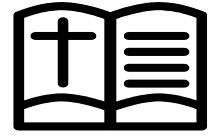


# Church of the Savior



November 18, 2003

## *Pastor's Note:*

ONLY 5 MORE SATURDAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS!!!!!!

If you're like many folks, this statement strikes fear into the hearts of consumers everywhere. Where has all the time gone? Seems like we were just getting ready for the Fourth of July, and now it's time for Christmas. I am nowhere near ready for the holiday season. So much to do, so little time...

Time. It seems like there is never enough time (or money for that matter) to accomplish what we need or want. I often think if that's how Jesus felt when He began His ministry. He had only three years to minister to the *entire* world. Certainly, that was not enough time to minister to the needs of so many, and then become the savior for all the world. What a daunting task: preach the Good News of the new covenant and become the sacrifice for the sins of all. Yet, that's exactly what happened. Without the modern gizmos of marketing & PR firms, palm pilots, faxes, computers, television or radio, projection screens, DVD players, power point presentations, sound equipment or cameras. Jesus accomplished a miraculous ministry in a very short time. He accomplished so much by diligently reaching out to the masses. Jesus set His priorities. He called ordinary men and women to follow Him and extra-ordinary things happened. They were all dedicated and sacrificed themselves as they placed their lives on hold to follow and minister with Jesus. They set their priorities to be in keeping with those of the Master.

When I am overwhelmed with my "To Do" list, the Holy Spirit has a way of gently reminding me that I have nothing to complain about. I have all of the modern conveniences, and I still have difficulty accomplishing all that I need to do. Maybe the issue is not lack of time, but a lack of priorities; a lack of diligence in following the Savior and sacrifice. Perhaps this is the issue for many of you. And perhaps, The Holy Spirit is gently nudging you to set priorities and scale back as well.

As we rush around during these last few weeks before Christmas, let us not forget the true priority and the real meaning of this season: **The birth of the Savior: the greatest gift of all.**

*Pastor Thea*



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY! DECEMBER**

Jim Kohout - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nancy Williams - 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Clarence Feightner - 10 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Rosson - 14 <sup>th</sup>
Lucille Robinson - 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Sanders - 17 <sup>th</sup>
Leonard Murphy - 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Jo Walker - 18 <sup>th</sup>
Christy Smith - 19 <sup>th</sup>	Zachary Northcott - 20 <sup>th</sup>
Joshua Farnham - 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sharon Reeves - 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Jamee Boucher - 25 <sup>th</sup>	Francv Palmer - 28 <sup>th</sup>



What A Great Idea



The **Child Care** has begun a new program called "**Adopt-A-Grandparent**". Each class (ages 2-10) in the daycare is making books, cards, & pictures that will be sent each month to those COTS members who are homebound.

## Notes From Deb...

### Youth Truth, Joyful Noises, Kids Korner

I wanted to write just on Big article because what I must write will hopefully speak to all of you. Today, my morning devotion read, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." – Mark 12:29-31

Ya know, I try so hard to live by these Words and it seems the harder I try, the more I have been under spiritual warfare and attack. So, I have committed myself to doing my best to try and see the lessons and have a sense of humor.

So what am I saying...suggesting? There are times when we all have to go through the Refiners Fire. May we all do our best to hang tough with God, to be loving and caring to our family and friends, to work hard in our daily jobs – whatever that entails.

When we need our Heavenly Father, we all need one another. As the Season of Thanksgiving approaches...stop, take stock, love and laugh!

**Looking Ahead:** Youth: November 23<sup>rd</sup> – C.O.T.S.Y. 5-7p.m.  
pay attention to work projects as they come up  
Choir: November 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup> – BIG Music Days!  
November 26<sup>th</sup> – No choir rehearsal... Happy Thanksgiving!

Much love to all- Deb

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE:

#### 11/23-12/21: Sunday School

Pre-K-Kindergarten: Wenoa Harber  
1st-6th Grades: Georgia Gandall

#### 12/28: Vacation Sunday

#### 1/4- 2/1: Sunday School

PreK-Kindergarten: Jane Brown  
1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades: Jean Martindale (history month)

#### 2/8-2/22: Mission Sundays

Seminar: Pastor Thea

#### 2/29-4/4: Sunday School (Teachers Needed)

#### 4/11: Easter Egg Hunt

### *In Our Prayers...*

Lloyd Von Tungen  
Dorothy Reeves  
Will Kamp  
Nancy Murphy  
John Robinson

*\*if you know of someone who would benefit from a visit by our Caring Commission or*



**Please help PUM with their annual Santa Store...**

**The Santa Store will be open December 13<sup>th</sup> from 9-3.**

They are in need of Christmas presents for those less fortunate.

