

# CHURCH OF GOD FOOTPRINTS

## OCTOBER 2014



### Schedule for October

Greeter: Bernie Thorne

1	Feed the Youth The Cases'	6pm
4	Men's Breakfast	8am
6	Ladies' Bible study-Esther	9am & 7pm
8	Board of Trustees Meeting	8pm
12	Pastor Appreciation Day	
13	Ladies' Bible study-Esther	9am & 7pm
14	Women's Group	7pm
14	Promise Keepers	7pm
20	Ladies' Bible study-Esther	9am & 7pm
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### Birthdays

7	Tom and Mary McDowell
16	John and Vickie Farris
1	Kenneth Prigmore
2	Roger Graves
2	Verle Haltom
2	Don Sterba
3	Sylvia Morris

### Birthdays con't.

7	Heather Hinderliter
13	Aspen Warren
14	Rosa Whiteshield
15	Ruth Cayot
15	Rylee Jacobson
16	Donna Jordan
18	Lillie Burnidge
19	Kyle Stauffer
25	Denaye Prigmore
25	Phillip Schultz
26	Doug Chaffin
27	Vickie Farris
27	Linda Peterman
29	Sherry Riggins

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### Take a Look

The new carpeting is laid in the nursery, classroom, and Pastor's office and it looks great! Go take a look and see for yourself how much fresher the rooms are.

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### Bible Study of Esther for the Ladies

Great things are happening in the study of the book of Esther. The ladies are excited and look forward to each study day. If you have not joined in the fun and learning you are missing a great experience. Thank you to Donna and Kay for leading the groups.

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"Words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness." Mother Teresa

## Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast continues to grow. This breakfast is held the first Saturday of each month. If any of you men have not attended the breakfast you are missing out on a blessing and great fellowship.

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## Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month; please remember to tell the pastor how much he means to you. Thank you to Pastor Bob and Jeremy for the many hours of work and your dedication to the Lord's work.

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## God, Our Dwelling Place

As a child, author Bob Saffrin was struck by polio, which paralyzed all four limbs and his diaphragm. Amazingly, he recovered use of everything but one arm. Following much questioning about why God would save him, but not fully restore his body, Saffrin experienced peace. In *Psalms: The Sunrise of Hope*, he reflects on Psalm 91: "The answer is to discover the presence of God in the middle of your circumstance . . . Then even though you go through distress, the distress won't go through you. If we dwell in the secret place of the Most High, and if we focus on the great character of God and make him our dwelling place, we can know that we are protected. How wonderful if he lifts us out of our suffering. But there is an even greater deliverance, one where he walks with us in our fight."

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"Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, leave the rest to God."

-----attributed to Ronald Reagan

## You Are Very Much Appreciated

If you washed dishes, cleaned furniture, dusted shelves, and trimmed bushes, taught a class, held a door open, prayed for someone, visited someone, helped someone with a task, or came to worship, you are very much appreciated. It takes everyone to make a great church. We have a great church. We are all blessed to belong to this great church. Let's all continue to do our part and do God's work. Thank You.

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*We always thank  
GOD for all of you  
and continually  
mention you in  
our prayers.*

I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

## Don't Forget

Don't forget the wealth of information available to you in the church library. You can find amusement, serious Bible study, food for thought and entertainment in the library at no cost. It is there for use of the church congregation.

## Pastor's Corner

Just before Jesus was going to leave the disciples to return to heaven, He gave them His most important commandment. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matt.28:19-20)

His command was not just for the apostles but was for all of Jesus' followers of all time. We are still to obey the commandment today. As individuals we are supposed to share our faith with other people to help them become believers and followers of Jesus. We need to give our testimony of what God has done in our lives. We need also to talk about spiritual matters with the people we know. We should not leave witnessing to a few people it is for all of us.

As the church (the fellowship of believers) we try to carry out the commandment by inviting people to attend services where they will hear the scriptures taught and preached. Our goal is relationship with almighty God. Sins will be forgiven and we will be allowed to follow the ways and teaching of Jesus.

When was the last time that you made the effort to share the gospel of Jesus with an acquaintance? When was the last time you invited a non-believer to attend a service at the church? When was the last time you shared something that God has done in your life? Are you fulfilling your responsibility as a witness of our Lord Jesus Christ?

On a connected note, God has opened a new door for sharing the gospel with the students

on the NWOSU campus. This is a great "Mission" opportunity. Jeremy has been able to get permission to have a worship service on campus. He has formed a student organization so that they will be able to meet on campus. Jeremy already has a college degree but he has enrolled in one class so that as a student he can minister on campus. Several other students will be working with Jeremy in this endeavor. He will be the leader to provide a worship experience and be able to share the message of Jesus. The group has been meeting for two weeks and already has about twenty who are attending. Several of the other students have already been part of the worship and Bible study that Jeremy has been leading at the church. The group has been having a worship service at 8:00 on Sunday evenings and a Bible study on Tuesday evenings. These times will be switched so that the on campus service will be on Tuesday evenings.

This is mission work. If students can be reached during their college years, many will go on to serve the Lord in churches after they leave Alva. Few students are being reached at the present time. This is a great chance to reach more. God has opened this door. PRAY for Jeremy and the outreach. Some of the students will attend our church but many will not. The goal is not to add them to our numbers so much as it is to add them to God's kingdom. There is no way to measure the number of lives that will be reached for God. But this is an outreach of our congregation that will make a great difference in lives.

Pastor Bob