

NORTH MACARTHUR CHURCH OF CHRIST



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God Does Great Things in the Hearts of People

Last Sunday morning had to strengthen our faith in the power God's message has in the lives of people. During the invitation, two sisters, **Andrea Hembree** and **Melissa Shelton**, came forward during the invitation with the same shared sentiment. "I just want to change my life. I can't fight it any more. I'm scared. I need to turn everything over to God so He's first." These young ladies have attended North MacArthur over the past few months and made a tremendous step of faith by feeling comfortable enough before God and His people to come and make this statement. They are in need of a lot of support in different areas of their lives, especially spiritually, as they try to change their lives to align with God's will. Continue to pray for Andrea and Melissa as they study with some of our members to learn more about God's plan for their salvation in Christ.

In conjunction with the idea of Bible study, we are proud to announce that **Stephanie Lewis** was baptized into Christ after the morning worship service last week. Stephanie has been coming for several months and has shown a great eagerness to learn more about God's Word. **Kristin Gates** and **Donna White** have been studying with her for several weeks during the Sunday morning Bible class hour. Stephanie started coming to services with her boyfriend **Mike Perkins** who also has announced his desire to be a member at North MacArthur. What a great example of teamwork where one person invites and others offer to study. Stephanie has been a great student of the Word of God and was excited about putting her Lord on in baptism. Please take a moment to welcome Stephanie to the congregation as well as Mike. We are so blessed to see the great power God exhibits through the teaching of His Word as many souls continue to come to Christ. Let's continue to do more in the coming year and see how much God can bless His kingdom through our faithfulness!



ELDERS

Bill Crain
Shorty Huber
Wayne Meiser
Fred Rhodes
Kelly White
Charles Williams*
(*Chairman for December)

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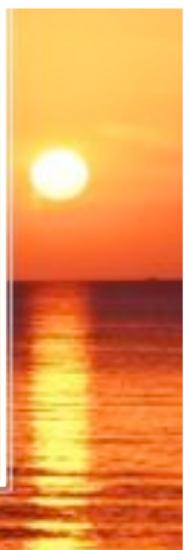
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Let us draw
near ... with
a sincere
heart in full
assurance of
faith ... Let
us hold
unswervingly
to the hope
we profess.

Hebrews 10:22-23



- Ty Hale



North MacArthur CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

This is the last newsletter for 2011. We will resume publication January 8, 2012. If you have information that needs to be made public, please call the church office and we will see that it gets announced.

Honduras Mission Trip Meeting, 4:00 p.m. sm. aud.

This is for anyone interested in learning more about the trip.



This is the last day for picture updates. If you have not yet had your picture taken, please go to the room off the North side of the auditorium today after morning worship.

Dec. 23-26 church office closed

Dec. 28 *“A new beginning”* Area-wide Year-end Service

Speaker: Randy Roper • • Edmond Church of Christ • • 7:00 PM

For those who do not wish to attend the area wide, there will be a devotional held here at North MacArthur at the regular class time of 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 30 church office closed

Beginning at 8:00 PM. All families are invited! Inflatables for the kids until 10:00. Group games beginning at 10:00. Devo at midnight. After the devo the youth will have their "Dirty" Santa exchange (5.00 limit) and games!! Doors will be locked at midnight. No youth will be allowed to come and go after that. Breakfast at 5:30. Parents please pick your kids up no later than 6:00 AM!



Jan. 2

Monday Night Outreach



6:30 PM in the small auditorium

Jan. 8

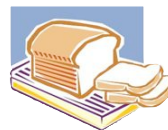
BK Sunday

Jan. 11

Wednesday Night Meal- Chicken Strips

Godly Girls, Godly Men- 7:00 PM

Nursery Duty
Melanie Hankins &
Rachel McCarty



Bread Ministry Helpers
BK Groups
Tonight (12/18) - Crain
Next Week (12/25) -Holiday

Family News & Information

Baptism

Stephanie Lewis
2205 Huntleigh Dr.
OKC, OK 73120
924-3245



New Member



Mike Perkins
2208 Churchill Place
OKC, OK 73120
314-5039

Thank You

"Kitty and I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for your many expressions of love as demonstrated by your visits, food, prayers, telephone calls and transportation. Time and circumstances have diminished our ability to 'do for ourselves', but we are blessed to be members of a caring and loving church family. Although we are unable to worship with you, we are with you in spirit and prayers. Once again, Thank You!"

-Love, Dick & Kitty Welch

"Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the love and support shown towards our family over the past two months. The cards, food, plant and especially prayers have been a tremendous encouragement with the passing of Viet's mother and the birth of our son. We really appreciate it."

