

NORTH MACARTHUR CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Same Mindedness

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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
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Being of one mind is sometimes a good thing and sometime a bad thing. In our current culture having one mind often results in a mob mentality. People of like ideologies protest and sometimes the situation turns ugly, or sometimes the fans of “one” team become so exhilarated that they form a mob that does real harm to a city. For example, a recent mob rioted in Vancouver after the Canucks lost to the Boston Bruins in the NHL Stanley Cup Final; rioters smashed windows and set cars on fire, causing perhaps millions of dollars worth of damage, or last year the same type of thing happened after the Lakers won the NBA championship in Los Angeles. Therefore, being of a like mind can be a bad thing if that mind is set on destruction or evil.

We have a good example of this in Genesis chapter 11. The scriptures tell us that the people in the plain of the land of Shinar were of like mind; they were united in purpose and they set out to “make a name for themselves” (11:4). Therefore, God responded to their efforts in the following way, “They are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them” (11:6). God is not opposed to oneness. If this were true much of the New Testament would have to be removed. In fact, much of the book we are beginning to study in Bible classes today, **Philippians**, would have to be discarded. God wants us to be of the same mind and he encourages it openly as long as it accomplishes His will and brings us into line with His thoughts. Accordingly, Paul writes in Philippians 2:2, “Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.” The people who built the tower of Babel were interested in making a name for themselves—self-glorification. Instead, as Christians we need to be interested in bringing glory to God as exemplified in the mind of Jesus Christ.

What if the people who built the tower of Babel had God’s goals in mind? What could they have accomplished? We need to be a body of believers who is seeking to be of the same mind, but there is only one way to do this. We need to all be studying the same textbook, receiving the same knowledge, striving to learn the same things, being trained in the same character, thinking about the same goals. How can we accomplish this? A starting place is coming to Bible class every Sunday morning where you can gather with other Christians to hear the same message from God’s Word proclaimed. Every adult class studies the same book of the New Testament and that helps create the same mindedness that brings God glory. Please plan on being a part of learning the mind of Christ as we study the book of Philippians this quarter at 9:00 on Sunday mornings.

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



--Ty Hale



North MacArthur CHURCH CALENDAR

Fall Quarter Begins / Promotion Sunday



TODAY

- ** All Adult Bible Classes will study Philippians and Philemon
- ** Elementary children will go to the class of their grade placement for this school year.
- ** Class promotion for preschool children is each quarter instead of annually. If your preschool child had a birthday during the summer quarter (June 1-August 31), they may move up to the next age-appropriate class today.



Sept. 5 Labor Day/Office Closed

Sept. 6 *Monday Night Outreach on Tuesday*



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.

Sept. 7 *Ladies Bible Class & Potluck*



Early Bird Class Begins
5:15 p.m.



Sept. 10 The annual North MacArthur golf scramble will be at the Surrey Hills golf course on Saturday, Sept. 10th starting at 8:00 a.m. Anyone is welcome to come and play. A sign-up sheet with details is on the north information table. Sign-up deadline is TODAY. If you have any questions, see Gary Smith or Kelly Hill.



Sept. 11 *Ladies, please note that the baby shower for Toni Ellison has been postponed to a later date.*

AWTG- South Yukon (Leave at 4:15)

Sept. 14 **Wednesday Meal- BBQ**
 "Godly Girls" & "Godly Men" at 7:00 PM



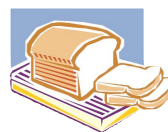
**Mission
Sunday
Goal:
\$110,000**

Sept. 18 **Every Member Present** - Make your plans to be here & encourage those who have been absent from our assembly.

BK Re-organization Dinner - After morning worship in the gym. All families please bring a meat dish, a dessert, and either a salad or a vegetable.



Nursery Duty
Sheryl & Ashton
Martin



Bread Ministry Helpers
BK Groups
Tonight (9/4) - Rollins
Next Week (9/11) -

Mission Sunday Sept. 18th



As we do our part locally, let's not forget about the missionaries we support to preach the gospel world-wide! Please take a **Mission Prayer Guide** from the south information table to use in your family devotionals this week.

Meet Your New Brother in Christ

Otha Brewer was born again in Christ on Wednesday evening after several weeks of Bible study with **Ivan** and **Maryfern Stewart**. Otha's uncle is a preacher in the church and his mother and grandparents were members of the church also. Ivan and Maryfern met Otha in a health exercise class that they share three days a week and began talking about spiritual matters. Otha said, "I have been attending the Baptist church with my wife for several years. They said they wanted to vote on me to become a member of their church. That did not sound right and I want to know what you think about voting people into the church." As Christians, we need to open conversations with those around us that lead to questions like these. Conversations with others are a God-given opportunity to share the gospel just as Ivan and Maryfern exemplified. Please welcome our new brother in Christ.

