

# NORTH MACARTHUR CHURCH OF CHRIST



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## If the Tomb Was Full

The greatest proclamation that was ever uttered to humans occurred in the tomb of Jesus when an angel of the Lord declared to the two Marys, "He is not here, for he has risen" (Matt. 28:6). What a dismal day for mankind it would have been if the tomb would have been full instead of empty. If the tomb was full, we would have a God we could not trust. Jesus made it very clear when he said, "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30) that we must believe his promises because they are from God. Yet, if Jesus remained in the tomb after making a statement like he did in Matthew 12:40, "For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth," then we would have a God who could not keep His word.

If the tomb was full, we would have no salvation from our sins. In the book of Romans, Paul outlines the problem that all people have, whether religious or not: we have all sinned (Rom. 3:23). It does not matter the "type" of sin or even the quantity of sin; the problem is still the same. **We have been separated from God!** Paul concludes this section of Romans by exclaiming, "Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?" (Rom. 7:24). If the tomb was full, this is where the book of Romans would have ended, all of mankind knowing the problem of sin yet without a solution to the problem.

If the tomb was full, we would have no hope in our current life or for the life to come. If all we had to live for day to day was what we could see, what sort of existence would we have? If there was no life after this world, shouldn't we try to have all that we can in this life? Where does that lead us as individuals or as a society? Without hope from God we can expect a life characterized by futile thinking, foolish hearts, and exchanging what is important for immediate gratification (Rom. 1:21-22). The world without the hope God offers is a dark place.

Thanks be to God that the tomb was not full; IT WAS EMPTY! God's promises can be trusted. "Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him" (Proverbs 30:5). Furthermore, "Let God be true though everyone were a liar" (Rom. 3:4). In addition, God planned out our salvation with great detail from the beginning of time so that "whoever believes in him [Jesus] should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Through obedience to His will by believing, confessing (Matt. 10:32-33), repenting (Luke 13:3,5), and being baptized for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38), God has secured our salvation in Jesus Christ. Finally, God has given us a hope that is beyond comprehension in a dark and dreary world. "Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Rom. 5:2). There is nothing that prepares us to face the difficulties of this life like the hope we have for the next life. If you have not fully grasped the significance of the tomb of Jesus being empty, take hold of it now by beginning your life with him today. - *Ty Hale*

### ELDERS

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

### 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



If you missed Focus Week camp sign up last week, see Scott Davis or Mark Landes ASAP. It's not too late to sign up! (Grades 4-12)

**April 30-May 1**



*Family Retreat at Carlat Creek*

Everyone is invited! Cost is \$15/family or \$6 for singles. Please sign up in the foyer. Sign up deadline is this Wednesday!

**May 1**

There will be a wedding shower in honor of Kelsey Manning and Beau Burton next Sunday, May 1st from 2:00-3:30 in the afternoon at the home of Patti Jones. Kelsey and Beau are registered at Target, Dillard's and Bed, Bath & Beyond.



**AWTG/Wilshire:** Vans will leave at 4:30. Dinner provided at Wilshire. Vans will be returning at approximately 7:00-7:15.

**May 2**

**2011 Graduating Seniors**



*Connor Davis*

PC North High School  
Oklahoma Christian

*Dallas Gray*

Yukon High School  
culinary school

*Kenda Hixson*

OK Virtual High School  
OCCC

*Colby Merrill*

Yukon High School

*Amanda Dodgen*

Deer Creek High School  
nursing school

*Dustin Hand*

Piedmont High School

*Abby Lamb*

PC North High School  
Oklahoma State

*Elizabeth Smith*

PC North High School  
University of Oklahoma

There will be a Senior Banquet honoring the 2011 High School Seniors, Monday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. This is open to all our members and is a wonderful way to pay tribute to our youth. Please sign the sheet on the North information table if you are able to attend.

**May 3**

*Monday Night Outreach-* Tuesday night at 6:30 in the small auditorium.

**May 4**

Last Ladies Bible Class

**May 8**

*Mother's Day*

**May 15**

BK Sunday



**AWTG Volleyball Tournament at Tecumseh-** Vans will leave at 9:00 a.m. We will worship with the Tecumseh church. Lunch will be provided and volleyball during the afternoon. Vans will be back in time for evening worship at North Mac. Youth need to have teams turned in to Mark Landes by next Sunday, May 1.

**B**

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Duane Manning

request

The Honour of Your Presence at the Marriage of Their Daughter

*Kelsey Ann*

to

*Beau James*

*Burton*

Son of Ms. Micheula Jane Fletchall

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Patrick Burton

Saturday, the Twenty-First of May

Two Thousand Eleven

Six o'clock in the evening North MacArthur church of Christ

Reception to Follow

Nursery Duty  
Cindy Gibbs &  
Cheryl Fleming



Bread Ministry Helpers  
BK Groups  
Tonight (4/24) - Hunter  
Next Week (5/1) - Hill

