

NORTH MACARTHUR CHURCH OF CHRIST

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God's Work Will Continue

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(*Chairman for September)

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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Paul commends the church in Philippi for their giving by saying this: “And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only . . . Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit” (Philippians 4:15, 17). As we study this great book of Philippians in our Sunday morning Bible classes, we are seeing how much of a partnership Paul felt with the church in Philippi. Because of their giving, he was allowed to continue to present the gospel. Therefore, I know that **Colin and Ellen McKee** in Indonesia, **George and Joy Jensen** in Tanzania, **Chris and Melinda Miller** in New Zealand, **Brandon and Katie Price** in the Ukraine, **Martin and Julie Johnson** in Utah, and the **native preachers** in Nepal are feeling the same sort of partnership Paul felt for the Philippians with you. This past Sunday more than **\$100,926** was given or pledged to help support missionaries throughout the world. Your gift has enabled them to “seek the fruit that increases to your credit.” Every dollar given allows our missionaries to worry less about their day to day well-being and concentrate more on producing fruit for God’s kingdom.

Not only has this congregation given generously to the Mission Sunday effort, but week in and week out our contribution is strong so we can reach out to our own communities. So far this year **\$697,992** has been given for our regular contribution; this amount is **\$32,732** more than our budget that was set according to your purposing. In other words, you are giving even more than you said you could. With all the economic talk of a recession, you are a shining example that a recession does not exist in the heart of a Christian who is committed to the work of his/her Master. In a time when people are shrinking back from giving their money even to charitable causes, the Christians at North MacArthur are supporting the work of the Lord in an even greater way.

When thinking of the spirit of the Christians at North MacArthur, I can think of no better description than the one Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians: “For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints--and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us” (8:3-5). You have proven the earnestness of your love for God (2 Cor. 8:8) by showing your desire to give to His work. Because of your giving, the work of God will continue to increase in many places throughout the world.

-Ty Hale

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

Oct. 2

Friend's Day **Bring Your Friends!**

Invitations are Available in the Foyer.



Quest Lecture at Oklahoma Christian, 7:00 p.m.
Howard Norton- "I Believe the New Testament Church is Our Model"

Oct. 3



Monday Night Outreach

Quest Lecture at Oklahoma Christian, 7:00 p.m.
Chuck Monan- "I Believe Jesus Was Raised From the Dead"

Oct. 5

Ladies Bible Class & Potluck

Oct. 9

BK Sunday



Oct. 12

Fast Food Fellowship



"Godly Girls" & "Godly Men" at 7:00 PM

Oct. 16

Middle School Devo at the Butler's, High School Devo at the Hale's

Oct. 21-23

**COUPLES
RETREAT**

"CONQUERING THE TYRANNY OF TIME"

Western Hills Guest Ranch, Hulbert, OK

Speakers:
Mel Latorre & Ty Hale

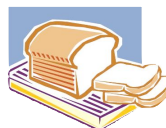
Space is Limited to 20 Couples

**Sign-up Deadline
September 28th**

Sign-up and information sheets are located on the south table in the foyer



Nursery Duty
Robin & Brenna
Pershall



Bread Ministry Helpers
BK Groups
Tonight (9/25) - Meiser
Next Week (10/2) -Crain

Birthdays



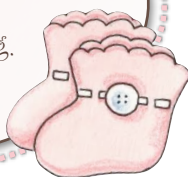
OCTOBER

Lisa Liticker	2	Dale Marshall	15
Timothy Rogers	2	Lauren Arledge	16
Becky Zajac	2	Joshua Basic	17
Trish Strubar	3	Kendall Haliburton	17
Tommy Flegal	4	Vicki Ross	17
Keira Nguyen	4	Tyler Bush	18
Emma Stewart	4	Bonnie Seabourn	18
Diane Henry	5	Sharon Butler	20
Kip Henry	5	Jim Hall	20
Mike Morgan	5	Skylar Henry	20
Brenna Pershall	5	Ginger Shoemake	20
Amy Basic	6	Pam Liticker	21
DJ Bettes	6	Kerry Campbell	22
Paisley Kliever	6	Brooks Judd	22
Natalie Martin	6	Lucas Latorre	22
J'Nevlyne Schrock	6	Chandler Osborne	22
Glynda Underwood	6	Bill Smith	22
Derrick Duarte	8	John Pinkley	23
Lola Huber	8	Ivan Stewart	24
Kaidance Thomas	8	Sara Gower	27
Brandon Thomason	9	Carl Stevens	27
Craig Dodgen	10	Doug Liticker	29
Jesse McCarty	12	Shelli Butler	30
Donnie Bates	13	Jeremy Kopf	30
Breann Stavinoha	13	Patti Jones	31
Bonnie Stuckwish	14	Scott Stewart	31



Congratulations!

Tony & Brittney Franz are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Natalia Grace was born September 19th and weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 18 3/4 inches long. Natalia is welcomed home by big sister Somalia.



