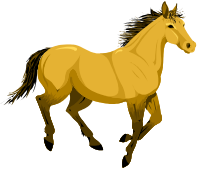


Church of the Savior



Messenger



Tuesday, December 3, 2002

Next issue of the newsletter: Tuesday, December 17, 2002

Deadline for items: Friday, December 13, 2002

Pastor's Letter

It's the most wonderful time of the year.... Most of us are busy getting ready for the Christmas holidays. Finding that perfect gift is probably the most daunting item on our to do lists. In the hustle and bustle of the coming days remember to give yourself a gift: spend time with God and your church family. During stress filled times most people have a tendency to withdraw; yet, that is exactly what one should not do. The following story illustrates my point:

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a big chair near the fireplace and waited.

The pastor made himself comfortable but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the play of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet fascination. As the one lone ember's flame diminished, there was a momentary glow and its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and "dead as a doornail." Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. Just before the pastor was ready to leave, he picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the preacher reached the door to leave, his host said, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

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Has your fire gone out? Are you alone? Share your burdens, cares, concerns, joys and celebrations with your brothers & sisters in Christ. Give yourself and your family a gift this Christmas season -- come to church and rekindle your passion.

Pastor Thea

In Our Prayers

Will Kamp

Fritz Kate

Nancy Murphy

Donna Deming

Laurence Wellons

Charlene Ledbetter

Henry Kamp

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

Living Christmas Tree

You may greet your church family by placing your card on the Christmas tree in the Narthex, also indicating that you have given a contribution to the children's homes of our congregation, The Evangelical Children's Home and Goodland Children's Home. Please make checks payable Church of the Savior and designate "Living Tree."

DEB'S PAGE

Youth Truth

One of the best parts of my week is spending Sunday evenings with you guys in Bible Study, playing basketball, football, and generally having a great time.

We have some exciting times ahead that will challenge each of you to become better leaders and learn how daily to "live" your faith so... get ready!

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, December 8

Sunday evening, December 15

Friday, December 20

Sunday, December 22

No Youth – Deb out of town.

Christmas caroling, hot chocolate, and fun.

Christmas lock in and flamingo fun!

Youth, children, and parents – family night out...
let's go ice skate.

Joyful Noises

Let me compliment each of you for your hard work and your flexibility. I continue to be very proud of you and I hope that this holiday season of music will be very special to each of you.

I'll be in Dallas with my family Sunday, December 8th for some R&R that I really need and will be worshipping in my Dallas home church Highland Park Presbyterian but, I'll be back the next Sunday... the 15th.

Lastly – please if you're going to Ireland the \$100 deposit is due Now and this promises to be an awesome trip.

Kids Korner

Get ready for some family fun Sunday afternoon December 22nd ... we're going ice-skating. I love you guys.
Deb

NEEDED

Children's Moments

Please help our children during worship. Sign up for Children's Moments. We need volunteers December 1st, 22nd, and 29th. Pastor Thea has ideas and information. Please call Mary Webster at 728-0520 for questions.

COOKS NEEDED

Mobile Meals request: 4th Thursday of each month. Will consider Monday cooks also. Help us keep this Mission service going.

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

December's First Sunday Mission Collection will be taken to Presbyterian Urban Mission. They are asking for peanut butter, jelly, canned meat, canned fruits, dry beans, rice, soups, etc. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

WHAT'S GOING ON

50 Plus Trip to Muskogee

On Saturday, December 7, the 50 Plus Group will take a trip to Muskogee to see the Christmas lights in Honors Park. We will leave the church at 1:30 p.m. We will also tour the Three Rivers Museum and have dinner at Western Sizzlean. The cost is \$5 plus your dinner. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board with a limit of 14 only.

WOC Luncheon

All women of the church are invited to attend the Salad Luncheon given by the Women of the Church. Bring your favorite salad on Tuesday, December 10th at 10:00 a.m. and enjoy lunch and entertainment by the children in our Child Care Center.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is Sunday, December 8th

THANK YOU

Thanks

Thanks to the prayers, cards, and phone calls in the loss of my dear brother. He fought a valiant fight, but God had other plans for him.

Sincerely,
Esther Spencer

FYI

Lost Keys

Willie Sydner lost his keys in our South parking lot on November 5, 2002. If anyone found them, please contact him at 821-5451.

B. C. Clark

Remember - When you buy gifts, etc., from B. C. Clark that our church gets a percentage of the amount of the purchase. You need to ask but they gladly will give it.

HELP!

Please call us with any corrections, additions, subtractions to the name tag list, so we can print more tags. Our apologies for errors, or missing names. Thanks to all of you and especially Danny Smith our computer "whiz".
Margo and George Whiting, 721-8959

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