They need presents for ages: infants to 17-year olds. They ask that any present you donate is not wrapped and please, no 'war toys', such as toy guns or other toy weapons.

They will also have a senior store & parent store to provide necessary items for adults.

Please drop off your donations in the box located in the Narthex. Thank you!

Volunteers are also needed. If interested, please call PUM at 946-1556



## ADVENT EVENT



The Season is upon us. Help us remember the reason we celebrate Christmas.

This is a family church-wide event, so bring your friends and family!

Please bring finger food to share; drinks and music will be provided.

**We are making Chrismons for our church tree. All materials are provided.**

**Date: November 30**

**Time: 4:00 p.m.**

We will then have a service explaining the shapes and why we use them on the First Sunday in Advent, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendars and we'll see you and your family there!

Hello everyone...

I cannot think of a better topic for my first entry in the newsletter. I am writing to thank all of you for your support. The love I feel from this congregation has struck me. Adding to the love, the financial support is just overwhelming. The generosity is like none I've experienced. You are my first real church family and I am proud to represent you in a mission of love and work.



Emmanuel,  
Wes Baxter



### Calling All Cooks...

Get out your winning recipes for the

#### **Chili/Soup Cookoff**

**on December 14<sup>th</sup> after church.**

Prizes will be given and the Grand Prize is The Golden Ladle Award.

The Youth Group will judge and they will provide dessert and drinks.

Please sign up to bring chili or soup.

Call Mary Webster with any questions at 728-0520. See you there!

### Thank you to the following for your kindness and generosity for beautifying the church with all the fall decorations:

Sulie Andres, Beth Dietz, David and Georgia Gandall, Pete and Barbara Gaskin, Ron and Vicki Hobson, Jim and Charlotte Franklin, Pat and Jean Martindale, Leonard and Nancy Murphy, Jerrel and JonEvah Murray, Greg and Francyn Palmer, John and Sharon Reeves, Billy and Allison Rogers, Chet and LaVerne Smith, Joe and Janie Thompson, Al and Carol Welsh, George and Margo Whiting, Jerry and Nancy Williams. **Thank you all so much!**

An **extra thank you** to Jerrel and JonEvah Murray for donating 3 large potted tropical plants!

From Howard Swanson:

#### **In this special moment in life...(written by Jan Michelsen)**

Think freely. Practice patience. Smile often. Savor special moments. Live God's message. Make new friends. Rediscover old ones. Tell those you love that you do. Feel deeply. Forget trouble. Forgive an enemy. Hope. Grow. Be crazy. Count your blessings. Observe miracles. Make them happen. Discard worry. Give. Give in.

Trust enough to take. Pick some flowers. Share them. Keep a promise. Look for rainbows. Gaze at stars.

See beauty everywhere. Work hard. Be wise. Try to understand. Take time for people. Make time for yourself. Laugh heartily. Spread joy. Take a chance. Reach out. Let someone in. Try something new.

Slow down. Be soft sometimes. Believe in yourself. Trust others. See a sunrise. Listen to rain. Reminisce.

Cry when you need to. Trust life. Have faith. Enjoy wonder. Comfort a friend. Have good ideas.

Make some mistakes. Learn from them. Celebrate life.

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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.

**Help!**

We need volunteers to drive the church van on Sunday mornings to pick up and take-home children for Sunday school. Please call the church office to offer your assistance. Thank you!

**Staff:**



Pastor: **Rev. Thea A. McKee**  
 Director of Music, Youth & Young Families: **Deb Roberts**  
 Office Administrator: **Dale Gomez**  
 Organist: **Lou Ann Rice**  
 Financial Secretaries: **Georgia Gandall & Janie Thompson**  
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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.

**Financial News...**

From now on, we will be including the weekly budget in both the newsletters and Sunday bulletins.

**Budget per week needed:** \$4,171.50  
**Actual received:**            11-02-03    \$6,518.00    11-09-03    \$4,188.00