

NORTH MACARTHUR CHURCH OF CHRIST



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To Tell the Truth

One of the great battles that Christians face on a daily basis is figuring out what is truth and what is a lie. With the boom of the internet and all sorts of outlets for information, untruths are abounding. Satan knows that if he can get enough people to buy into a lie (since their knowledge of God's truth may be lacking), he can convince people to change their views and thoughts. An example is a lie that has been told by many, perhaps even quoted by some preachers, that "Christians divorce at roughly the same rate as the world!" The truth is, according to recent statistics, the divorce rate among Christians is significantly lower (38%) than among non-believers (60%).

Why the difference between what is the alleged truth and what is the real truth? Quite simply, as one author puts it, "The factor making the most difference is religious commitment and practice" (Glenn T. Stanton *First-Person: The Christian Divorce Rate Myth*). People who just check a box under religious preference that states that they are "Christians" are very different than those who attend church nearly every week, read their Bibles and pray. They take their faith seriously, and it makes a difference in their marriages. Furthermore, there is a significant difference between saying you believe something and demonstrating that belief. Saying you believe something does very little for a marriage; on the other hand, listening to God in passages such as Ephesians 5:22-33 or 1 Peter 3:1-7 and taking them to heart does a lot because it is truth. When we practice our faith in real ways, this makes a huge impact in strengthening both the quality and longevity of our marriages.

This lie about Christian marriages not lasting any longer than others may seem harmless, yet it produces some seeds of doubt in the mind of a Christian that should be examined. Why would Satan want to deceive us about our marriages? **He wants us to doubt God!** He wants us to doubt God's ability to fulfill His promises; he wants us to doubt that God knows what is best for mankind; he wants us to doubt that God can be trusted; he wants us to doubt that living the Christian life will make any difference in "real" life. If we buy into any part of Satan's lies, we have begun to doubt God without cause. Paul was clear when he said, "Let God be true though everyone were a liar" (Romans 3:4). The next time you hear a statistic, don't be so quick to believe it because it sounds scholarly or scientific; instead, measure it against God's truth. Would God really stack the deck against Christian marriages so that they were no more successful than those without Him? What sort of God do we serve if we can believe this lie? God loves us and has blessed us with **everything** we need for life and godliness through His son Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:3; Ephesians 1:3) so that we can be successful in our marriages and all our relationships. As Christians, let's determine to tell the truth about life in Christ; it is far more blessed than life outside him. Any "evidence" to the contrary is a lie! -Ty Hale

ELDERS

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

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

TODAY

All parents of High School seniors please meet down front immediately after morning worship to discuss the Senior Banquet coming up in May.

Spring Quarter Begins- All pre-school children who had a birthday during the winter quarter may move up to the next age appropriate class TODAY.



Area Wide Teen Gathering- Westside

TOMORROW

Monday Night Outreach- 6:30 p.m. 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.

March 12



All the ladies of the congregation are invited to a Ladies' Brunch to be held this Saturday, March 12th, at 10:00 a.m. in the small auditorium. The meal will be provided. If you are able to attend, please sign up on the north information table. The brunch is to honor the new ladies of the congregation, and will be a great opportunity for all to get better acquainted. We hope you'll come help give our newer ladies a warm North Mac welcome!

March 13

BK Sunday- Our regularly scheduled BK Sunday is next week. The *Crain* and *Rollins* groups will host the noon meal. Leaders, your call sheets are in the boxes outside of room 110.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Don't Forget to set your clock ahead one hour Saturday Night!



March 16

Wednesday Meal- Italian

March 27



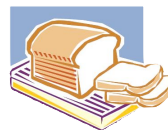
There will be a wedding shower in honor of Priscilla Magfield and Josh Wayland on Sunday, March 27th from 2:00-3:30 in the afternoon at the Club House Villas @ Hunters Creek (949 Villas Creek Dr., Edmond). Priscilla and Josh are registered at Target, Kohl's, and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Those wanting to help with this shower may contact:

Margaret West (315-7711), Leslie

Sutherland (503-7601) or Kristin Gates (816-0755).

**Nursery Duty
Shelli Butler &
Kristin Lee**



**Bread Ministry Helpers
BK Groups**

Tonight (3/6) - Wilson

Next Week (3/13) - Shoemake

Family News & Information

Sympathy

We want to express our sympathy to *David Patterson* and his family on the loss of our sister *Kaye Patterson* last week. Her services were held in Tennessee.

We also want to express our sympathy to the family of former member *David McWhorter*, who passed away recently. A memorial service was held in Luther on Friday.

