

CHURCH OF GOD FOOTPRINTS

November 2013

Schedule for November

Greeters: Bernie & Arleen Thorne

2	Men's Breakfast	8am
3	Daylight Savings Time Ends	
3	Quarterly Birthday & Anniversary Carry-in-dinner (Oct., Nov., & Dec.) After morning service.	
6	Feed the Youth John & Vickie Farris	6pm
11	Veterans Day	
12	Women's Group	7pm
12	Promise Keepers	7pm
13	Board of Trustees meeting	8pm
26	Promise Keepers	7pm
28	Thanksgiving Day	



1	Helen Easter
2	Sherry Evans
13	Leona Corbin
15	Miles Tyree
19	Pete Garvie
27	Andy Brown
29	Pat Chaffin
30	Charlene Campbell

Anniversaries

4	F.M. and Bonita Erikson
9	Derick and April Graves
22	Gary and Jennifer Tyree



November 3 is the day Daylight Savings Time ends.

THANK YOU

Remember to thank Bonnie Brady and Bonita Erikson for the fall flowers that decorate the church.

Thank you to Rick Price, Melvin Evans, F.M. Erikson, Jeremy Coolley, and Pastor Bob Brown for the work on the new lights in the sanctuary and work on the baptistry.

“When you are down to nothing, God is up to something!”

PRAISES! PRAISES!

October 13, 2013, is a date to note in your journals. On that Sunday there were eight baptized in the morning services. Also, on that date we had 140 in attendance. Praise the Lord, his work was being done.

PROMISE KEEPERS

The Promise Keepers will be meeting twice a month, men be sure to attend and participate in the meetings.

A VETERANS DAY PRAYER

God of all nations, you are our Strength and Shield. We give you thanks today for the devotion and courage of all those who have offered military service for this country.

We ask today that you would lift up by your Spirit those who are now at war; encourage and heal those in hospitals or mending their wounds at home; guard those in any need or trouble, hold safely in your hands all military families and bring the returning troops to joyful reunion and tranquil life at home. Give to us, your people, grateful hearts and a united will to honor these men and women and hold them always in our love and our prayers. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

Rev. Jennifer Phillips

PRAYERS

Keep the youth and young adults in your prayers for the continued growth in numbers and their commitments. Jeremy is working very hard in these areas and is doing an awesome job.

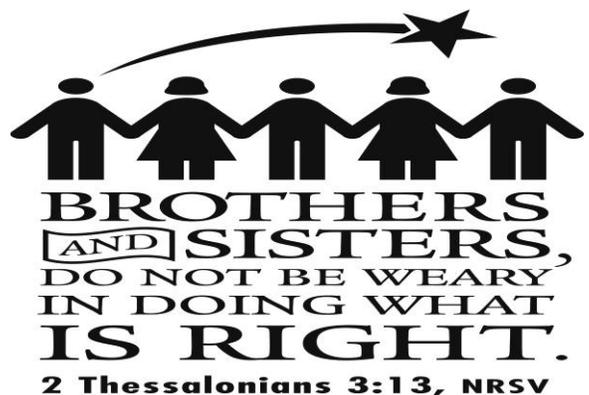
MY THANKFUL HEART



Making the stuffing for Thanksgiving dinner helps restore my heart to gratefulness. First I cut bread into cubes to dry out. Has it really been a year since I thanked God for the simple things of life? Dear God, thank you for my daily bread. Next I boil giblets for the tasty broth. When did I last express thanks for my body --- even the oft-forgotten parts? Thank you, God, for creating and sustaining me.

Then I dice onions and celery, adding them to the mixture. That reminds me to thank God for abundant harvests. Finally, I measure raisins, nuts, sage and salt into the stuffing, as scents fill the air. Lord, help me not grow weary of the interesting "spices" that fill my life.

As the stuffing goes into the oven, warm air wafting into the kitchen, I remember to thank God for providing my home. Here relatives and friends gather, often an odd combination. Yet when we bow our heads in thankfulness, we're an unbeatable mix. Mary Ann Sundby



PASTOR'S CORNER

Living Thanks

There are some scriptures that we really like. They are promises and we are glad to believe them. One such passage is the first part of Matthew 7:7, "Ask and it will be given to you." This is a scripture that we are very willing to practice. Probably every time we pray we have things to ask for from God. And we all have many gifts and blessings that come from God.

After receiving a blessing, then what do we do? Hopefully the response is to follow up a blessing by saying thanks. I suspect that we do more asking of God than we do thanking God. We take many of God's blessings for granted. Some of the blessings are so common that we have grown use to them and may not even think about giving thanks. When was the last time that you thanked God that you have a house to live in? Do you ever thank God that you are able to breathe fresh air? Have you thanked God lately for a beautiful sunset? Do you thank God that you have clothes and shoes?

We need to live in gratitude. We should all have a sense of awareness that we are very blessed. We have physical blessings, material blessings and most important spiritual blessings. We should thank God every day for His love and salvation. Paul's sense of unworthiness is expressed in these words, "I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle because I persecuted the church of God". Our reason may not be the same as Paul's but the humble acknowledgment that we are

blessed beyond what we deserve would help us be more grateful.

Maybe too often we think about what we do not have rather than giving thanks for what we do have. In a material world that stresses having a lot of things, we can always look around and see things that we do not have and would like to have. It is tempting to be jealous of others who have more than we do. Rarely do we look at things from the opposite view which would let us see how much we have when compared to the majority of people who live in the world.

Here are two things that we might all work on. The first is practicing giving thanks more often for things both large and small. Giving thanks needs to be part of every prayer and part of our everyday activity. The other thing to work on is finding ways to give to someone else from the abundant blessings we have received (not necessarily giving money). Jesus sent his disciples out to do ministry with these instructions, "As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give."

Pastor Bob





Why we're thankful

Leaves falling from trees are a sign of autumn's arrival. Giving thanks to God is a sign of our gratitude for his many blessings.

Directions: Using the words in the leaves, discover why it's good for us to thank God. (Hint: Use word length to help you.)

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16:34, NIV

Answers: "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV