



# Prime Timer's Newsletter

Mission Statement: Provide opportunities for the senior members to be involved in the fellowship, service and evangelism activities of Meadow view, assisting the congregation in its outreach and growth.

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## To Know His Presence

**Bible Thought: "I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content" (Philippians 4:11, NKJV)**

One of the most inspirational women I have even known taught me that God is wherever we are, thought whatever pain or disappointment, loving us without qualifications or reservation through all that life brings our way.

The apostle Paul tells us of the inner calm and peace that we can possess in the face of the worst imaginable adversity. The secret to it all is drawing on Christ's power for our strength, and relying on God's promise for our contentment.

To be willing to wait upon the Lord without being consumed by the fires of trial takes more than marginal faith. To live in the light of certainty, when all around us seems dark, requires the ability to actually feel the newness of God's compassion every morning. To know the experience the hope that is found in God's salvation is the privilege for which we can all be thankful. And to continually seek the Lord in the face of overwhelming odds reveals the true nature of what our relationship with Him can be.

To live as if "The Lord is my portion" means that we need nothing more. Seeing that reality being lived out is something we never forget.

-Randy Roberts  
Grants, New Mexico



## Prime Timer Tribute Spotlight Jake Jordan

Jake was born in Davidson, OK, on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. He has one sister. His family moved to Texas, New Mexico, California, and then back to OK where he finished high school after attending eleven different schools.

Norma was born on October 22<sup>nd</sup> in Garnett, OK, which is now part of Tulsa. She is one of eight children, having four brothers and three sisters. Her dad was a railroad employee and they moved several times within Oklahoma and finally settled in Hedrick, OK. Jake and Norma both graduated from Hedrick High School and that is where they met. Norma's ability to play sports started while in High School as she played basketball. Jake having graduated a year earlier first saw Norma while she was walking across the basketball court, and the rest is history.

They were married on May 2, 1953 (Jake's birthday). Norma says a "babysitting preacher" married them. The preacher was keeping his children and had to stop and take care of the baby in the middle of the ceremony. They have three sons, Paul, Royce and Brent and some wonderful daughter-in-laws. They are blessed with five granddaughters and one grandson, and one great-grandson. The family all have great voices that can be witnessed most any Sunday at Meadowview.

Jake retired from Glazier Glass after 38 years, then worked another ten years with the Mesquite Independent Schools. Norma took a temporary position as a crossing guard with the Mesquite Independent Schools that has lasted over 35 years. She says she never intended to stay over two years but she also held a second position as a teacher's aide for eighteen of those years. One day a person stopped at the crossing guard and asks her how she could be so happy all of the time. He had noticed that she was always "smiling. Her love for children started earlier as she was a babysitter at age 10 and was a band chaperon while her sons were in high school. She was an active part of the PTA, and has a National Life Membership. Also, she was part of the City Counsel PTA, where some of the established friendships continue today.

Jake says he has a lot of favorite foods, as particularly everything is his favorite. He especially likes Fish and Chicken. Norma favors grilled chicken.

Some of their happiest times were when their first son, Paul, was born weighing only 3 lbs. and was able to live after the doctor had expressed his doubts. They have further experienced joyous time when their sons and families have become Christians, including the grandchildren. Family is at the center of their life, as one of their teenage granddaughters lives with them today. Jake says he is happiest at home and he enjoys wood craving in his spare time.



Jake and Norma have been active members of Meadowview for many years, having been among some of the earliest members of the congregation when it began in 1958. They are active in Monday Night for the Master, Greeters, Prime timers, and many other areas. Jake serves as a Deacon and has taught many bible classes. Norma is what can be described as a fulltime teacher as she has taught all class periods on Sunday and Wednesday. She has taught since she was 18 years old and continues to teach 4 year olds today. She played church softball and remembers Coach Pope. Norma's advice for others is to seek God first and you will see His blessings. Jake says it is always wise to hold arguments to a minimum and don't dwell on others bad habits. One of their favorite scriptures is Matthew 6:33 "Seek first His kingdom". This you could say is a motto for their life.

Reflecting on their younger years, Jake remembers a time he and his family were living by a river. A flood came and they only had time to get their furniture out of the house, just before the house floated down the river. Norma remembers a time when she was swinging back and forth on their iron rail bed when part of it came up and knocked her out. Another time she was having trouble napping at age 4 and there was a belt on the bed (wonder why). She saw something black and furry and put the belt down to it, only to find a tarantula climbing up the belt.

Jake honors Norma as the one having the most influence in his life. Together they have been blessed with over fifty years of marriage.

April Activities:

**Potluck Luncheon: Monday 2nd @ 12:00**

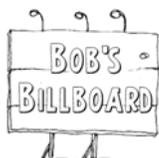
**Ennis Bluebonnet Trail Day Trip: Thursday 5th @ 8:30 a.m.**

Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m. Lunch on your own. Please sign up at the information desk

**Rapha International / Healing Hands: Thursday the 12th @ 9:00 a.m.**

Meet at the building at 8:45 a.m., leave at 9:00 a.m.

**Steering Committee Meeting: Monday 16th @ 2:00 p.m.**



People are funny! Everyone wants to live a long time, but no one wants to get old!

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