-In Him, Ashley, Viet, Keira & Kaden Nguyen

**Happy
Holidays**



from the staff

Tom Lewis
Charles Williams
Kendra Tully
J & Jale
Gay Rollins
Mel Latore
Marcia Wagner
Kristen Lee

Men To Serve Sunday Evening

Announcements..... Fred Rhodes
Opening Prayer..... Mark Landes
Song Leader..... Hunter Rhodes
Scripture Reading..... Mason Anderson
Lord's Table..... Chris Osborne
Gary Rollins
Closing Prayer..... Donnie Bates
To Lock Up (Dec. 18-21)..... Robert Canan



Adult Bible Classes will study:
NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY, taught by the elders

Wayne Johnson
begins chemotherapy
Monday



*cards are available in pews

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

OUR ILL AT THE TIME OF PRINTING (12-16)

- 🕯 Please continue to remember Emma Stewart during her recovery. She has had to go back to the CVICU and has a chest tube in again. Please go to emmajanae.blogspot.com for updates.
- 🕯 Remember Wayne Johnson, who was to have an echocardiogram last Thursday, and starts chemotherapy for Leukemia tomorrow.
- 🕯 Peggy Scott had knee replacement surgery and is in Baptist room 668.
- 🕯 Please keep Wynelle Record in your prayers. She is having health problems and needs encouragement.
- 🕯 Also remember former member Nancy Markum, who fell and broke three ribs.
- 🕯 Please pray for Nolan Brinkley, the three year old cousin of Jennifer Walker, who is in ICU in Texas.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: David Tully's mother, Zola Tully; Larry Crosley; Tom Pippin; Jeffrey Collins; Jeff Bennett's father, Richard Bennett; 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

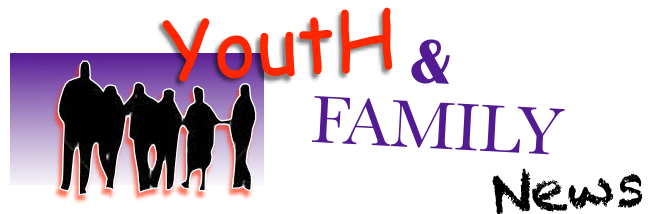
OUR SHUT-INS: George Pruitt, Carl Stevens, Dick & Kitty Welch; Wilda Copeland

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

*Order of Worship
Sunday, December 18, 2011*

Announcements..... Fred Rhodes
Prayer..... Gary Smith
Song Leader..... Scott Hankins
Song #144, "O Worship the King"
Song #412, "Jesus, Hold My Hand"
Song #332, "Lead Me to Calvary"
Lord's Supper..... David Sams
Giving as We Have Promised
Song #230, "Worthy Art Thou"
Song #186, "Christ, We Do All Adore Thee"
Song #155, "Highest Place"
Scripture Reading..... Tony Franz
Luke 2:1-7
Sermon..... Tim Lewis
Song #927, "Why Keep Jesus Waiting?"
Song #509, "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"
Closing Prayer..... Chris Osborne



As Christians we believe that the Bible is God's powerful word. Throughout the centuries it has stood as a beacon of light in a dark world, guiding people back to their Creator. The Bible is indeed an amazing book. Consider a few of the things that make it unique:

- ✓ Written over a time span of about 1500 years.
- ✓ Written by more than 40 authors, for a total of 66 books.
- ✓ Authors with different backgrounds: Judge, priest, sheep breeder, kings, prophets, poets, musicians, philosophers, farmers, teachers, fishermen, tax collector, free and slave, rich and poor.
- ✓ It contains prophecy, law, poetry, hymns, stories, wisdom, biographies, letters, parables, philosophy, drama, sermons and history.
- ✓ Written in 3 languages (Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek).
- ✓ In spite of severe persecution, abuse, and criticism the Bible has survived.
- ✓ The Scriptures as a whole are unique in quantity, quality, and antiquity of their manuscripts.
- ✓ The subject of the Bible, even though comprised of many different books, covers the whole range of one story from beginning to end.
- ✓ It's message of salvation by faith and not works, mercy and forgiveness is without parallel.
- ✓ It claims to be inspired by God (2 Timothy 3.16).

Without doubt, the most fascinating and unique aspect of the Bible is that it tells of God coming in the flesh to suffer on our behalf, taking on our burdens and paying our debt on the cross. It tells the wonderful story of redemption through the identity, mission and sacrifice of Jesus the Christ. For these and many other reasons, we can approach the Bible with confidence knowing that it is God message.

Mel Latorre

Attendance 12/11/11:
 Bible Class 424
 Worship 586
Giving: \$22,295

**Contribution Report
December 11, 2011**

Budget needs:
 through 12/11/11 (\$17,980 x 49*).....\$881,020
 Contribution: through 12/11/11.....\$923,253
 +42,233

*Does not include mission Sunday

Mission (October '11):
 Total Purposed.....33,493
 Total Given to Date.....11,999