Responses

Dennis Duarte
9305 Mahler Place
OKC, OK 73120
204-7872

Sheryl Martin
6816 W 35th St.
Bethany, OK 73008
789-7866



Thank You

"Dear North MacArthur church of Christ, Words can't express the gratitude to all of you for the food, cards, visits, and prayers during my loss of my precious Phyllis. All of you have helped me through the darkest time of my life. Please continue to remember me in your prayers." -*The Family of Phyllis Pruitt*

New Members

L.T. & Joan Barber
7210 NW 33rd
Bethany, OK 73008

Toni Barber



Welcome

New Wednesday Class

Wayne Meiser's class on leadership will deal with a man's leadership role in the family. He'll be using the book "Anchor Man" by Steve Farrar for thoughts and ideas men can use as they exhibit leadership in the home.

SPRING QUARTER ADULT CLASSES

Sunday Morning

Justified By Faith: Studies in the Letter to the Christians at Rome

Class	Room	Teacher(s)
College	120	Kevin Gates Mitch Warren
20's	100	Kenny Hixson Kerry Campbell
30's	111	Doug Cook, Ty Hale
40's	119 (sm. aud.)	Kerry Wagnon Kelly White
50's	110	Gary Henry, Jim Foltz Wayne Meiser
60's	auditorium	Charles Williams Shorty Huber Bill Crain

Wednesday Evening

Class	Room	Teacher(s)
Survey of Exodus (Early Bird, 5:15)	110	Donnie Bates
Survey of Exodus	Auditorium	Jerry Campbell
Leadership (men only)	sm. aud.	Wayne Meiser
Foundational Principles	110	Jesse McCarty
"One Another" Passages	111	Gary Rollins
Faithfully Ever After (College)	120	Mel Latorre
OBS Training	100	Kelly White

Men To Serve Sunday Evening

Announcements.....Shorty Huber
Opening Prayer.....Kelly Hill
Song Leader.....Matt Sloan
Scripture Reading.....Ben Butler
Lord's Table..... Scott Hankins
Randy Hampton
Closing Prayer.....Jeff Morgan
To Lock Up(Mar. 6-9).....Kenny Hixson



Adult Bible Classes will study
"Justified By Faith" -Romans 1:1-17

David Patterson
lost Kaye last week



*cards are available in pews



PRAYER LIST

OUR ILL AT THE TIME OF PRINTING (3-4)

- Please continue to pray for Scott, Sarah, and Emma Stewart. Emma is still waiting for a new heart. Please pray for her to continue to grow and to be able to come off the ventilator permanently. 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 continue to remember Mary Davis, who has been moved to Parc-Way for rehab after her knee surgery. She is in room 505.
- Kristy Duarte's uncle, Earl Blankenship, underwent a pancreas and kidney transplant last Thursday at Baptist Hospital.
- Please continue to pray for brother Don Vinzant, who is still in Mercy Hospital after his diagnosis of multiple myeloma.
- Please remember the family of sister Pearl McBride, who passed away last Wednesday.
- Also remember Thomas and Karla Jackson and their family. Karla's father passed away last week. If you would like to send a note, the address is 4012 Ashbury Crossing Drive, Florissant, MO 63034.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

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; Cyndy Canan's mother, Bernice Wells; 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			
Indonesia Colin McKee & native preacher	Missionary in Residence, OC Mel Latorre	Tanzania George Jensen	New Zealand Chris Miller

Attendance 2/27/11:	
Bible Class 519	
Worship 685	
Giving: \$19,784	
Contribution Report February 27, 2011	
Budget needs:	
through 2/27/11 (\$17,980 x 9*)	\$161,820
Contribution: through 2/27/11	\$172,326
	+10,506
*Does not include mission Sunday	
Mission (October 10):	
Total Purposed	29,050
Total Given to Date	21,600

Order of Worship	
Sunday, March 6, 2011	
Announcements.....	Shorty Huber
Prayer.....	Larry Crosley
Song Leader.....	Mike Taylor
Song #230, "Worthy Art Thou"	
Song #472, "A Shelter in the Time of Storm"	
Song #533, "I Am a Sheep"	
Song #353, "One Day!"	
Lord's Supper.....	Matthew Brotherton
Giving as We Have Promised	
Song #470, "Victory in Jesus"	
Scripture Reading.....	Allen Little
Romans 8:28-30	
Sermon.....	Tim Lewis
Song #947, "Jesus Is Tenderly Calling"	
Song #514, "Redeemed"	
Closing Prayer.....	Tom Kliewer