Men To Serve Sunday Evening

Announcements..... Mel Latorre
 Opening Prayer..... Gary Rollins
 Song Leader..... Hunter Rhodes
 Scripture Reading..... Tony Franz
 Lord's Table..... Chris McClaine
 Mike Ross
 Closing Prayer..... Tim Jones
 To Lock Up (Sept. 4-7)..... Jeff Morgan

Family News & Information

Thank You

To Our Wonderful North MacArthur Family, "Thank you so much for all you have done to make a very difficult time better. Your prayers continuing on Josh's behalf at times most needed are appreciated more than will ever be realized. Your caring concern, generosity, visits, calls, cards, texts, and special meals and acts of kindness have been received in deepest gratitude. It is so great, beyond what words can express, to be a part of such a loving, caring family!"

In deepest appreciation,
 Dale, Joyce & Josh Marshall

Marriage Class

"When Bad Things Happen to Good Marriages"

Based on the book by Les & Leslie Parrott

Wednesday nights at 7:00 beginning this Wednesday, September 7th.

September classes will be taught by *Wayne Meiser*, October classes by *Mel Latorre*, and November classes by *Tim Lewis*. There are flyer on the South information table that you can use to invite friends.

Going Away Party

There will be a going away party for Meagan & David Bowden before they begin their mission trip to the Philippines. The party will be Sat. Sept 10 at 6:30 in the small auditorium. If you would like to help with snacks please see *Sheryl Martin*.



Adult Bible Classes will study "The Saints at Philippi" -Phil. 1:1-2

Colin & Ellen McKee
 Indonesia
cohamckee@att.net



*cards are available in pews

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

OUR ILL AT THE TIME OF PRINTING (9-2)

- 🕯 Please continue to remember Scott, Sarah & Emma Stewart. Emma has been back in the hospital with some type of infection, but is improving.
- 🕯 Please continue to remember Dimples Aldridge, who is still in Deaconess Hospital 363.
- 🕯 Jeffrey Collins was in the hospital for about a week but is now back home.
- 🕯 Also continue to remember Josh Marshall, who goes back to Cincinnati on September 14th and will stay there a week.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: 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

*Order of Worship
Sunday, September 4, 2011*

Announcements..... Mel Latorre

Prayer..... Dennis Duarte

Song Leader..... Kelly White

Song #590, "Jesus is All the World to Me"

Song #288, "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Song #221, "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Song #222, "There's Something About That Name"

Song #896, "Ivory Palaces"

Lord's Supper..... Bill Crain

Giving as We Have Promised

Song #300, "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Scripture Reading..... Ben Butler

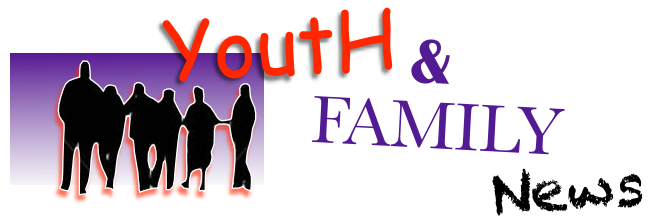
I Corinthians 2:1-5

Sermon..... Tim Lewis

Song #943, "Do You Know My Jesus?"

Song #738, "Take the Name of Jesus with You"

Closing Prayer..... Hunter Rhodes



The Apostle Peter in his first letter writes to Christians that were facing fierce persecution and having to endure great troubles because of their faith (1.6-9). However, even though the church was facing dark times, Peter encourages them to rejoice in their salvation, to submit to their Lord, stand firm in their faith and stay true to their calling. A calling by a Holy God for them to shine in the midst of darkness, to love their enemies and to do good to all. This holy behavior would undoubtedly make an impression on those around them and cause them to want to know more about it. Thus Peter encourages the Christians to be prepared to explain and give an answer to the reason for their godly behavior.

Where most would be thinking of ways to escape such persecution, Peter encourages the church to think of their circumstances as an opportunity for missions. Dick Clark summarized this sentiment well when he said, "A crisis is a terrible thing to waste." And to make the most of the crisis, Peter encourages the Christians to pray, as he explains; "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer..." (3.12). A very timely charge in the midst of persecution, but also appropriate for all Christians as we remember and pray for God's work in this world. As we look forward to mission Sunday, let us especially take the time to specifically pray for the missionaries and mission efforts that this congregation is involved with. To facilitate this process, there is a "prayer guide" on the south information table with a list of things to pray for. Let us commit to prayer on behalf of missions.

Sincerely,
Mel

Attendance 8/28/11:	
Bible Class	427
Worship	621
Giving:	\$16,988
Contribution Report August 28, 2011	
Budget needs:	
through 8/28/11 (\$17,980 x 35*)	\$629,300
Contribution: through 8/28/11	<u>\$655,872</u>
	+26,572
*Does not include mission Sunday	
Mission (October '10):	
Total Purposed	29,050
Total Given to Date	32,188