

NORTH MACARTHUR CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Appreciation for the Gift

When I think of a gift that was not appreciated, the little boy in *A Christmas Story* who gets the giant pink bunny suit from his aunt for Christmas comes to mind. The gift was not even on the list of things he desired, and when he had to put it on to wear it, he was humiliated and miserable. Appreciation for a gift takes an understanding of why it was given and the thought behind it. We usually would not expect a 10 year old boy to understand the time and effort that went into making something by hand, but we would expect him to mature so he can learn to respect and value a gift.

Similarly, as Christians we need to continue to grow in our appreciation for the gift of God—Jesus Christ. Isaiah prophesied, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined” (9:2). It is sometimes difficult to continue to feel grateful for something we have had for a while. For example, when you first purchased your new home, you tried to take care of it with special care because you understood its value to you. As the home ages, little concessions are made—taking your shoes off before you walk on the carpet is no longer needed because age has already caused the carpet to become soiled. With this in mind, it is important that we never forget about the light that Christ brings to our lives. The light that he brings should not be dimming over time; instead, it should be growing brighter! This brightness is manifested in our appreciation for his dying on the cross for my sins and your sins.

Remember the excitement you felt when your sins were washed away at your baptism (or maybe you have not experienced the awesomeness of having all your sins repealed). Because of your appreciation for the gift of God, you sought someone out to share that gift with; it could not be kept all to yourself. Do we still have that desire to share the great gift of God with others? Is Jesus part of our conversations with others? Do people around us see a fire for God and a deep heart-felt appreciation for being snatched from the “land of the deep darkness”? If not, why? The gift has not changed. The change has to have occurred in us. Perhaps our heart has been led into appreciating things that do not have eternal ramifications. If it has, listen to the words of the Hebrews writer and make a change today, “Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe” (12:28). Part of what is acceptable worship to God is sharing his great gift with others. If it has been a while, or perhaps you have never shared your faith with someone else, it is time to do so. An opportunity to show your appreciation for God’s gift of life and light in Christ will occur on **Tuesday, July 5th at 6:30 p.m.** as we have **Monday Night Outreach**. Come be a part of sharing the gift of Christ with others.

--Ty Hale

ELDERS

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

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

July 4 church office closed

July 5 *Monday Night Outreach on Tuesday* 6:30 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.

July 6 *Going Away Party for Andrew & Darcee Schwarz*- 6:00 p.m. in the small auditorium. If you would like to contribute towards a money tree, see *Vanessa Wakefield*.

Wednesday Night Summer Series

Mel Latorre: "Christ Jesus- My Redeemer"

I Want to
KNOW Christ
Philippians 3:10

July 10 **BK Sunday**- Next week is our regularly scheduled BK Sunday. The noon meal will be hosted by the *Foltz* and *Duarte* groups. Leaders, your call sheets are in the boxes outside of room 110.

July 10-13

July 13 **Wednesday Meal-Mexican**

July 17 **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Game Night!!



Indoor & Outdoor Activities. Food & drinks provided. All families please bring a dessert and your favorite board game or card game. Please sign up on the south information table.

July 18 **AWTG/North Mac- 7:00 p.m.**

July 21



July 23

Redhawks Baseball Game

July 24-29 **OKLAHOMA PREACHER TRAINING CAMP**

Preacher's Training Camp begins on July 24th and runs through the 29th of July.

We need ladies of the congregation to help make desserts.

We also need ladies for additional help in the kitchen.

If you are able to give of your time during this period, please sign up on the appropriate sheets that are located on the North table in the foyer.

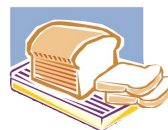


Cherokee Hills

Family
GROWTH
SEMINAR
& V.B.S.

Amy Basic, Stephani Minor, Steve Minor and Tony Wallace are all part of this event. Check the South information table for more details.

Nursery Duty
Ronda & Kenda
Hixson



Bread Ministry Helpers
BK Groups
Tonight (7/3) - Crain
Next Week (7/10) - Clark

Family News & Information

Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to *Wilda Copeland* and her family on the loss of our brother *N.R. Copeland* last week. His services were held Saturday at Buchanan's.

Thank You

"North MacArthur, Thank you so much for the love, prayers, kind words and cards and for keeping us in your thoughts at this difficult time. We appreciate all the food provided both at our home and the meal after the services. it is such a blessing to belong to such a wonderful congregation."

-Love, *Christie, Dave, Ryan & Megan Fuller & the Parker Family*

"Dear North MacArthur Family, I would like to thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, visits and calls during my recent surgery and recovery." -Love, *Joe & Vicki Killer*

Welcome

**Donnie & Kaleen
Kitchen**



**Marshal & Stacey
McLeod
Samantha & Erin**

Change of Address

Lance & Whitney Hartman
2930 Nantucket Rd.
Apt. 201 B
Edmond, OK 73013

Jeff Bennett
2120 S Santa Fe Ave #203
Moore, OK 73160
202-2908



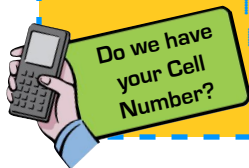
applesauce
canned chicken
canned fruit
canned stews & soups
cereal
chili
complete box meals

cornbread mix
crackers
evaporated milk
fruit juice
instant oatmeal
instant potatoes
jelly

pancake mix
paper sacks
peanut butter
powdered milk
rice
rice & pasta meals
scalloped potatoes

soap
spaghetti
spaghetti sauce
syrup
toothpaste
tuna
tuna helper

PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SOUTH INFORMATION TABLE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING TEXTS & EMAILS THAT CONCERN OUR YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAM. MEL WILL SEND NOTICES WITH ANY PERTINENT INFO TO THE YOUTH & THEIR PARENTS VIA TEXT OR EMAIL.



