

NORTH MACARTHUR CHURCH OF CHRIST



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What Does it Take to Have Good Brother's Keeper Groups?

You will not find the name Brother's Keeper or small group in the Bible. Yet, we know that many Christians met in homes for worship and to share fellowship with one another (Acts 2:42-47). This type of time to connect with other Christians and share common goals is often called fellowship. Fellowship can often best be defined as "an association involving close mutual relations and involvement" (see 1 John 1:3). One of the expressions of fellowship North MacArthur has is the Brother's Keeper groups. Part of the function of these groups is congregating together to share a meal once a month. These groups were envisioned to have a couple of major goals by our elders: (1) Help break down a large congregation into smaller groups so that people can get to know one another, (2) Allow these small groups to minister to the individuals in them (care for them during difficult or joyful times), and (3) Build a spiritual bond that is strong between brothers and sisters in Christ. These goals are very admirable, but two things are vital to the functioning of these groups as the elder's desire.

First, **good leaders of these groups are needed.** We have been very blessed with great BK leaders over the years, and we continue to have many great Christians step to the forefront to help with this important church program. When a congregation gets to be as large as North MacArthur, it becomes very difficult to get to know people beyond a face and name without setting some time aside for fellowship. Furthermore, a growing number of Brother's Keeper leaders are needed so that the groups can maintain a reasonable number to be able to meet in homes during the year. If you have served in the past and are not currently serving, now is a great time to return to that service. If you have never served but are willing, your willingness to serve will make a difference! (Please see Wayne Meiser or Rob Schwarz for details about serving).

Secondly, **members need to take advantage of these opportunities.** I have never seen a plan of salvation that includes a Brother's Keeper type activity on it in order to be saved. On the other hand, I would have missed a great depth and richness in my life as a Christian if I had not taken advantage of the opportunities BK has given me to know other Christians. Those Christians have been there during difficulties and during happy times to share my life. We all need the strength that other Christians can offer to help us achieve God's will in our lives. Brother's Keeper gives us a broader spectrum of who our family in Christ is. If you have not participated in BK in the past, or no longer participate for some reason, consider getting active in this great work of the church again. You will not regret it. *-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

TODAY



There will be a baby shower in honor of Christi Farmer **TODAY** at the home of Dayna McClaine from 2:00-3:30 in the afternoon. Gift cards are appreciated!



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 **Area-Wide Teen Gathering/North MacArthur- 7:00 p.m.** We are asking our members to please bring cookies and desserts for the teens. Please bring them to the kitchen TODAY. Be sure to label them 'area-wide'.

July 20 **Summer Series-** *Steve Schinnerer: "Christ Jesus-My High Priest"*

July 21



July 22

Middle School Devo

Flyers available in teen classroom

July 23 **Redhawks Baseball Game- 7:05 PM** Tickets are \$10. See Scott Davis to purchase. Flyers available on South information table.

July 24

There will be a meeting for all members interested in serving as leaders and co-leaders in our brothers keeper's groups for this next year next Sunday, July 24, at 4:00 in room 110. Our intent is to inform prospective families and individuals of the value of leadership in the BK groups. We will answer your questions and guide you through the leadership process. Please mark this important date on your church calendar.

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

We urge you to support our young men at camp and come out to hear the excellent speakers at the evening sessions.

*Sunday, 5:00 p.m. - Thomas Jackson
Monday, 7:00 p.m. - Dale Hartman
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bob Turner
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Wayne Roberts*



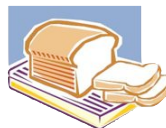
July 30 Teen Mystery Trip

July 31  **Q & A Session-** Bill Crain, Shorty Huber, Fred Rhodes and Kelly White will be on the panel.

Aug. 1 Monday Night Outreach, AWTG Ridgecrest

Aug. 3 Singing

Nursery Duty
Christine McInnes
& Julie Utley



Bread Ministry Helpers
BK Groups
Tonight (7/17) - Youth
Next Week (7/24) - Bettes



*Mr. & Mrs. David Brotherton
invite you to share in the joy of the
marriage uniting their daughter*

*Jennifer Anita Brotherton
and*

Weston Thomas Banks

son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Banks

on Saturday, the sixth of August

Two thousand eleven

at one o'clock in the afternoon

North Mac Arthur church of Christ.

Reception is to follow ceremony.

Please RSVP at:

<http://students.oc.edu/jennifer.brotherton/wedding>



*There will be
a wedding
shower in
honor of
Cassandra
Underwood,
bride-elect of Hollis
Henson, next Sunday,
July 24th from 2-4 p.m.,
given by her sisters at 13501
Memorial Park Drive, OKC.
Cassandra is registered at Target,
Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Macy's.*

Men To Serve Sunday Evening

Announcements..... Bill Crain
Opening Prayer..... Larry Thomason
Song Leader..... Jack Dodgen
Scripture Reading..... Casey Cleveland
Lord's Table..... Kelly Hill
Jeremy Kopf
Closing Prayer..... Fred Rhodes
To Lock Up (July 17-20)..... Darrel Davis

Family News & Information

Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to Larry Orton on the loss of his father, Albert Jones, last week. The services were held July 9th in Virginia.

Response

Peggy Phelps
5805 Cheyenne Court
Warr Acres, OK 73132
722-0204



Thank You

"I wanted to extend a special thank-you to the congregation at North MacArthur church of Christ. Your help at this time has meant a lot to our family. N.R. loved the congregation there and we do too."