# MAY BIRTHDAYS

Stuart Gray	1	John Whaley	15
Samantha Taylor	2	Carolyn Clark	16
Darrel Davis	3	Stephen Taylor	16
Emily Warren	3	Kynlee Cook	18
Chaney Hale	4	Carrie Holland	19
Kelly Hill	4	Geri Walker	20
Connery Storie	4	Kathleen Davis	21
Grant Hall	5	Presli Findley	22
Kourtney Hatcher	5	Jenny Rogers	22
Clint Thompson	5	Brooks Webb	22
Landon Thompson	5	Breck Butler	24
Austin Wallace	5	Audrey Cobb	24
Jennifer Bettes	6	Ronda Vanover	24
Ann Chaney	6	Gyndy Canan	25
Jimmy Hunter	6	Mitch Warren	25
Maelee Hurst	6	Ettalyn Canan	26
Robby Holzberger	7	Lucille Hall	27
Sam Jackson	7	Sara Taylor	27
Wayne Meiser	7	Jerry Buckley	28
Conner Campbell	8	Sandy Harvey	28
Kenny Blair	9	Noma Bates	29
Dallas Gray	9	Jeff Bennett	29
Becky Montgomery	10	Don Hermes	29
Cale Nard	10	Lexi Sutherland	29
Angela Webb	11	Emily Trice	29
Will Clark	12	Josh Wayland	29
Sabrina Ross	12	Valerie Blair	30
Connor Brauer	13	Amanda Dodgen	30
Gary Rollins	13	Daniel Dowell	30
Bobby Williams	13	Leslie Sutherland	30
Eddie Carabajal	14	Tommie Akard	31
Chief Gower	15		



## Directory Update

We would like all members to check their directory information to make sure that it is correct and complete. There are tables located by the picture boards and the south doors with a printed directory. Please correct any information that is wrong and add any information that is missing, and then put a check beside your name. If you need to update your picture, see Neil Gray at the North side of the auditorium.

## Men To Serve Sunday Evening

Announcements..... Gary Rollins  
 Opening Prayer..... Scott Shoemake  
 Song Leader..... Kelly White  
 Scripture Reading..... Gary Smith  
 Lord's Table..... Luke Rhodes  
 Hunter Rhodes  
 Closing Prayer..... Dale Marshall  
 To Lock Up(April 24-27)... Randy Hampton

## Family News & Information

### Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to *Earl Hale* and *Mary Lee & Garry Looper* on the loss of Mary Lee's mother and Earl's wife, *Jean Hale*. He services were held Monday at Buchanan's Funeral Home.

### Thank You

"Dear North MacArthur, Thank you so much for the adorable blanket and burp cloths. They have come in so handy! We are so blessed to have a wonderful and supportive church family."

-With Love, *Deejay, Jennifer, Natalie & Katelyn Bettes*

### New Members

Floyd & Genee Mills  
 4905 NW 18th St.  
 OKC, OK 73127  
 946-4001

Roy & Dorothy Burt  
 4609 NW 31st  
 OKC, OK 73122  
 942-5970

### Welcome



Chris & Haley  
Kaufman

### New Address

Carrie Arnold  
 7701 Devore, N26  
 OKC, OK 73162  
 501-6216

### Name Tags

April is name tag month! All members please wear your magnetic name-tags or the paper name-tags that are available in the foyer.

Magnetic name-tags are now available to order for just \$5.00 each. Order forms are located in the foyer.



Mary Lee & Garry Looper, Earl Hale



\*cards are available in pews



Adult Bible Classes will study  
 "If You Live By the Spirit" -Romans 8:1-39



# PRAYER LIST

## OUR ILL AT THE TIME OF PRINTING (4-22)

🕯 Please continue to pray for Scott, Sarah, and Emma Stewart. Emma may be able to move from CICU to the 8th floor soon. 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). Scott and Sarah are moving into an apartment in Dallas and have a new address, listed below.

*Scott, Sarah, and Emma Stewart*  
 MAA  
 Open Arms  
 6800 Arapaho Rd #1085  
 Dallas, TX 75248

- 🕯 Mary Davis was able to go home from the hospital on Thursday.
- 🕯 Louise Alverson is still in Mercy room 257 undergoing rehab from her recent hip surgery.
- 🕯 Karen Hardy had knee surgery on Tuesday at Baptist as a result of her recent car wreck. She was able to go home on Wednesday.
- 🕯 Kay Meiser fell off of a ladder last week and broke her foot. She was to consult with a surgeon on Thursday.
- 🕯 Please continue to remember Pat Southerland's father, Bill Mosley, who has been back in the VA hospital.
- 🕯 Also remember Susan Wood's cousin, Paul Creel, who recently found out that his cancer has returned. he is undergoing radiation treatment in Texas.
- 🕯 Please pray for Kristy Duarte's sister, Barbie Hills, who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma last week.

## CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

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

<b>Attendance 4/17/11:</b>	
Bible Class	455
Worship	620
<b>Giving: \$19,082</b>	
<b>Contribution Report</b>	
<b>April 17, 2011</b>	
<b>Budget needs:</b>	
through 4/17/11 (\$17,980 x 16*)	\$287,680
Contribution: through 4/17/11	\$304,103
	+16,333
*Does not include mission Sunday	
<b>Mission (October '10):</b>	
Total Purposed	29,050
Total Given to Date	24,223

*Order of Worship*  
*Sunday, April 24, 2011*

*Announcements..... Gary Rollins*

*Prayer..... Craig Dodgen*

*Song Leader..... Scott Hankins*

*Song #346, "He Lives"*

*Song #242, "Sing Hallelujah to the Lord"*

*Song #344, "Low in the Grave He Lay"*

*Lord's Supper.....Saul Scaife*

*Giving as We Have Promised*

*Song #342, "We Saw Thee Not"*

*Scripture Reading.....Jeff Dodgen*

*Luke 24:1-8*

*Sermon..... Tim Lewis*

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

*Song #528, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*

*Closing Prayer.....Jesse McCarty*