free pizza (6:15 pm) will be provided. This program is open to the community--child care providers, CCC parents, grandparents and all those who wonder how to address the things we are seeing in the news!

Also, regarding PUM's request for (600) hats by December 14th. I have some great patterns--one knit and one crochet--that tell how to use any size yarn and make any size cap. I'll share those with anyone that asks. Plus, if anyone is cleaning out yarn they don't want, I could use it for this project.

Barbara J Klein

### **Church Pot Luck Dinner**

There will be a potluck dinner Sunday, October 27, at 12 noon. Let's celebrate the Harvest Season, as we fellowship together. There will be a sign up sheet on the church bulletin board.

### **“What’s Going on in Israel?”**

**Tuesday, October 29 at 7 PM**, Rev. Glen Howard will present “What’s Going On in Israel?” Glen is the Pastor of Missions at First Methodist Church here in OKC. Glen will be using a wonderful educational tool-- a map of the holy land that is 30' by 13' large enough to walk on. Glen’s focus will examine international news, the nation of Israel and Bible prophecy. Glen will illuminate many of the issues currently affecting the Middle East in light of Scripture in Biblical prophecy. You are encouraged to bring your questions, your Bibles and your current understanding (or lack there of) and find out, “What’s Going On in Israel?” There will be a free will offering.

### **FYI**

### **NO 8:30 a.m. Worship**

There will be no early service on Sunday, October 20, 2002, because of the Cantata. Early service will resume on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October.

### **Building Task Force Update**

We have now received the completed Construction Documents from the architects and the contractor is gathering cost information from the sub-contractors so we can develop a cash-flow projection, make arrangements for construction financing, if necessary, and make arrangements for permanent financing. This is a required step regardless of how much money Church of the Savior needs or decides to borrow, because financial institutions and construction contractors need to know before they commit men, materials and funds that Church of the Savior intends to complete this project. It is also a governmental requirement before the needed permits can be pulled, the government wants to know how serious Church of the Savior is about project completion, which

prevents unfinished shells of buildings from littering our town, as well as allows the city to plan for additional rainwater run off and etc.

This seems to take quite a bit of time, yet most of the additional time is due to the unique nature of our project, which has required the contractor and architect to “cost” our project with a base bid, and then with a list of ten alternates. The alternates are items that the church has indicated that we would like to have in the project, but if the cost is excessive at this time, would leave for the future. A drive-through canopy and a steeple are good examples of some of our alternatives.

The building task force has had to review all the plans, place telephone jacks and most importantly review the roof drainage plans. We are more than confident that the new roof and its drainage system is at least three times as much drainage capacity as will ever be needed in Oklahoma. Our own Lloyd Von Tungelin has calculated the drainage capacity, and even more impressive, he has explained it satisfactorily to the task force.

Once all of the costs are in place, Church of the Savior will then present the financial plans and the project to the Indian Nations Presbytery for approval, since we are partners in ownership of the church property. This approval will come quickly at the December presbytery meeting. Once all of this is completed Church of the Savior will be ready to paint some shovels gold, break ground, and hopefully celebrate the next stage in our journey.

It is important to remember that this project has been named the Nehemiah Project, and it took Nehemiah and Ezra two years just to mark the foundation of the new temple. We are ahead of that curve.

### **Lost and Found**

If you are missing a pyrex bowl with plastic lid, please check with the church office.

### **Reminder**

Newsletter items are due on Friday's. Please be sure to get your information to the church no later than that day. Listed below are the actual date's items are due.

November 1

November 29

November 15

December 13

### **How Is Being A Christian Like Being A Pumpkin?**

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you, and washes all the dirt off of you. 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 smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see!

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