

NORTH MACARTHUR CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Building an Umbrella of Faith

As Os Guinness puts it in his book *The Gravedigger File*, sometimes our “global umbrella of faith has shrunk to the size of a plastic rain hat” (79). In other words, we don’t share our lives and faith enough with other Christians to have a common bond in Christ. We are all just out there fighting on our own against a formidable enemy. Over the holidays, we had several members at North MacArthur come forward with statements expressing a variety of requests of this church family, and this congregation’s reaction to them was overwhelming. It is encouraging to see the practice of building an umbrella of faith here that includes all the members of God’s family. The following are the statements that were made.

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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1. From **Garrett and Kristyl Johnson**, *“On the Monday before Christmas, I was called into my supervisors office and was told that I was being fired. I was then given my personal belongings in a box and escorted to the door. I would like to ask that you pray for my family and I as we try to navigate through this crisis. Please pray that I find a job real soon.”*

2. From **Derrick and Jennifer Shaw**, *“We have shared the good times as well as the rough times with our family here at North MacArthur. Today we wanted to share and rejoice with you all. Derrick and I wanted to announce our recommitment to one another and our retaking of our vows once again on December 12, 2010. Thank you for your support and prayers. We ask for you to continue to do so.”*

3. From **Tony Franz**, *“As a Christian, born again, I have not been honest with myself and God and I need to ask forgiveness for my selfishness in my marriage and to God.”*

4. From **Clint Thompson**, *“As I prepare for my deployment, I ask that you pray for me and my family. I also ask that you continue to pray for those who are serving our country in harm’s way and for their families as well. I am so blessed and grateful to serve in this great country and am thankful to everyone in this congregation for all the support. God bless each and every one of you.”*

This is the sort of sharing that helps strengthen our faith as God’s people as we share our hurts and our triumphs. The response that each of these families received after coming was heart-warming. Let’s continue to build an umbrella of faith by sharing our lives with one another. May God strengthen our faith as individuals, but also as a family in 2011. -Ty Hale

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

TODAY BK Sunday- The noon meal will be hosted by the Edmondson & Leazer groups.



AWTG- Seminole- Vans leave at 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 12 *Wednesday Night Meal*- At 6:00 p.m. in the gym
Cost is only \$5 per family!



Jan. 14-16  **Winter Quest**- Vans will leave at 4:00 p.m on Friday the 14th.

Jan. 23 **BK Leader Luncheon**- BK leaders and co-leaders are reminded of a mid year luncheon on January 23rd in the small auditorium. Child sitting will be provided and the meal is being catered so there is no cost to leaders and their families. Please RSVP if you haven't already done so to Wayne or Rob of your intent so plans can be finalized.

Jan. 28-29



Daughters of the King
For 8-12 Grade Girls ♣ ♣ ♣ Speakers Cindy & Hannah Colley
Sign up and information sheets are on the South table in the foyer.
Sign up deadline is January 19th

Jan. 30



Question & Answer Session- Charles, Tim and Steve will be on the panel. If you have Biblical questions that you would like to submit, please fill out the yellow forms provided at the information box in the south foyer, or simply give your question to one of our elders or ministers.



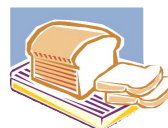
Jason & Jalaina Hammett are the proud parents of a new baby boy. Roman Matthias was born December 21st and weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. He was 19" long. Roman is welcomed home by big sister Evie and big brothers Sawyer and Thaddeus.

Save the Dates!

FOCUS WEEK
June 5-10 Quartz Mountain
"Do Hard Things"

VBS
June 21-24

Nursery Duty
Dayna McClaine &
Kimberly Judd



Bread Ministry Helpers
BK Groups
Tonight (1/9) - Foltz
Next Week (1/16) - Duarte

STEVE ANNOUNCES TRANSITION

Our Family and Youth minister submitted the below announcement at the close of the Sunday morning worship service, on December 26. He explained his transition plans to pursue secular work and to partner with Focus Press as Director of Marriage and Parenting. Steve will continue in his present capacity with North MacArthur through the month of February. We have been blessed to have Steve serve with us for more than six years, and will miss the close association as a valuable member of our staff that we've enjoyed with him during this time. We are so pleased that Steve and his family will continue to be members of our family at North MacArthur and we wish him and his family great success in their new adventure.

