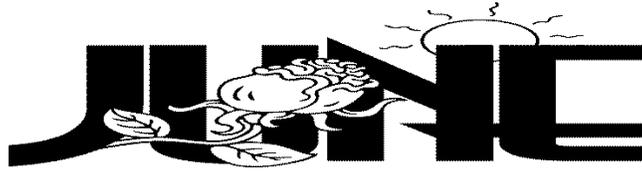


# CHURCH OF GOD FOOTPRINTS



2015

## Schedule for June

3	Feed the Youth	6pm
6	Men's Breakfast	8am
9	Men's Bible Study	7pm
9	Women's Fellowship	7pm
10	Board of Trustees Meeting	8pm
13	Workday at church	
21	Father's Day	
21	First Day of Summer	

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## June Birthdays

2	Ernie Farris
4	Katie Willyard
5	Verla Vogts
10	Mary McDowell
10	Glen Hasty
17	Camryn Wren
18	Maddy Beiswanger
18	Jeremy Coolley
20	Shawn Hinderliter
27	Gary Peterman
27	Brandon Weaver
29	Jay Myers

## June Anniversaries

1	Lee and Virginia Prigmore
5	Jeff and Helen Easter
8	Ernie and Genevieve Farris
10	Glen and Elva Lu Hasty
11	Fred and Sherry Riggins

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12	Cody and Mabelle Hooper
16	Forrest and Joan Nelson
20	Zach and Jennifer Chaffin
24	Norman and Twyla Lancaster
26	Brandon and Heather Weaver

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## Work Day

Just like all buildings and properties the church needs maintenance and upkeep to preserve our investment. A workday is being planned for June 13. Plan to help with the work. Watch for details to come in the next few days.

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## Spirit Team

A spirit team has been formed to encourage church members and fellow Christians in their times of need. It might be a visit, a flower, a card, a meal, the list goes on. Thank you, Donna Jordan for urging us to fill this need in our church. This will be a shared endeavor so that those who sign up to help rotate the duties. It will be interesting to see who gets the biggest blessing, the giver or the one who receives.

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May we have the courage to completely surrender our whole existence to you, blessed God.

## Pastor's Corner

Several times this week my mind has focused on one of my favorite Bible stories. The Old Testament account describes the plight of the Israelites who were being oppressed by their enemies, the Midianites. The Midianites had invaded the country and had taken control of basically everything. They stole the crops of Israel and had humbled Israel to terrible poverty. Of course the reason an enemy could afflict Israel in such a way was because Israel had fallen away from God and worshipped idols. God had promised to defend Israel and bless them if they would, "be His people and serve Him". But He had warned them that He would not help them if they worshipped other gods (idols) and if they did not live by His commandments.

God still loved Israel and longed for them to return to Him. He was willing to renew His covenant with them and begin anew His relationship with them. It was all up to the Israelites and whether they would follow God. Does the enemy rough us up and afflict us if we grow lax in our relationship with God? Could we avoid a lot of trouble if we stayed close to God and allowed the devil no place in our lives?

Back to the story. God was ready to raise up a judge to lead the Israelite and help them return to Him. God sent an angel to call a man named Gideon for this work. The angel greeted Gideon, "God is with you mighty man of valor". You can see Gideon looking over his shoulder to see who the angel was talking to. Gideon didn't see himself as a man of valor, he was hiding threshing grain so the Midianites would not steal it. He nor his family were very important yet God was calling Gideon. Gideon was not called because he was the bravest or smartest or most likely to succeed. God can use anyone

who will obey and do His work. Could God use you or me?

When Gideon went out to fight the Midianites he was overwhelmingly outnumbered. It looked like a suicide mission sure to fail. But God told Gideon to go and said, "I will be with you". Things went from bad to worse when many of Gideon's army were afraid and went home. Then God whittled the army down even more. God revealed the battle plan and Gideon could hardly believe it. But God fought the battle and delivered Israel in a miraculous way. After all the battle was not the Israelite's it was the Lord's. The Midianites fought each other and ran away in fear. The people of Israel had peace for a while (as long as they served God).

Does it seem that the enemy is in control? Does it appear that we are too weak to fight and win? Does God's plan seem too hard to believe? Remember, our part is to draw near to God, to love Him and to serve Him. IF WE DO THAT, God will always be faithful to do His part. Let's give God the opportunity to give victory in our lives!

Pastor Bob

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## Morning Prayer

May I bask in the light  
Of your presence, O God,  
As I savor the warmth  
Of your care.  
Fill my heart with your wisdom and love  
Through this day,  
For it's YOUR will I seek!  
That's my prayer!

---Peggy Ferrell