

NORTH MACARTHUR CHURCH OF CHRIST



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New Christian

We are so glad to welcome **Tyler Butler** to the family of God. **Kenny** and **Shelli Butler** have been studying with both of their sons to teach them the gospel of Christ. Tyler has shown an interest in baptism since he was very young. One Sunday after we had a baptism several years ago, he asked his mom and dad if he could go in the back and see the baptistery. I took all of them back there and Kenny and Shelli said, "That [pointing to the water] is where all his sins were washed away." To which Tyler enthusiastically commented, "Yea, I see them still floating on the water!" Guess what Tyler, your sins are now floating on that water because God has washed them away in His Son Jesus Christ.



How Can We Tell if Our Kids Are Ready for Baptism?

A lot of parents begin fielding questions from their children about baptism, especially after they see another young person baptized. Are there any guidelines to help us, as parents, to determine if our kids are serious and if they understand the significance of what they are doing? Let me offer just a few ideas that can help. (1) If your children are asking questions about spiritual things, including baptism, **take them seriously**. Sit down and study with them about the things they have questions about. Some young people ask their parents over and over again about baptism, yet the parents think that he/she is too young; therefore, they never take the question seriously and eventually the young person may stop asking. (2) **Do they understand the concept of sin and what it does to our relationship with God?** Many young people understand that our sins condemn us to hell and they know that they don't want to go there. Do they understand that God set a plan in motion to take care of the sin problem from the very beginning? A good understanding of the problem of sin should lead to a good understanding of what God's plan is for sin; this gives a great foundation for building a Christian life. (3) **Do they understand the scope of the Christian life?** Not only is it expected that they will try and remain faithful to God until they die or Jesus returns, but it is also expected that they will change their way of life from doing things for themselves to doing the things God wants—true repentance. They should understand what this path means. **Breck Butler** put it best after Tyler was baptized on Sunday when she said, "**Now you have to be nice to me!**" That is certainly part of the change that our young people have to be willing to make if they are going to put Jesus on in baptism. Finally, whatever stage your children are at, encourage their interest in spiritual matters. Some of them you may want to prolong their time before they decide to be baptized, but let them know it is very important to you also that they become a Christian at some point in their lives. -Ty Hale

ELDERS

Bill Crain
Shorty Huber
Fred Rhodes
Kelly White*
Charles Williams
(*Chairman for November)

MINISTERS

Tim Lewis ♦ Mel Latorre
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

TODAY

Daylight - Saving Time Ends



After morning worship in the gym.



BLOOD DRIVE

Joe Waugh from Tipton Children's Home will give a report at our 5:00 PM service.

AWTG in SW Oklahoma City-
Leave at 5:15

Nov. 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

Visiting,
card
writing,
prayer,
phone calls,
babysitting
for ages 0-5.

Nov. 13

BK Sunday- The noon meal will be hosted by the Akard and Dodgen groups. Leaders, your call sheets are in the boxes outside of 110.

PACK THE PULPIT

Bring your bags of groceries and stack them on the stage area of the auditorium on **Sunday, Nov. 13th.** There are lists of pantry items needed in the foyer.



Nov. 16

Wednesday Night Meal, Chili

Godly Girls / Godly Men, 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 19



*Mr. and Mrs. Terry G. Walk request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
Lauren Aubrey Walk to James Stuart Jones
son of Ms. Vanda Jones
on Saturday, the nineteenth of November two thousand eleven,
at two o'clock in the afternoon
North MacArthur Church of Christ Reception immediately following ceremony
RSVP laurenandstuart.ourwedding.com or 405-851-0107*

Nov. 20

Combined Teen Devotional at the Dodgen's

Nov. 22

Mid-Week Service on Tuesday. All children and adult classes will meet in the auditorium for singing and a devotional.

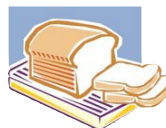
Nov. 23

No Ladies Class due to the Thanksgiving holiday

Nov. 23-25

church office closed

Nursery Duty
Susan Wood &
Ginger Shoemake



Bread Ministry Helpers
BK Groups
Tonight (11/6) - Hampton
Next Week (11/13) - Warren

College Care Baskets

Each year we give a "care basket" to our college students during their finals week, just to encourage them and let them know we are thinking about them.

There will be envelopes for donations passed around in all adult Bible classes for the next two Sundays, or you may give your money to Marci Wagnon or Kristin Lee. Your participation is greatly appreciated!



If you have a student that is in college - either away from home or in the Oklahoma City area, be sure and add their name to the sign-up sheet on the north information table. Please note that if their name is not on the list there will not be a basket available for them.

Men To Serve Sunday Evening

Announcements..... Richard Dodgen
Opening Prayer..... David Brotherton
Song Leader..... Kelly White
Scripture Reading..... Ron Wilson
Lord's Table..... Bob Williams
Dan Walker
Closing Prayer..... Bill Smith
To Lock Up (Nov. 6-9)..... David Sams

Family News & Information

Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to *Ashley Nguyen* and her family on the loss of her mother-in-law last week. The services were held yesterday.