Charles Williams
For the elders

We have been serving at North MacArthur for over six years. My family and I deeply love this church family, the elders and staff. Over the past two years, I have grown to desire and pray about working in a different ministry role at North MacArthur. This has led to many discussions with the elders, and while they have asked me to continue in my present position of Youth and Family Minister, my goal continues to be more strictly focused on family ministry.

Given that, I have declined the elders' offer and will be pursuing secular work to support my family since our wish is to stay at North MacArthur. Additionally, within the past few days God has opened the door for me to partner with Brad Harrub, Joe Wells and Focus Press as Director of Marriage and Parenting.

This decision has not come easily given the love Stephani and I have for the young people, families and leaders of this congregation. We give God the glory for all He has done in His church here at North MacArthur, and we ask you to please pray for our family during this transition over the next few months as we seek to do God's will.

Men To Serve Sunday Evening

Announcements.....Garry Looper
Opening Prayer..... Larry Thomason
Song Leader..... Stephen Kearby
Scripture Reading..... Hunter Zajac
Lord's Table..... Mike Ross
Chief Gower
Closing Prayer.....Richard Dodgen
To Lock Up(Jan. 9-12).....Jimmy Hunter

Family News & Information

Sympathy

We want to express our sympathy to the family of *Jack Greenwood*. Brother Jack passed away last week and the services were held on December 31st at Buchanan's Funeral Home.

Thank You

"Our family would like to thank everyone for the prayers during mom's illness and death. I would also like to thank those who sent cards." -*Kay Meiser*

Responses

Derrick & Jennifer Shaw
8616 NW 113th Ct.
OKC, OK 73162

Clint & Brenda Thompson
10008 Hollyhead Way
Yukon, OK 73099

Tony Franz
4025 NE 16th St.
OKC, OK 73117

Garrett & Kristyl Johnson
12750 N MacArthur
Apt. 50G
OKC, OK 73142

New Mailing Address

Verne & Wilo Belknap- P.O. Box 714 Bethany, OK 73008

Phone Number Change

The Minor's no longer have a land line. Cell phone numbers are: Steve - 405-609-4122 Stephani - 405-415-5044

Reminder

Please remember to send quality donations to the Christian Service Center. If things are not in good shape and clean, it may be best for them to be donated to other causes. How we treat those who are less fortunate reflects our character. Let's not give our leftovers, but instead give out of our desire to share what we have with those in need.

Congratulations College Graduates!

Cortney Butler Trumbly graduated from OC with a degree in Finance.

Meagan Martin Bowden graduated from OC with a degree in Early Childhood Education.

Brenda Thompson

Clint has been deployed for a year

*cards are available in pews



Adult Bible Classes will study

"The Mystery Made Known Through the Church" - Eph. 3:1-21



PRAYER LIST

OUR ILL AT THE TIME OF PRINTING (1-7)

- Please continue to pray for Scott, Sarah, and Emma Stewart. Emma will go on the heart transplant list soon. 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
- Please pray for Mamaw Gower and her health.
- Please remember Clint and Brenda Thompson. Clint left last week for training and deployment in Afghanistan for a year.
- Also remember Anthony and Vanessa Wakefield. Anthony has been deployed and will be gone several months.
- Bob and Diana Williams son, Jonathan Williams, will also be deployed again soon.
- Remember Polly Gray's mother, Augusta Potter, who fell recently and broke her hip.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

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
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Attendance 1/2/11:	
Bible Class	361
Worship	555
Giving:	\$21,616
Contribution Report	
January 2, 2011	
Budget needs:	
through 1/2/11 (\$17,980 x1*)	\$17,980
Contribution: through 1/2/11	\$21,616
	+3,636
*Does not include mission Sunday	
Mission (October 10):	
Total Purposed	29,050
Total Given to Date	18,425

Order of Worship
Sunday, January 9, 2011

Announcements..... Garry Looper

Prayer..... Terry Walk

Song Leader..... Scott Hankins

Song #23, "Our God, He Is Alive"

Song #452, "Standing on the Promises"

Song #386, "He Loves Me"

Lord's Supper..... Mel Latorre

Giving as We Have Promised

Song (slides only), "He Is Able to Deliver Thee"

Scripture Reading..... Tracey Haliburton

Daniel 6:25-27

Sermon..... Tim Lewis

Song #912, "Burdens are Lifted at Calvary"

Song #480, "Blessed Assurance"

Closing Prayer..... Mike Taylor