



Church of the Savior

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All too often we spend most of our time and energy complaining about what we don't have and about how we don't like the world, people or circumstances that surround us. But, a friend recently sent me the following article that made me stop and think. So, I pass on to you, "Count Your Blessings"

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following: there would be: 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, & 14 from the Western Hemisphere (north and south), 8 Africans. 52 would be female, 48 would be male, 70 would be non-white, 30 would be white, 70 would be non-Christian, 30 would be Christian, & 89 would be heterosexual. 6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6 would be from the United States. 80 would live in substandard housing, 70 would be unable to read, 50 would suffer from malnutrition, 1 would be near death, 1 would be near birth, 1 would have a university education, & 1 would own a computer.

When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent. The following is also something to ponder...if you woke up this morning with more health than illness...you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation ...you are ahead of 500 million people in the world. If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death...you are more blessed than three billion people in the world. If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep...you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish some place...you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy. If your parents are still alive and still married... you are very rare, even in the United States and Canada.

Obviously, when compared to the rest of the world, we have many things to be thankful for—even when we choose to complain and focus on the negative. During the long, hot days of summer may we focus on the joys in our lives and the many blessings we have been given. **Pastor Thea**

Presbyterian Urban Mission's Thrift store

opened May 8th and has been very successful. Our biggest need is for volunteers. We often have 15-20 customers at a time and we'd like to have at least two volunteers in the store for each shift. The store is open on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. We are asking volunteers to make a minimum commitment of working one 4-hour shift per month. Training and orientation are provided. If you can help, please call Mike at 946-1556

Happy Birthday!



Margaret Swanson ~ 2nd Jarett Pons ~ 06th
LaVerne Smith ~ 06th Patrick Reeves ~ 07th
David Webster ~ 09th Nathan Derosier ~ 14th
Jane Brown ~ 18th Barry Rosson ~ 19th
Amanda Martindale ~ 23rd
Shelly Pons ~ 26th
James Weaver ~ 30th

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Evelyn Snyder
Will Kamp
Nancy Murphy

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

WITH SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS:

Mary Ann and Family in the recent death of Jack Boucher.

YOUTH TRUTH!



Here's the schedule for June while Deb is having fun overseas...
June 22nd ~ Wes Baxter takes over
June 29th ~ Cookout at the Martindale's Home
See you same time...5:00 pm

**As a reminder...if you order flowers for Sunday Worship, please make your check payable to COTS and place "flowers" on memo line. Thank you. **

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SCHEDULE FOR THE END OF JUNE:

Sunday:

Worship Service	9:30 am
Youth	5:00 pm

Monday:

Mobile Meals	9:00 am
Staff Meeting	1:00 pm

Wednesday:

Quilters	10:00 am
Vacation Bible School	1:00-3:00 pm

Thursday:

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

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I've changed the Newsletter a bit in hopes of making it more accessible for everyone to view via E-mail. Please let me know what you think as there is always room for improvement! Dale