

# NORTH MACARTHUR CHURCH OF CHRIST



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## The Seduction of Success

Mary Bell said that “achievement is the alcohol of our time.” She went on to say, “Your self-esteem is on the line because you’ve been gathering your self-worth externally.” More than any other idols, personal success and achievement lead to a sense that we ourselves are god, that our security and value rest in our own wisdom, strength, and performance. In essence, we are our own god. Our society applauds this distorted view of self by putting greater pressure on individuals to prove their worth through personal achievement. Unfortunately, this attitude has made its way into our homes also in the form that Timothy Keller calls the “professionalization of childhood.” He describes this term by giving the following definition, “From the earliest years, an alliance of parents and schools creates a pressure cooker of competition, designed to produce students who excel in everything” (Counterfeit Gods). Rather than being content with God and passing this quality on to our children, we distort God’s message by expanding it beyond the scope of what He intended. Success certainly has a siren song that can draw us off of our course with God and place our desires for life above His.

God’s Word gives us a very clear example of this type of misdirection in the person of Naaman. In 2 Kings 5, Naaman is described as a “great man”, “in high favor”, and as a “mighty man of valor.” He was even blessed by God with great victories for Syria. Despite all his acclaim, the playing field was leveled with five words: “But, he was a leper.” (2 Kings 5:1). All of Naaman’s success was useless since it could not overcome his social alienation and emotional despair. What is the use of being called a great man or being a man of valor if you could not rejoice with your troops or embrace a fellow soldier in triumph? Naaman’s leprosy represents the reality that success can’t deliver the satisfaction we are looking for. Furthermore, **he** thought **he** could use **his** success to deal with **his** problems, so Naaman sent some “displays” of his success (10 talents of silver, 6000 shekels of gold, and 10 changes of clothing). Surely this will impress the prophet in Samaria to command his God to heal his leprosy. Naaman did not understand that there are some things only God can do. We often like to operate under the same misconception as Naaman; if you live a good life, then the gods or God will have to bless you and give you prosperity. Consequently, Naaman is highly offended when Elisha comes to him and gives him a “menial” task (washing in the Jordan seven times) to cure his leprosy. We must learn the same lesson that Naaman learned: God is not on a leash because of our success. Instead, He is the creator and originator of our success! It is only by being in alignment with His will that we can be successful. This is the sort of success we need to live before our children and teach them to pursue and respect. Naaman was after a god who could be put in his debt; rather, he found a God who puts us in His debt because of His grace and kindness. Please don’t leave the lesson of Naaman thinking that the idol of success can simply be expelled from your life. As with every other idol, it must be replaced with the true and living God. - Ty Hale

### ELDERS

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

### MINISTERS

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

### A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT ALL THESE SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible School .....9:00 A.M.

Worship .....10:00 A.M.

Evening Worship .....5:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes .....7:00 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**

There will be a wedding shower in honor of Priscilla Magfield and Josh Wayland today from 2:00-3:30 in the afternoon at the Club House Villas @ Hunters Creek (949 Villas Creek Dr., Edmond). Priscilla and Josh are registered at Target, Kohl's, and Bed, Bath & Beyond.



## Family Devotional

After evening worship tonight in the gym. Everyone is invited! Food (pizza & salad) and drinks will be provided. Members bring desserts. Please sign up this morning if you plan to attend.

**April 3**

There will be a VBS meeting next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in room 100 for anyone interested in teaching or co-teaching a center.



**April 4**



*Monday Night Outreach* 6:30 in the small auditorium

**April 10**

BK Sunday- The noon meal will be hosted by the Anderson & Shoemake groups.



**AWTG- Central/Shawnee**

**April 13**

*Fast Food Fellowship*

**April 15-16**

*Women Walking with God-* Vans will leave at 10:00 a.m.

**April 17**

**Blood Drive-** After morning worship in the gym

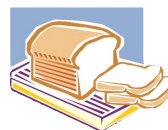


There will be a wedding shower in honor of Lindsey White, bride-elect of Luke Johns, on Sunday, April 17th from 2:00-3:30 in the small auditorium. Lindsey and Luke are registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond

**April 23**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Nursery Duty  
Sandy Schwarz  
& Ronda Vanover



Bread Ministry Helpers  
BK Groups  
Tonight (3/27) - Morgan  
Next Week (4/3) - Rollins

