

NORTH MACARTHUR CHURCH OF CHRIST

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The Enemies of Faith: The god of Time

There is a Filipino description of Westerners that says they are “people with gods on their wrists.” In many ways, this outside observation about our culture is true; our lives are often dictated by what numbers two little hands on a mechanical instrument point to throughout the day. For a moment, let’s look at the effect this strict adherence to the issue of time has on our faith.

The first influence of time on faith is separation. While God instructs us to “be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10), Satan knows that faith will be built if we are allowed to meditate and concentrate on the promises and nature of God; therefore, he continually bombards us with interruptions. Traffic, noise, bill-boards, children, tv, the radio, these are all the distractions I faced this morning before I even arrived at work that diverted my time from God. Each of these interruptions stole a moment of time from a worthy goal and created distance between God and myself. Subsequently, I look at the god on my wrist and realize that because I am so conscientious about time, rushing from one place to another in order to meet personal deadlines, I have missed out on another hour or two that could have been used to draw me closer to the true God of my life. We need **unmitigated time** with our Creator in order to have a strong relationship with Him. There is no **quality** time with God without also having some **quantity** of time with Him as well to create a strong bond.

Secondly, because of its limited nature, twenty-four hours each and every day, time influences our faith by producing a battlefield. There is a painting that has two peasants stopping work to bow reverently amidst their work in the fields. That painting presents a stark contrast of how our time for God can break into our world of work, or how our world of work breaks into our world of worship. It is often thought to be ok to miss worship because “I had to work.” On the other hand, how often do we think about missing work because “I had to worship”? Where is our real reliance on sustaining our life? The Psalmist says, “Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name” (33:20-21).

Thirdly, time influences our faith because it constrains us to acts that are “convenient.” Most Christians see needs, both physical and spiritual, all around them. Subsequently, one of our natural tendencies is to look at that god on our wrist before we decide if we can help. If I stop to change a tire, will it make me late for work? If I invite my neighbor over to my house for a meal, how much time will it take to prepare the food and clean the house? If I offer to get involved with a co-worker going through a divorce, what sort of investment of time will that take? Our decisions should not be determined by consulting an idol, time, but by consulting the true God. “Do not neglect to do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God” (Hebrews 13:16). God is always glad when we determine to sacrifice for His good. One of the first “gods” that needs to be given up to please Him is the god of Time. --Ty Hale

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ELDERS

Bill Crain
Shorty Huber
Garry Looper
Fred Rhodes*
Kelly White
Charles Williams
(*Chairman for January)

MINISTERS

Tim Lewis ♦ Steven D. Minor
Fred Rhodes ♦ Charles L. Williams
Ty Hale ♦ Gary Rollins

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT ALL THESE SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible School9:00 A.M.

Worship10:00 A.M.

Evening Worship5:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes7:00 P.M.

Personal Bible studies are available
during Bible study hours or by
appointment.

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Let us draw
near ... with
a sincere
heart in full
assurance of
faith ... Let
us hold
unswervingly
to the hope
we profess.

Hebrews 10:22-23





North MacArthur CHURCH CALENDAR




Brandon & Renica Thomason are the proud parents of a new baby boy. **Cyrus Clark** was born January 23rd and weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. He was 19 1/2 inches long. Larry and Martha Thomason are the very proud grandparents!



Jared and Carly Harris are the proud parents of twins born on January 24th. **Ryder Warren** weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 inches long. **Brynn Elise** weighed 5 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Ryder and Brynn are welcomed home by big brother Gavin.

Feb. 6 **Question & Answer Session** - The Q & A has been postponed until next Sunday evening. Charles, Tim and Steve will be on the panel.

 **AWTG- Cherokee Hills**

Feb. 7 **Monday Night Outreach** - 6:30 PM in the small auditorium 
 6:00 p.m. - bring a fast food meal to the building to eat with others if you desire
 6:30 p.m. - gather for a brief devotional, training, instructions, prayer and distribute the work
 8:00 p.m. - return to the building to report on your results.

Feb. 13 BK Sunday- The noon meal will be hosted by the Haliburton and Hankins groups.

Feb. 16 **Fast Food Fellowship** 

Feb. 18-19  **Teen Workshop/Lewisville**

Feb. 20 **Prayer Service Sunday evening for Affirming the Faith**

 **Teen Devotional at the home of Tim & Patti Jones**

Friday & Saturday ♦ February 25-26, 2011

“To Him Be Glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus!”

