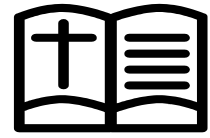


Church of the Savior



February 11, 2004

Pastor's Note:

Valentine's Day is just a few days away. And if you're like me, you're being bombarded by cutesy hearts and cupids dancing across your computer screen or jamming your mailbox. And then it happens. Out of the mouths of babes, we are reminded of what love really means. Sometimes we forget that love – real love – has little to do with romantic feelings or grandiose gestures. Rather, love as Christ modeled for us, is based on sacrifice and empathy for others.

What is love?

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds, "What does love mean?" The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined:

When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love. Rebecca-age 8

When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth. Billy-age 4

Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs. Chrissy-age 6

Love is what makes you smile when you're tired. Terri-age 4

Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK. Danny-age 7

Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss. Emily-age 8

Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen. Bobby-age 7

If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate. Nikka-age 6

Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well. Tommy-age 6

My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night. Clare-age 6

Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken. Elaine-age 5

Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford. Chris-age 7

Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day. Mary Ann-age 4

I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones. Lauren-age 4

When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you. Karen-age 7

You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget. Jessica-age 8

The final one is from a contest that was held to find the most caring child...

And the winner was a four year-old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

May we all help another cry this Valentine's Day -

Pastor Thea

Notes from Deb-

Youth Truth: “Rejoice in the Lord Always! I say it again, Rejoice!” That’s what the Apostle Paul says we should do. If we rejoice, find things each day to be happy about, then amazing things happen. Try it...it’s awesome!

Looking Ahead: Sun. Feb. 15th: Youth time at Sante Fe Pres. Be here at 4:15–leaving by 4:30.
Sun. Feb 22nd: Big “Godspell” rehearsal with Tim from 5-6 PM. Then, fun time!
Sun. Feb. 29th: Party at Deb’s house from 5-7 PM!
Keep 2 Saturdays open (if you can) in February for Work Projects!

Joyful Noises: Hi guys! Just a reminder to you all to be present at rehearsals and on Sunday. You are an integral part of Worship and each of you is special to God and to me. We’ve got some important times ahead. Keep watch-

Kids Korner: Come to “Kids In Action” Choir and to your special times each month. Bring your friends, too! You are so important to God and to our church!

~ Deb



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

~ FEBRUARY ~

Carl Manion ~ 02nd
Anna Brown ~ 09th
Jan Leischner ~ 11th
Jerrel Murray ~ 14th
Carly Williams ~ 21st
John Kamp ~ 24th
Billy Rogers ~ 26th
Jim Franklin ~ 28th



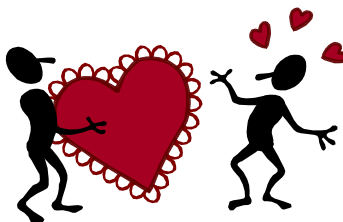
FYI~

For practical reasons during construction (due to the new kitchen being remodeled), Sunday Communion will be served by Intinction. We thank you for your understanding during this time.
-Worship Commission

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,*





IMPORTANT NEWS!

At the December Board of Elders meeting, it was decided to change the COMMISSIONS MEETING from the second Tuesday of each month to the second Sunday afternoon of each month. It was felt that this would help many members who are unable to attend evening meetings. This also worked out very well in that the Youth Ministry Team is also serving a lunch on that Sunday each month as part of the C.O.T.S.Y. Café. Following the morning service, we will have C.O.T.S.Y. Café and then after lunch we will have the Commission meetings

CHANGE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH...COMMISSIONS MEETINGS AND COTSY CAFÉ WILL BE ON MARCH 7TH, AS WE WILL HAVE THE ANNUAL MEETING AS WELL. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS ONE-TIME CHANGE!

Call the church office with any questions.

Yours in Christ, Dave Webster



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



IS THIS A GREAT CHURCH OR WHAT?

There is another way that is shown there is such a great spirit in this congregation. It is shown by the number of youth that are actively involved in the life of this congregation. While there are many churches that have large numbers of youth that attend church, it is here at Church of the Savior that the youth not only attend, but they also participate. As in most services it is the Children's moments that seem to be the most precious. We have a wonderful bunch of kids that with their energy just seem to make the place shine. While the number of kids may not be large, it has been great to see many new faces among them. I truly love looking for what they will do next. Another wonderful place where our youth have taken on an active roll is in our "adult" choir. How many churches can boast the fact that over half of their "adult" choir is made up of high school kids. This is a testimony as to how accepting this church can be. All too often, the "adult" choir is limited to the adults and once in a while a special child will be granted access. That is not the case here and I can say I love the fact that these kids are here giving us their love and their energy into our service.

