

Meet Your NLF Family: Odin & Joan Gleason

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We married in 1968, and God blessed us with four AMAZING sons: Jeff, Kenyon, Jason and Derek. Like all families, ours grew! Jeff is single, but Kenyon married Stacey and they are the proud parents of 5 grown sons. Jason married Bobbie and had 2 sons and our first grand-daughter. Jason went home to be with our Lord on Jan. 10, 2011. That ache continues. Derek married Shanna and gave us another granddaughter and a grandson. Our first grandson was married in May and added Megan to our crew.

Through the years managing a carpentry crew, we purchased the farm from Odin's parents. We raised cattle, turkeys and chickens. I also worked outside the home as a school cook and a bank customer service representative. I retired from a job with the U. S. Dept. of Commerce.

Odin also was thinking of retirement. So, we took some time to check out South Texas. We ended up buying a place and when the temperature gets down to about 40 degrees, we head south! My health does not allow me to be in the harsh winters of North Dakota.

We started attending New Life Fellowship about 20 years ago. Previously, we were attending the Catholic church in Tolna. But, as time went on, we realized we wanted more and started searching. At NLF, we learned about having a RELATIONSHIP with Jesus rather than just religion. We've made New Life our home church and gained a church family "to top it off".

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