Over 25 Sessions and Classes Including Special Classes for Missionaries and Women

New This Year: Question & Answer Forum with Ralph Gilmore, Brad Harrub and Glenn Colley



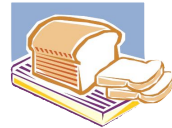
www.affirmingthefaihtok.com

Brochures are available in the foyer.



If you have borrowed any blue chairs from the church building please bring them back as soon as possible. It is very important that we have all of the chairs for Affirming the Faith. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Nursery Duty
Deatra Beaver & Heather Bush



Bread Ministry Helpers
BK Groups
Tonight (1/30) - Clark
Next Week (2/6) - Bryan

Family News & Information

New Members

Darlet Thompson
612 Timber Lane
OKC, OK 73127
495-7435

Melanie & Brent Kaufman
611 Garth Brooks Blvd.
Yukon, OK 73099
821-0342

Change of Address

Marion Phillips
7501 W. Britton Rd. #151
OKC, OK 73132

Jennifer Marshall
12301 N MacArthur Blvd.
Apt. #205
OKC, OK 73142

Thank You

"I want to thank the North Mac Arthur family for the countless prayers on my behalf during the last couple of months with my bout with Melanoma. Cancer is a scary thing! You made it easier to go through with your cards, hugs and encouraging words. Thank you, too, for the great food from the Grayson's Brothers Keeper group and the goodies from the Ladies Bible class. Thank you for being a loving church family!" -Love, Pat Southerland

Come and See

You are invited to see what some of our skilled members have done to create a new look for the foyer next to the church library, the area where the church family pictures are displayed. Several new items have been added to this area in the past few months by our own craftsmen. In front of the well organized library is an oak corner reception counter built by *Wayne Meiser* in memory of *Sue Stevens*. On the counter rest a Bible donated by *J'Nevlyne Schrock* and a Bible stand donated by *Alzada Middleton*. The reception counter is complemented by an oak stand crafted by *Billy Pratt* that supports our directory computer. *Dennis Duarte* (Framed in the Village) used his skills to mat and frame the photographs of our ministers and elders. The photographs were taken by *Johnny Holland* (J. Holland Photography). An oak table to accent the area was donated by *Donna White*, and was decorated by *Claudia Crain* and *Donna*. *Claudia* and *Donna* also suggested to make a bulletin board for the use of the congregation to post items of interest which *Dennis Duarte* designed and framed. The American flag was donated a few years ago with funds given by several members. Our sincere appreciation is extended to these gifted members for all their donations of love to the Lord's church. -Neil Gray

<i>Patricia Cargill</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Phil Martin</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Colton Fleming</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Ryan Fuller</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Kailee Pierce</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Amelia Shoemake</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Kristin Lee</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Ian Ward</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Sherra Beth Rollins</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Lucille Zajac</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Stephen Zajac</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Vanessa Wakefield</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Tom Kliewer</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Josh Wilson</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Penny Romine</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>David Sams</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Jared Salisbury</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Jennifer Shaw</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Jana Cook</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Scott Davis</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Ty Hale</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Ray Buchanan</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Kim Judd</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Drue Cavin</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Dean Martindale</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Mattie McCarty</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Blake Hermes</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Melanie Hankins</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Maylee Garst</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Carson Hermes</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Darenda Sylvester</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Kathy Wilson</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Paxton Kliewer</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Barry Clark</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>Tim Lewis</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Cynthia Helmuth</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>Alton Flinchum</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Gus Wilson</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>Jimmy Blair</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Brooke Landes</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Herb Flegat</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Ally Morgan</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Betty Flinchum</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Corey Vanover</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Sawyer Hammett</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Lauren Walk</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Allana Wallace</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Ron Wilson</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Adam Basic</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Cathy Earnest</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>Karen Hunter</i>	<i>17</i>		

February Birthdays

Men To Serve Sunday Evening

Announcements..... Bill Crain
Opening Prayer..... Phil Martin
Song Leader..... Ryan Haggerty
Scripture Reading..... Preston Gibbs
Lord's Table.....Randy Hampton
Scott Shoemake
Closing Prayer.....Dale Marshall
To Lock Up(Jan. 30-Feb. 6)..... Mike Ross

Jeff Bennett
his father has been
diagnosed with cancer



*cards are available in pews



Adult Bible Classes will study

"Laying Aside the Old for the New" -Ephesians 4:17-24



PRAYER LIST

OUR ILL AT THE TIME OF PRINTING (1-28)