If that doesn't help to make this a great church or what...I don't know what will.

Author: unknown



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!



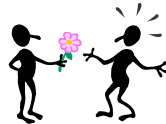
The month of February is George and Dorothy Reeves:

George grew up in a Presbyterian home. He was attending First Presbyterian Church of OKC, when he met Dorothy. She attended the Zion Evangelical Church located at 10th and N. Western with her parents, so George agreed to go to her church in order to be with her. Dorothy preferred a smaller church and First Presbyterian had a 1,000+-attendance membership at that time.

George and Dorothy were married January 21, 1938. After having 2 sons, Bill and John, they had what George says is the best surprise: a girl they named Nancy. Bill had a son and a daughter, John has 2 sons and Nancy has 2 daughters, so they have 3 children, 3 grandsons and 3 granddaughters: a “well balanced” and wonderful family.

Eventually, the Evangelical Church became United Church of Christ. Just down the street was Northwest Presbyterian. One church had a lot of older people and the other had a lot of kids, so two congregations merged. This turned out to be a rather complex matter and George was involved in the entire process. George says the biggest matter of discussion was the name. When ‘Church of the Savior’ was suggested and nobody objected, that ended the debate.

The church, located on the corner of 63rd and Grove, began holding services in what is now known as the old fellowship hall until the present sanctuary was built. Down through the years, Dorothy taught Sunday School and delivered Mobile Meals while George has taught Sunday School, served as an Elder, Officer, and sang in the Choir. Their children seem to be following in their footsteps; a very dedicated Christian family.



COTS’s 27th Anniversary Dinner was held January 25th with a great turnout of approximately 100 members and guests. Sheila’s Catering Service of Yukon provided a sumptuous meal of chicken and brisket. The PCHS Choir entertained us with beautiful music. Thank you to all who attended!

During the month of March, we will be observing the Lenten season in preparation for Easter with Wednesday night suppers. A member or guest from each of the following Commissions will speak on “Passion” during their week. We’ll see you for the dinners!

Lenten Dinner Dates:

- On March 3rd,** **Parish Life** will serve lasagna, salad, bread sticks and dessert.
- On March 10th,** **Outreach Commission** will provide a cauliflower medley, salad, breadsticks, and dessert.
- On March 24th,** **Worship Commission** will serve fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad, rolls, and dessert.
- On March 31st,** **Stewardship Commission** will provide goulash, garlic bread, and dessert.

The cost is \$5 and a sign-up sheet will be posted soon.



FINANCIAL NEWS:

Pledge Budget needed per week: \$4,171.50

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| Actual pledges: | 01-18: | \$3,020.00 | 01-25: | \$2,175.00 |
| | 02-01: | \$6,383.00 | 02-08: | \$4,655.00 |



To all those who signed up to see the movie,

“The Passion Of The Christ”

The movie times have not yet been released and the date to see the movie is set for Friday, February 27th.

So, please call the church office next week (Thursday or Friday) to find out the show time. The show time will also be printed in next Sunday’s bulletin (2-22).

Again, ticket price is \$7.25 and we will take the Church vans to the movie, so if you need a ride or would like to share a ride, please call the church office.

The theater is called Tinseltown and it is located at 6001 N. Martin Luther King Ave (and it has very comfortable seats!).



You won’t want to miss this movie!

COTSY Café for February...

I want to Thank Georgia Gandall, Wenoa Harber, Jean Martindale, Jane Brown, Ruth Murray, Jim Kohout, and Donna Deming for bringing the egg casseroles. And thank you to the youth for setting up and taking down and to Anna Brown for collecting money. This lunch gave us a profit of \$242.00. This has been great! I will take suggestions for lunch. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE YOUTH! **The next COTSY Café is March 7th!** See you there!

- Marv Webster

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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.

Staff:



Pastor: **Rev. Thea A. McKee**
Director of Music, Youth & Young
Families: **Deb Roberts**
Office Administrator: **Dale Gomez**
Organist: **Lou Ann Rice**
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FYI:

Lucille Whiteturkey is a Notary Public.
If you need this service, please call the church office
to schedule an appointment.

Saturday, **Feb. 14th** is a **WORK DAY!** Please be at the church at 9:30 AM
and thank you for your help!