Men To Serve Sunday Evening

Announcements.....Charles Williams
 Opening Prayer.....John Whaley
 Song Leader.....Ryan Haggerty
 Scripture Reading.....Caleb Wilson
 Lord's Table.....Mitch Warren
 Bob Williams
 Closing Prayer.....Randy Hampton
 To Lock Up (Sept. 25-28).....Jay Clark

Family News & Information

New Members

Karen Orton
 608 Bridgeview Pl
 Edmond, OK 73003
 513-8226



Welcome

Peggy Snyman
 (Christy)

Church Photo Directory



There are updated CD photo directories available on the south information table.

Change of Address

Larry & Karen Orton
 608 Bridgeview Pl
 Edmond, OK 73003
 513-8226



Song Leading Class

Periodically classes are held for instruction to any of our male members who desire to lead congregational singing in our worship services. The purpose of the class is to share instruction in method and directions for leading meaningful and effective services in song. The next class is being planned for Wednesday evenings in the next Winter Quarter. Anyone interested in leading the song service is requested to contact *Scott Hankins, Mike Taylor* or *Larry Thomason*.



Adult Bible Classes will study

"Conduct Worthy of the Gospel" - Phil. 1:27-30; 2:1-4

Martin & Julie Johnson

Utah

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*cards are available in pews

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

OUR ILL AT THE TIME OF PRINTING (9-23)

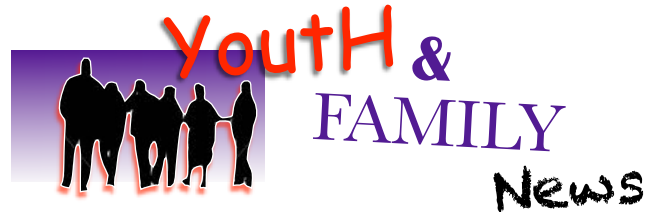
- 🕯 Please continue to remember Scott, Sarah & Emma Stewart. Emma had surgery last Monday. Please pray for her continued recovery. (*emmajanae.blogspot.com*)
- 🕯 Josh Marshall had his second surgery on Wednesday in Cincinnati, and is on his way home. He will go back in about a month.
- 🕯 Please continue to remember Jeffrey Collins, who had another stay in Baptist Hospital, but was able to go home last Wednesday.
- 🕯 Also remember LaShanya Nash, who has to meet with a surgeon Thursday at Baptist to schedule hernia surgery.
- 🕯 Dimples Aldridge has been moved to Warr Acres Nursing Center. Pam requests please no visitors.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Tom Pippin; Jeffrey Collins; Rondell Thomas; Addyson Hood; Sharon Osborne's mother, Kathryn Beardain; Karen Hardy; Kristy Duarte's sister, Barbie Hills; 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: 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



At our Wednesday night class we are looking at what it takes to be a disciple of Jesus. The series is entitled "Walking with the Rabbi". We have noted that today one would be hard pressed to deny Jesus' popularity and impact in the world. As an example, consider the following words attributed to Napoleon: *"Everything in Christ astonishes me. His spirit overawes me, and his will confounds me. Between him and whoever else in the world, there is no possible term of comparison... I search in vain in history to find the similar to Jesus Christ, or anything that can approach the gospel. Neither history, nor humanity, nor the ages, nor nature, offer me anything with which I am able to compare it or explain it. Here everything is extraordinary."* However such popularity must inevitably come down to each individual making a personal decision regarding Jesus. Many today are willing to admit having great respect for Jesus and for his legacy but they are quick to part ways with the rabbi from Nazareth. The reason is that they cannot go along with the focus that Jesus put on Himself as being equal with God (John 1.1-2, 14, 18; 14.6). In comparison with other rabbis, leaders and philosophers of the time, Jesus claims and teachings hardly fit the pattern. He was not so much seeking truth as pointing to it, by pointing to Himself as the source of truth, and as He spoke He made no distinction between His own words and God's. So, today there are those that nod in acknowledgment of Jesus' historical influence and wise teachings, but will stop short of recognizing His divine identity. However, as C. S. Lewis puts it: *"You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come up with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."* Thus, to be a disciple of Jesus one must be willing to call Jesus not only their teacher but also their Lord and Savior (Acts 2.36-39).

Sincerely, Mel Latorre

*Order of Worship
Sunday, September 25, 2011*

- Announcements..... Charles Williams*
Prayer..... Billy Pratt
Song Leader..... Mike Taylor
Song #230, "Worthy Art Thou"
Song #264, "O Come, Let Us Adore Him"
Song #112, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"
Song #250, "The Great Redeemer"
Song #324, "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?"
Lord's Supper..... Wayne Meiser
Giving as We Have Promised
Song #346, "He Lives"
Scripture Reading..... Brad Bush
Mark 16:15-16
Sermon..... Tim Lewis
Song #909, "There's a Fountain Free"
Song (screen only), "Let Me Be a Blessing"
Closing Prayer..... Dave Fuller

Attendance 9/18/11:

Bible Class 464

Worship 647

Mission Giving: \$68,967

**Contribution Report
September 18, 2011**

Budget needs:

through 9/18/11 (\$17,980 x 37*).....\$665,260

Contribution: through 9/18/11.....\$697,992

+32,732

*Does not include mission Sunday

Mission (October '11):

Total Purposed.....31,959

Total Given to Date.....