

CHURCH OF GOD FOOTPRINTS



Schedule for April

1	Feed the Youth	
3	Good Friday	
4	Men's Breakfast	8am
5	Easter Sunday	
8	Board of Trustees Meeting	8pm
14	Men's Bible Study	7pm
14	Ladies' Fellowship Group	7pm

April Birthdays

2	Virginia Gatewood
2	Mason Geissler
3	Ron Burnidge
5	Travis Jacobson
5	Rodney Vogts
7	Verle Brady
7	Carolyn Hall
10	Lee Prigmore
15	Chloe Geissler
16	Don Jordan
21	Darren Whitely
21	Valerie Venosdel
24	Paula Appleton
25	Terry Hall
30	Owen Chaffin
30	April Graves
30	Sylus Graves

April Anniversaries

4	Roger and Jeannette Graves
8	Rodney and Verla Vogts
22	Travis and Misty Jacobson

April Showers

The sky shed tears of joy today.
They huddle in puddles
So little feet can jump and splash.
---Carolyn Kenworthy

Thank You

Remember to tell Sherry Riggins thank you for printing the bulletins every week. Thank you to Kay Loges for keeping the kitchen stocked. See how many more you can add to the thank you list. Don't forget to count yourself for being part of the worship service. It takes all of us to make a growing and caring church.

"The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances."

-- Robert Flatt

Pastor's Corner

The normal thinking is that death is final, the end. We do not expect a person who has died to walk, talk or function any longer in the world. That is the way things work. But Jesus told Martha, sister of Lazarus, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" Physical death is the lot of each of us but Jesus was teaching about spiritual life that gives us victory over death. He was also teaching about resurrection.

When God created man He breathed into man the breath of life and "Man became a living soul". The end of physical life does not destroy the immortal soul that God has given us. The Bible teaches that there is a resurrection of all people, good and bad. Each of us will stand before God for final judgment and determination of our eternal condition. Those of us who have believed God; received Jesus as our savior and lived our lives for Him will be welcomed into our eternal heavenly home to live in God's presence forever. Those who have rejected God and refused to accept Jesus as savior and neglected to live life for God will be cast out from God's presence for eternal punishment. Every soul will live eternally one place or the other.

The wise choice is to commit our lives to God. However, just saying a few words that we believe in God is not enough. Even the devils believe in God and they tremble. God is almighty. He is creator of all things. God is supreme above all else. God has control over the entire universe including all people. It just makes sense that we would dedicate our lives to the one who made us. But committing our lives to God has to go much

deeper than just acknowledging that God is. The follow up to believing in God and saying that we commit our life to Him is that we must follow through in serving Him and living according to the teachings of God's word, the Bible. Scripture indicates that we are fooling ourselves if we say we love God and do not follow His teaching. We are also deluding ourselves if we confess a faith in God but live our lives ignoring God and never giving Him little of our time, energy, money or talents (all of these God has given us). If we do not have time for God we are not really His followers. On that final judgment day when people expect to be welcomed into heaven, some (perhaps many) will hear Him say, "Depart from me, I never knew you". How awful to find out when it's too late that we are cast from God eternally. If we want to live with God forever we need to start taking it seriously and totally give our lives to serve Him NOW!

Pastor Bob

