

Sunday Schedule:  
 9:30 a.m. Prayer  
 10:15 a.m. Worship Service with Nursery  
 10:15 a.m. Children's Ministry  
 11:30 a.m. Coffee Connection

# October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 AWANA– Slipper Day	8	9	10	11	12 Flipside Autumatics, Cooperstown	13
14 AWANA– Bring a friend Day	15 6:30 pm Coaches Connection	16 7 pm General Board meeting	17	18	19	20
21 No AWANA	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Griffin visit Congregational meeting/potluck AWANA– Operation Christmas Child Box Day	29 6:30 pm Ministry Team meeting	30	31			

## A Free Voice

### “Thinking Out Loud”



By Pastor Daryl Thompson

Fall is my favorite time of year. I so enjoy the cool nights, the colorful leaves, the fresh garden produce, the clear blue sky, the outdoor activities, and all of the rest that accompanies the season. I walk to church in the mornings whenever I can and just absorb it all. It is refreshing and renewing as I often talk with God and/or listen to a message on my ipod (trying to keep up with the technology). I hope that you are also enjoying the beauty of this time of year. It is but a foretaste of better things to come when God makes all things new!

Beth and I are glad to have our son, Mark, home for awhile. It looks like he has found an apartment in Minot and anticipates moving before long. He plans to find a job and start college there in January. He and his sister, Holly, are preparing to run in a marathon in Wisconsin in October. I admire them. Oh for those days of youth again!

Liberty's Fall Spiritual Emphasis is underway. We are about half way through the “40 Days of Purpose”. I am finding it to be a great encouragement and a real challenge. It makes me ask myself if I really believe these great truths. Does God personally love me and have me on His mind? Did He create me to have relationship with Him? Do I bring Him joy as I love Him back and love His family? Is living a purpose-driven life what will bring true fulfillment in both this life and in the life to come?

As I return to the Bible, I am convinced again that these things are true. I am forced to evaluate how well I am living by these purposes. The bottom line is that Christianity is all about relationships. It is not religion. Religion is based on rules, rituals, and regulations. One can do all of them and yet not have a relationship with God. But a relationship is a matter of giving and responding. It can either be nurtured or neglected just as a garden. A relationship requires time and personal interaction. It only makes sense for Rick Warren to write “Relationships must have priority in your life above everything.” (pg. 124, [The Purpose Driven Life](#))

This is certainly one of the biggest challenges we all face. We are busy people. The work activities and the school activities and all of the other activities want to push God out of our lives. Every one of us is limited to twenty-four hours each day. No more and no less. Only as make our relationship with God the priority will we be able to keep the other things in balance.

How is Forty Days of Purpose going for you? Do you believe that you have been made by God for a purpose? Do you believe that getting to know God and love Him is the most fulfilling and meaningful use of your life? Be honest with yourself now. We have to believe this in order for it to make a difference in how we live.

Liberty's website is now up and running. If you have not already, check it out at [lefcwilliston.org](http://lefcwilliston.org). It is a work in progress but it is already filled with great information. Spread the word! Enjoy the fall!

## FLIPSIDE

Pastor Shane Kroger



Did you all know that Fall is my favorite season of all! I am so glad to be getting into the fall season with all of its wonderful colors, cooler weather, and football. Go Vikings! (or something like that) Although I really do not like to rake leaves, leaves, and more leaves! Oh well, it suppose it is a good way to get outside and spend some time with the kids.

Speaking of my kids, Elizabeth continues to get better everyday. Her "spirits" have really picked up and she is finally gaining some weight. It has been nice to see a spark in her again. The doctors have said that it should be a little while longer until she is fully recovered physically. I want to again say thank you for all of the prayers and financial gifts to help with medical and travel expenses.

I was privileged to be able to help out during Scott and Kailee Erlandsen's wedding ceremony. What an honor to be able to see both of these wonderful people pledging themselves to one another. They have become good friends and I really cherish the laughs we have together.

I still am waiting to hear back from Wal-mart about a grant that I have applied for that will benefit our church and Youth Ministries. If we are approved the money will be used to purchase equipment and materials for our Video Game Outreach.

WOW! Our Garage Sale Fund Raiser was a wonderful success. We had a goal this year to raise \$1,000 and came out with \$1,200! That really is a blessing for Flipside. A big thanks to all of the people who donated items and for those who came out to purchase items. I really want to thank all the youth, parents, and church members who put in so much of their time to get things set up and put back in the church. Most of all I want to say thanks to Michele and the kids, because I could not have done any of this without you guys.

Hey, Flipside has been in the movie studio, so to speak. We have been busy filming some skits for the 40 Days of Purpose. We have been centering them around the "Twilight Zone" theme and man, has it ever been fun. The Flipside Gang has been great sports in acting and helping with props. Andre has really made the films come to life and give it an old feel to them. You all are so great!!

Please keep Flipside in your prayers as we head out to Cooperstown for Autummatics. We have a good number of youth attending this year, so it should be super, as always. Rip Off, here we come!

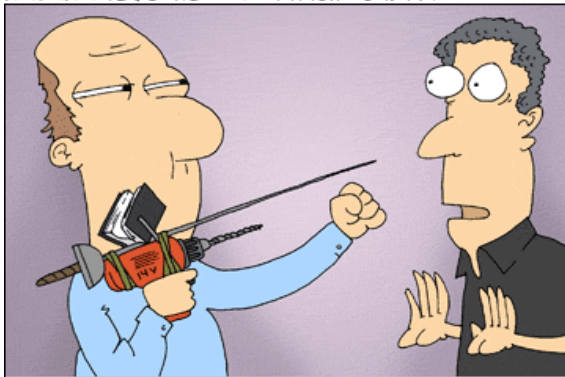


**When we share God's love with others...amazing things happen....here is one man's story of change because someone shared with him.....**

### *God's Purpose Served*

*The Purpose Driven Life book by Rick Warren has transformed my way of thinking and dealing with life and people for the better. I helped to take care of a man that was diagnosed with MS at a young age. His wife had a very demanding job and she needed some help, so she called me because I had helped car for her mother a few years back. Needless to say it was very hard and often times I would storm out of the house vowing never to return (but I always did) because it was too hard for me. I was also dealing with the effects of 14 surgery's and sudden permanent hearing loss. We could not get along for too many hours in a day! Then a friend gave me the Purpose Driven Life book as a gift and somehow I received another copy. I knew that God wanted to really read it...why else would I receive two, I thought to myself...it was a sign from God. I would set aside time every day so hat I could read to this man with MS. He could not use his muscles and he was depressed, angry, could not walk, his speech was impaired (mixed with my hearing impairment...what a mess!) and he would fall out of his wheelchair several times a day and I struggled to get him up. He had become so sick, in and out of the hospital that it help him unable to get out of bed at all. But he looked forward to the Purpose Driven reading time. That was the highlight of his day. He would always ask me if it was "the purpose time". I have to admit though that we that we cheated and I read several chapters at one sitting and I would go back and re-read some chapters because it would raise so many questions in me. I cannot tell you what it did for all of us! We learned so much about ourselves! I know that I am better person because of the teachings and the discovery of my purpose! To God be the glory!*

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## Small Groups

Small groups are underway!! If you are currently not in a group it is NOT TOO LATE to join! Please contact the church office to sign up!

- The week of:
- September 9: Introduction
- September 16: Purpose 1: Worship
- September 23: Purpose 2: Fellowship
- September 30: Purpose 3: Discipleship
- October 7: Purpose 4: Ministry
- October 14: Purpose 5: Evangelism
- October 21: Celebration Week