-God Bless, David Copeland

"Dear Church Family, You will never know how much your love, prayers, food and many cards have meant to us during our time of loss. We love you and thank you for your kindness."

-Love, Kathy, Scott, Kailee & Connor Davis

"Thank you all for the prayers, visits, cards and phone calls during my recent hospital stay and a special thank you to the Wednesday night 5 and 6 year old class for the prayers and cards you made and sent to me. I am thankful to have such wonderful friends and a loving church family to take care of us these few months and all you do is very much appreciated." *-Cynthia Helmuth*

Change of Address

Josh & Priscilla Wayland
2424 NW 157th Terrace
Edmond, OK 73013

Bottles Needed

Cindy Gibbs is in need of clean, dry individual water bottles for her children's bible class (in September). Please see Cindy if you can help!



Adult Bible Classes will study

"Glory and Greatness" -Mark 9:1-50

Brad Bush

recently lost his step-father,
mother is ill



*cards are available in pews

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



OUR ILL AT THE TIME OF PRINTING (7-15)

- 🕯 Please continue to remember Scott, Sarah & Emma Stewart. Emma's next surgery, the Glenn procedure, is scheduled for August 22nd.
- 🕯 Please continue to pray for Marvin and Eulalia Cawood. Eulalia would very much appreciate short visits. Please call Marvin first at 250-1254.
- 🕯 Please pray for Dustin Williams and his family. His father, Billy Williams, had a stroke and is in a coma, and is not expected to live.
- 🕯 Also remember Ty Hale's mother, Shirley Hale, who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- 🕯 Brad Bush's mother, Jeanette Rains, is in St. John's ICU in Tulsa and is very ill from numerous complications following surgery.
- 🕯 Greg Southerland's surgery went well, and he is now waiting for the pathology report to determine the next steps. Also remember his mother-in-law, Donna Lawson, who is in ICU in a medically induced coma following surgery.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Kitty Welch; 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: 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

Have you ever been so overwhelmed by something that you just wanted to give up or quit? If so then you have had the feeling of being burnt out. You can get the feeling of being burnt out from everywhere. Sports, relationships, or all kinds of other activities can be ended as a result of burnout. Burn out is the result of not being able to take the pressure of something. Maybe you feel like you can't overcome certain odds, so you give up. Maybe you feel overwhelmed by certain duties you have to perform, so you quit. Unfortunately, this happens to us in our Christian life as well. It's no secret that as Christians we face all kinds of difficulties. We face daily the pain of verbal persecution. We are faced all the time with different types of sin and, unfortunately, many times we give in to it. All of this negative pressure around can cause us to want to give up. **So what do we do?** How do we keep from burning out completely and falling away? Many answers could be given to this question. The one I want to look at briefly though is mentioned in Galatians 6.2 which says: "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." One of the simplest ways to prevent someone from completely burning out is to help them bear their burden. It's tough to go through all the struggles of life by ourselves. The fact of the matter is we need help from other Christians to make it through. It's important that we help each other with whatever burdens we may be carrying. We'll never know if someone is carrying a burden or not unless we talk to them so the challenge this week is to say more than just a friendly "hello" to someone. Actually see how the person you're talking to is doing and, if they have a burden, then help them bear it! Most people feel burdened because they have so much going on in their life. In order for us to bear their burden we must help them remove some of those things that they shouldn't have to worry about. Helping alleviate some of the burdens they have can be as easy as watching their kids for them one night so they can focus on the big burden they're struggling with. You could do something like mow their lawn, say some kind words to them or bring them food to eat. Bearing someone's burdens, when you get down to it, is not a difficult thing at all. You'd be surprised at what one little gesture can do. You could be the difference maker as to whether someone sticks with Christianity or burns out. -Jack D.

<i>Order of Worship</i>	
<i>Sunday, July 17, 2011</i>	
<i>Announcements.....</i>	<i>Bill Crain</i>
<i>Prayer.....</i>	<i>Kip Henry</i>
<i>Song Leader.....</i>	<i>Scott Hankins</i>
	<i>Song #2, "We Praise Thee, O God"</i>
	<i>Song #490, "It Is Well with My Soul"</i>
<i>Scripture Reading.....</i>	<i>Stephen Taylor</i>
	<i>Hebrews 9:11-15</i>
<i>Sermon.....</i>	<i>Tim Lewis</i>
	<i>Song #548, "The Lily of the Valley"</i>
	<i>Song #800, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"</i>
	<i>Song #324, "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?"</i>
<i>Lord's Supper.....</i>	<i>Jack Dodgen</i>
	<i>Giving as We Have Promised</i>
<i>Invitation.....</i>	<i>Tim Lewis</i>
	<i>Song #662, "All to Jesus I Surrender"</i>
	<i>Song #514, "Redeemed"</i>
<i>Closing Prayer.....</i>	<i>Jesse McCarty</i>

Attendance 7/10/11:	
	Bible Class 434
	Worship 608
	Giving: \$17,826
Contribution Report	
July 10, 2011	
Budget needs:	
through 7/10/11 (\$17,980 x 28*).....	\$503,440
Contribution: through 7/10/11.....	<u>\$525,798</u>
	+22,358
*Does not include mission Sunday	
Mission (October '10):	
Total Purposed.....	29,050
Total Given to Date.....	30,168