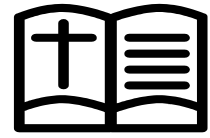


Church of the Savior



January 30, 2004

Pastor's Note:

I believe we can change the world if we listen to one another," Margaret Wheatley

Mel Gibson's movie, "The Passion of the Christ," comes to theaters February 25th. This labor of faith depicts the last twelve hours of the life of Jesus. Mr. Gibson made the film with \$25 million of his own money. He has been crucified by the secular media and his film almost didn't make it to theaters. But the message of God's love for His children had to reach the world. Mr. Gibson stepped out in faith to share the Good News and he may have sacrificed his livelihood in the process.

What are we willing to sacrifice to share the good news? Since most of us don't have \$25 million just stuffed in the mattress, I would suggest that we sacrifice ourselves—our time—our reputations and complacency. We need to reach out to our coworkers, families, friends, shop clerks, people we come across in our daily lives. We need to follow Christ's example of passion and develop relationships with those outside of the walls of COTS. The Parish Paper, sites research which shows, "a direct relationship between the invitations made by members and membership growth."

Who have you not invited, and why? Can you help rectify whatever reasons you don't invite people? Can you overcome your embarrassment? Can you develop the programs you think we need? Can you sacrifice for the sake of the Christ? And can we sacrifice together, so that we can grow spiritually and grow in our love for the Lord. May the Spirit of God touch our souls so that we too may sacrifice for the good news of Christ's passion for us.

Pastor Thea



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!
~ FEBRUARY ~**

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



DANCE THROUGH THE AGES

Remember the Twist? The Jerk? The Jitterbug? Can you Waltz? Can you Line Dance? If not, come and watch others show off their dancing ability at the COTS Intergenerational Dance!

On Friday, February 6th beginning at 6:30, join us for live music, dancing demonstrations, Hors D'oeuvres, and a fun time! Meet in the Activity Center - bring your friends, your neighbors, your whole family.

You won't want to miss this fun evening!

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

Notes from Deb-

Youth Truth:

Well guys, we're gearing up for our ski trip to Breckenridge. It's only a month away now, and we're gearing up for "Godspell" as well, plus lots more work projects. It's a busy and blessed time and I sure appreciate all of you and love you. Also, COTSY Café is next Sunday (Feb. 8th) and for March, COTSY Café has been moved to March 7th (instead of the 14th due to our ski trip)!

p.s. - check out 'Is This A Great Church or What' article in this newsletter!

Joyful Noises:

Things are really shaping up for our Spring Cantata, "A Festival of Hymns". As always, I truly appreciate all of your hard work- see you for choir practice.

Kids Korner:

Hi guys! Don't forget our next time to meet is February 8th from 4:00-5:00 PM. I encourage all of you to come and remember to come for Kids In Action Choir every Wednesday from 4:30 PM. Love you all!

~ Deb

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, please call the church office*

"Thank you to everyone for all your prayers, cards, and thoughts during my surgery. You are all so appreciated!" – **Elsie Williams**



Mark your calendars:

Friday, February 6th: At 6:30 PM, join us for "Dance Through The Ages" in the Activity Center.

Sunday, February 8th: Begins Thea's 6-week study using the book, The Bible From Scratch, The Old Testament for Beginners by Donald Griggs. Meet during the Sunday School hour.

Please call the church office to reserve your copy for \$10. C.O.T.S.Y. Café is this Sunday too!

Sunday, February 8th: Also begins Thea's 8-week Marriage Enrichment Seminar featuring the continuation of Gary Smalley's videos, *Keys to Loving Relationships* from 5-7 PM.

Friday, February 13: All Annual Reports are due in the church office.

Sunday, March 7th: C.O.T.S.Y. Café, Commissions Meeting, and COTS Annual Meeting



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

FINANCIAL NEWS:

Pledge Budget needed per week:		\$4,171.50	
Actual pledges:	01-04:	\$4,709.00	01-11: \$2,640.00
	01-18:	\$3,020.00	01-25: \$.2,175.00

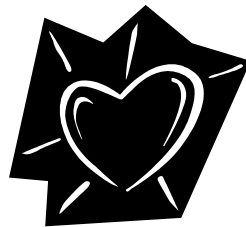


~ Bible Study ~

Meet every **Monday at 9:30 AM** in the new classroom for your weekly insight of the Bible.
See you then!

~ WOC ~

Women of Church will meet **Tuesday, February 10th at 10:00 AM** for coffee, fellowship, fun, and Bible study. We would love to see you there!



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!

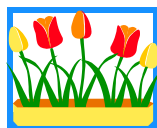
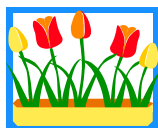


The month of February is George and Dorothy Reeves:

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.



"No words can adequately express how grateful we are to all our friends at COTS. Your constant prayer and concern have given us a great amount of strength during this time. The heartfelt cards and specific remembrances about our Dad have been especially comforting and will always be held close to our hearts. Our Dad loved this church and we appreciate the love you have given us in return."

With love in Christ,
Steve and Susan Von Tungeln
Vicki and Ron Hobson



HELP!

I need your help...I am taking a few days off and need people to answer the phones during the mornings on Thursday, Feb. 12th and Friday, Feb. 13th and from 9-3 on Monday, Feb. 16th.

I promise to stock my desk with lots of yummy candy and chocolate for you. Please call the office if you can help and

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

- Dale Gomez

"David, myself, Lisa, and Dee Dee want to say **Thank You** to Church of the Savior for honoring us with the Second Mile Award.

We feel blessed to be at Church of the Savior. Everyone is like family to us. We are lost when we are not at church. Everyone at the church has helped us to be better Christians. Your friends in Christ."

David, Mary, Lisa, and Dee Dee Webster



Wes Baxter is home from his missionary trip to Belize!

We are so blessed to have him back, but he won't be here long, as he is returning next month. Wes has brought a 'Wish List' of items needed there. If you can donate any of the following items, either drop them by the church office or call Wes at 823-4071 or e-mail Wes at biscuit283@aol.com. The complete list is on the bulletin board!

Items needed: Sounds: 4 Microphones, Stands, Cords (25-foot minimum), 1 Bass Guitar and amplifier, 1 20-volt adapter, 1 10-volt adapter ~ Tools: 1 Circular Saw, 1 Router, 1 Drill, 1 Chainsaw ~ Miscellaneous: Hymnals, Bibles (preferably NIV), Shoes for boys and girls of all ages, Microwave. **THANK YOU!**



Attention all high school seniors or current college attendees who are COTS members:

The applications are here and in the church office – stop by and pick one up!

COTS Scholarship Fund application (*due February 15th*)
Indian Nations Presbyterian Student Grant application (*due March 15th*)

Hurry...don't wait!

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OKC, OK 73132

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**
Financial Secretaries: **Georgia Gandall**
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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!