Ray Brauer	1	Vernon Padgett	15
Nathan Hatcher	1	Lori Nissen	16
Cona Higgs	1	Kim Brauer	17
Matt Sloan	2	Sharon Fitzpatrick	18
Connie Autry	3	Judah Salisbury	18
Darleen Wright	3	Donald Johnston	19
Wilda Copeland	4	Dakota Lewallen	19
Margaret Dulin	4	Dan Walker	19
Dara Robison	4	Brenda Thompson	20
Ashley Nguyen	5	Lisa Pinkley	21
Dennis Duarte	6	Sandy Schwarz	21
Neil Middleton	6	Parker Bryan	23
Robert Mann	7	Robert Canan	25
Joyce Williams	7	Michael Estes	26
Michael Arledge	8	Gary Henry	26
Jill Kliewer	8	Karen Henry	26
Mary Lee Looper	8	Josh Marshall	26
Ashton Martin	9	Camryn McCornack	27
Mary Dee Thurman	10	Matt Greenroyd	28
Marci Wagon	10	Blair Hall	28
Kaitlyn Estes	12	Jennifer Hatcher	28
Susan Wood	12	Joan Little	28
Carson Brauer	13	Lauren Walk	28
Christie Fuller	13	Taylor Woodard	28
Chris Osborne	13	Tawni Lewis	29
Shannon Crosley	14	Sally Boothe	30
Alex Gower	14		

## Family News & Information

### Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to *Cyndy Canan* and her family on the loss of her mother, *Bernice Wells*, last week. The services were pending at the time of this writing.

### Thank You

"We sincerely appreciate everyone in the church visiting Kaye at the hospital. We also appreciate all the cards of sympathy since her passing."

-Sincerely, The Family of Kaye Patterson

### McKee's Indonesian Report

Please check the North information table for *Colin and Ellen McKee's* report from their most recent trip to Indonesia.



## April Birthdays



Congratulations to Darrel and Suzi Hood! Addyson Nicole was born March 18th and weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19 inches long. Addyson is welcomed home by big brother Cooper.



### Men To Serve Sunday Evening

Announcements.....	Gus Wilson
Opening Prayer.....	Kevin Gates
Song Leader.....	
Scripture Reading.....	Mark Kopf
Lord's Table.....	Mike Hall David Brotherton
Closing Prayer.....	Dan Walker
To Lock Up(Mar. 27-30).....	Larry Crosley

### Cyndy Canan

lost her mother last week



\*cards are available in pews



Adult Bible Classes will study

"Blessing of Those Who Are Saved" -Romans 5:1-21



# PRAYER LIST

## OUR ILL AT THE TIME OF PRINTING (3-25)

- 🕯 Please continue to pray for Scott, Sarah, and Emma Stewart. Emma is now off of the ventilator! Please pray for her to continue to grow and stay infection-free while waiting for her new heart. You can follow Emma's progress on her blog at [www.emmajanae.blogspot.com](http://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 continue to remember L.T. Barber, who is still in Deaconess Hospital room 372.
- 🕯 Barbara Campbell had back surgery on Tuesday at the Spine Hospital and was to be there through the end of the week. She is in room 110.
- 🕯 Please remember Kale Garst, who had his cochlear implants replaced on Monday.
- 🕯 Melanie Hankins' mother, Glenda Irvin, was able to go home on Tuesday.

## CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

Mary Davis; Leonard Humphreys; Cynthia Helmuth; Mason Anderson; Myra Fleming; Jeff Bennett's father, Richard Bennett; 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; Mary Ann Williams' niece, Rumer Austin; Kaye Parrott's friend, Gary Cooper; Alton & Betty Flinchum; Natalie Martin's father, Myron Shedrick; Dick & Kitty Welch; 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; Kristen Dixon's brother-in-law

**Our Missionaries**

<b>Indonesia</b>	<b>Missionary in Residence, OC</b>	<b>Tanzania</b>	<b>New Zealand</b>
Colin McKee & native preacher	Mel Latorre	George Jensen	Chris Miller

*Order of Worship*  
*Sunday, March 27, 2011*

*Announcements..... Gus Wilson*

*Prayer..... Kerry Wagnon*

*Song Leader..... Mike Taylor*

*Song #885, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be"*

*Song #867, "To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way"*

*Song #881, "Mansion Over the Hilltop"*

*Song #957, "This World Is Not My Home"*

*Song #337, "Hallelujah! What a Savior"*

*Lord's Supper..... Mike Ross*

*Giving as We Have Promised*

*Song #898, "Paradise Valley"*

*Scripture Reading..... Josh Basic*

*Revelation 21:9-21*

*Sermon..... Tim Lewis*

*Song #904, "Have You Been to Jesus?"*

*Song #853, "When We All Get to Heaven"*

*Closing Prayer..... Kelly White*

**Attendance 3/20/11:**  
Bible Class 436  
Worship 614  
**Giving: \$15,227**

**Contribution Report**  
**March 20, 2011**

**Budget needs:**

through 3/20/11 (\$17,980 x 12*).....	\$215,760
Contribution: through 3/20/11.....	\$227,894
	+12,134

\*Does not include mission Sunday

**Mission (October '10):**

Total Purposed.....	29,050
Total Given to Date.....	22,525