Congratulations!

Matt & Natalie Greenroyd are the proud parents of a new baby boy. Emmett Danger was born June 16th and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21 inches long. Mom & baby are doing well.



Men To Serve Sunday Evening

Announcements..... Ty Hale
Opening Prayer..... Charles Williams
Song Leader..... Kelly White
Scripture Reading..... Eddie Carabajal
**Lord's Table..... Jerry Campbell
Kerry Campbell**
Closing Prayer..... Kenny Butler
To Lock Up (July 3-6)..... Josh Wayland

Adult Bible
Classes will
study

"Honor
and
Dishonor"
-Mark
6:1-56



cards are available
in pews



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

OUR ILL AT THE TIME OF PRINTING (7-1)

- 🕯 Please continue to remember Emma Stewart. She is home with Scott & Sarah in their Dallas apartment. The doctors believe that right now she is a candidate for the Glenn procedure instead of a heart transplant.
- 🕯 Please continue to pray for Marvin and Eulalia Cawood. Eulalia is still in Select Specialty Hospital. Please call before visits.
- 🕯 Cynthia Helmuth was admitted to Mercy Hospital last Thursday with blood clots in her lungs, and will have to remain 3 or 4 days. She is in room 563.
- 🕯 Allen Little was able to go home from the hospital last Saturday.
- 🕯 Kitty Welch is still in Meadowlake Rehab.
- 🕯 Sharon Fitzpatrick had surgery last week and is now recovering at home.

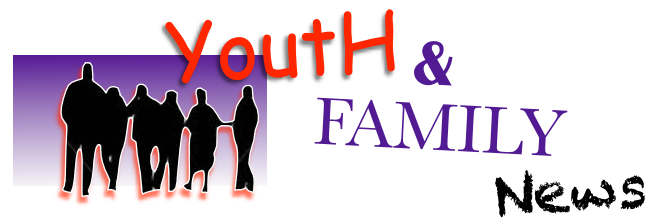
CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Rondell Thomas; Addyson Hood; Jeffrey Collins; Sharon Osborne's mother, Kathryn Beardain; Karen Hardy; Kristy Duarte's sister, Barbie Hills; Cynthia Helmuth; Jeff Bennett's father, Richard Bennett; Pat Danley's son, Scott; Martha Thomason's parents, Eugene & Evelyn Perry; Jane Harbert's 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, Dimples Aldridge, 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		
 Indonesia Colin McKee & native preacher	 Tanzania George Jensen	 New Zealand Chris Miller

Attendance 6/26/11:	
Bible Class 362	
Worship 581	
Giving: \$20,264	
Contribution Report	
June 26, 2011	
Budget needs:	
through 6/26/11 (\$17,980 x 26*).....	\$467,480
Contribution: through 6/26/11.....	<u>\$490,073</u>
	+22,593
*Does not include mission Sunday	
Mission (October '10):	
Total Purposed.....	29,050
Total Given to Date.....	28,878



What are you searching for? That might be an easier question to answer for some than others. But the fact of the matter is that everyone is searching for something. Often the problem is that some don't even know what they are looking for, just that they have not yet found it. Perhaps most would answer by saying things such as inner peace, happiness, spiritually, pleasure, acceptance, success, joy, love, fame, fortune, etc. Ultimately, whatever answer is given, all are searching because there is a void that needs to be filled. And people are going to be about trying to fill it.

The scriptures make it clear that what humanity needs is God: "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12.13). However, acknowledging that reality is not enough to bring one to eagerly want to know God and to faithfully follow Him. Many claim interest in knowing God, but what they are doing in practical terms is looking for a god molded according to their own interests. They are searching for a god that will not pass judgment or impose any discipline. They want a god that does not make any demands for change of behavior or at least does not ask for anything too difficult. A god that easily adapts to their life styles, that freely gives out blessings, and that always protects them from their careless decisions. What people are looking for is not a God to faithfully follow but a god that will faithfully follow them. So, what are you searching for?

Mel

<i>Order of Worship</i>	
<i>Sunday, July 3, 2011</i>	
<i>Announcements.....</i>	<i>Ty Hale</i>
<i>Prayer.....</i>	<i>Kerry Campbell</i>
<i>Song Leader.....</i>	<i>Scott Hankins</i>
<i>Song #74, "Praise the Lord"</i>	
<i>Song #76, "How Great Thou Art"</i>	
<i>Song #96, "I Stand in Awe"</i>	
<i>Song #4, "To God Be the Glory"</i>	
<i>Song #376, "He Paid a Debt"</i>	
<i>Lord's Supper.....</i>	<i>Kelly White</i>
<i>Giving as We Have Promised</i>	
<i>Song #100, "Holy Ground"</i>	
<i>Song #47, "Holy, Holy, Holy"</i>	
<i>Scripture Reading.....</i>	<i>Adam Basic</i>
<i>Proverbs 8:1-14</i>	
<i>Sermon.....</i>	<i>Mel Latorre</i>
<i>Song #915, "Trust and Obey"</i>	
<i>Song #560, "Living By Faith"</i>	
<i>Closing Prayer.....</i>	<i>Remington Afre</i>