Baptism

Tyler Butler
4801 NW 33rd St.
OKC, OK 73122
947-8473

Mabel Bassett

We are collecting money for the Mabel Bassett Charity Fund, which is sent to the women's prison ministry organized by *Joanne North* with Memorial Road church of Christ. If you would like to help please give your cash donations to *Marci Wagnon* or *Kristin Lee*.

Congratulations

We would like to offer our congratulations to *Carl and Sherry Blankenship*. Carl and Sherry were married on Saturday, November 5th.



Adult Bible Classes will study:

"Press on Toward the Goal" -Phil. 3:12-16

Ashley & Viet Nguyen

Viet lost his mother last week



*cards are available in pews

**THOSE WITH IMMEDIATE CONCERNS WE
HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO PRAY FOR:**

OUR ILL AT THE TIME OF PRINTING (11-4)

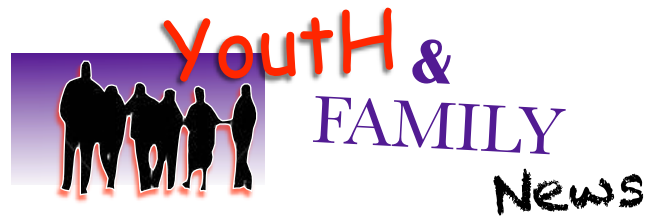
- 🕯 Please continue to remember Emma Stewart, who is having a difficult time in her recovery, but is showing improvement. Go to emmajanae.blogspot.com for updates.
- 🕯 Please continue to remember Donnie Bates, who is in Tanzania until November 13th.
- 🕯 Dan & J'Nevlyne Schrock's grandson, Jared Stewart, lost his father-in-law in a car crash and would appreciate the prayers of the church.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Tom Pippin; Jeffrey Collins; Jeff Bennett's father, Richard Bennett; Rondell Thomas; Addyson Hood; Karen Hardy; Kristy Duarte's sister, Barbie Hills; Pat Danley's son, Scott; Martha Thomason's parents, Eugene & Evelyn Perry; Jane Harbert's daughter-in-law, Janet Harbert; Mary Ann Williams' niece, Rumer Austin; Kaye Parrott's friend, Gary Cooper; Diana Williams' father, John Martin; Dara Robison's sister, Jamie Feroli; Jane Taylor's friend, Kathy Taylor

OUR SHUT-INS: George Pruitt, Carl Stevens, Dick & Kitty Welch; Wilda Copeland

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; Kristen Dixon's brother-in-law; Jane Harbert's grandson, Kevin Harbert

OUR MISSIONARIES: Colin & Ellen McKee, Indonesia; George & Joy Jensen, Tanzania; Chris & Melinda Miller, New Zealand; Brandon & Katie Price, Ukraine; Martin & Julie Johnson, Utah; Native preacher, Nepal Missions



From the very first moment that sin entered the world, described in Genesis chapter 3, humanity has been in desperate need of redemption. According to the story of the Bible, Jesus' coming and ministry was not accidental or a byproduct of the times, but the culmination of God's plan. All throughout the Bible, God has been active in working His plan of redemption. Consider a few of the promises made about the coming Savior:

- ▶ God promised Eve that one of her offspring would eventually crush evil - Genesis 3.15
- ▶ God promised Abraham that one of his descendants would bless all nations of the world - Genesis 12, 18, 22
- ▶ God promised an enslaved people that they would be freed from their bondage and from death by the blood of the lamb (Passover) - Exodus 12
- ▶ God promised Moses that there would come a Prophet that would bring God's message to the people - Deuteronomy 18.15-19
- ▶ God promised king David that one of his descendants would become a King that would rule forever - 2 Samuel 7
- ▶ God promised through Isaiah a Suffering Servant that would take on the infirmities of the people - Isaiah 53
- ▶ God promised through Daniel a Kingdom that would defeat all its enemies and that would last forever - Daniel 2

These promises show a loving, gracious and faithful God that has never given up on His creation. God wants us all to be redeemed back to Him through the sacrifice of Christ Jesus. What are you waiting for?

Sincerely,
Mel Latorre

*Order of Worship
Sunday, November 6, 2011*

Announcements.....Richard Dodgen
Prayer.....Barry Clark
Song Leader.....Mike Taylor
Song #797, "Lord, We Come Before Thee Now"
Song #38, "Awesome God"
Song #8, "Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing"
Song #122, "The Love of God"
Song #382, "Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?"
Lord's Supper.....Matthew Brotherton
Giving as We Have Promised
Song #137, "Unto the Hills"
Scripture Reading.....Jim Record
Sermon.....Mel Latorre
Song #917, "I Bring My Sins to Thee"
Song #448, "The Greatest Commands"
Closing Prayer.....Timothy Rogers

Attendance 10/30/11:
 Bible Class 444
 Worship 614
Giving: \$20,989

**Contribution Report
October 30, 2011**

Budget needs:
 through 10/30/11 (\$17,980 x 43*)..... \$773,140
 Contribution: through 10/30/11..... \$807,375
 +34,235

*Does not include mission Sunday
Mission (October '11):
 Total Purposed.....33,493
 Total Given to Date..... 7,988