- 🕯 Please continue to pray for Scott, Sarah, and Emma Stewart. Emma is now on the heart transplant list. Please pray for her to be able to gain weight and to be weaned off the ventilator. You can follow Emma's progress on her blog at www.emmajanae.blogspot.com and write to Scott and Sarah c/o Ronald McDonald House of Dallas, Room 121, 4707 Bengal Street, Dallas, TX 75235
- 🕯 Remember Richard Walton, who has been in OU Medical Center with kidney problems.
- 🕯 Also continue to remember Chuck Phelps, who had a stint put in last week at Baptist. He was able to go home on Wednesday.
- 🕯 Please pray for Jim Cobb, who has a small tumor on a nerve in his brain. He will have a consultation with a specialist tomorrow.
- 🕯 Please continue to remember Cynthia Helmuth, who is scheduled for surgery in February.
- 🕯 Pray for Donnie Bates' safety as he travels to Honduras. He left yesterday and is scheduled to return February 15th.
- 🕯 Jeff Bennett father, Richard Bennett, has been diagnosed with two types of cancer.
- 🕯 Please remember John Krischel's mother, who had a difficult surgery on her hip Thursday at the Mayo clinic.
- 🕯 Pearl McBride, one of the residents of COCH, has been admitted to the hospital.
- 🕯 Please remember former member Louise Richter, who lost her son last week. You can write to her care of Elkwood Assisted Living, 1000 Elkwood Blvd. Elk City, OK 73648.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

Marion Phillips; Mason Anderson; Myra Fleming; Pat Danley's son, Scott; Sharon Osborne's mother, Kathryn Beardain; Shelli Butler's sister, Shan Carter; Pat Southerland's father, Bill Mosley; Martha Thomason's parents, Eugene & Evelyn Perry; Wilo Belknap; Vernon Padgett; Skip Henry; Jeffrey Collins; Jane Harbert's daughter-in-law, Janet Harbert; Leonard Humphreys; Mary Ann Williams' niece, Rumer Austin; Kaye Parrott's friend, Gary Cooper; Alton & Betty Flinchum; Cyndy Canan's mother, Bernice Wells; Natalie Martin's father, Myron Shedrick; Dick & Kitty Welch; Scott Shoemake's mother, Cecelia Basarich; Marty Pinkley's sister, Cathy Hidahl; Diana Williams' father, John Martin; Dara Robison's sister, Jamie Feroli; Jane Taylor's friend, Kathy Taylor; Teresa Pippin; N.R. & Wilda Copeland; Kenny Blair's mother, Bennie Blair; John & Donna Nance's grandson, Griffin Turley.

OUR SHUT-INS:

George Pruitt, Dimples Aldridge, Carl Stevens, Mamaw Gower

OUR MILITARY:

Wayne and Joy Johnson's grandson, Casey Johnson; Weona Wilcox's grandson, Nathan Phillips; Bob & Diana Williams' son, Jonathan Williams; Brad & Heather Bush's son, Jordan Bush; Jeff Findley; Andrew Akard; Mark Kopf's son-in-law Cameron Witte; Clint Thompson; Anthony Wakefield

Our Missionaries			
Indonesia Colin McKee & native preacher	Missionary in Residence, OC Mel Latorre	Tanzania George Jensen	New Zealand Chris Miller

Attendance 1/23/11:	
Bible Class 414	
Worship 615	
Giving: \$19,263	
Contribution Report	
January 23, 2011	
Budget needs:	
through 1/23/11 (\$17,980 x 4*)	\$71,829
Contribution: through 1/23/11	\$74,184
	+2,355
*Does not include mission Sunday	
Mission (October 10):	
Total Purposed	29,050
Total Given to Date	19,485

<i>Order of Worship</i>	
<i>Sunday, January 30, 2011</i>	
<i>Announcements</i>	<i>Bill Crain</i>
<i>Prayer</i>	<i>David Brotherton</i>
<i>Song Leader</i>	<i>Scott Hankins</i>
<i>Song #3, "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"</i>	
<i>Song #74, "Praise the Lord"</i>	
<i>Song #77, "Glorify Thy Name"</i>	
<i>Song #364, "Come, Share the Lord"</i>	
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	<i>Ty Hale</i>
<i>Giving as We Have Promised</i>	
<i>Song #508, "A Wonderful Savior"</i>	
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	<i>Daniel Mayfield</i>
<i>Mark 9:17-24</i>	
<i>Sermon</i>	<i>Tim Lewis</i>
<i>Song #918, "Out of My Bondage"</i>	
<i>Song #650, "Send the Light"</i>	
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	<i>Brian Gibbs</i>