

NORTH MACARTHUR CHURCH OF CHRIST



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What Is Purpose Sunday?

On the first Sunday of December each year, it is the custom of the North MacArthur congregation for our members to make a purpose, or commitment, to God for the following year. During the service, a card will be completed by each member indicating what that member purposes to contribute on a weekly basis during the following year. The New Testament authority for purposing is found in II Corinthians 9:1-7, where Paul exhorted the Corinthian brethren to follow through on what they had "previously promised" (verse 5-NKJV) in regard to giving.

COMMITMENT CARD — 2012

I/We recognize the opportunity the North MacArthur Church of Christ has in 2012 to make a lasting impact for Jesus Christ in our community and in the world. God has blessed us richly, and now I/we want to make a commitment of myself/ourselves and my/our resources.

In 2012...(Please place a mark by the areas of commitment you are making)

I/My family commit to be faithful in our attendance to the North MacArthur Church.

I/My family commit to participate in the spiritual activities of personal prayer and Bible reading.

I/My family commit to serve God by being involved in a ministry of the church.

I/My family commit to give \$_____ per week/month to support the many great works of this congregation during 2012. I understand that this amount may be increased or decreased during the year as I am prospered.

(Print Name)

(Signature)

ELDERS

Bill Crain
Shorty Huber
Wayne Meiser
Fred Rhodes
Kelly White*
Charles Williams
(*Chairman for November)

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



In one sense, the purpose cards are very practical in nature. They enable more accurate planning of our activities for the following year, because purposing allows the eldership to know about how much money will be available to use. In addition, the cards have a spiritual aspect, because good stewardship is essential to spiritual growth. God has given us much more than money. He has given each of us time, talents, and abilities that we must use in His service. That is why, on the purpose card, there are the additional commitments of faithful attendance, daily Bible reading and prayer, and involvement in the activities of the congregation. The additional commitments aid us in formally devoting to God's service all the other things He has given us, in addition to money. When we truly devote our all to God's service, we will grow spiritually.

As your shepherds, we urge you to use the time between now and **December 4th** to prayerfully consider what your financial commitment for 2012 will be, as well as your willingness to commit to faithful attendance, daily Bible reading and prayer, and involvement in the activities of the congregation.



North MacArthur CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

Photo Directory Update



TODAY we will continue picture updates for the entire congregation. *Sheradee Hurst* and *Audrey Dodgen* will begin taking photos of members with **last names beginning I - P TODAY**, followed Q - Z next week. There will be make-up days on December 11 & 18th. Photos will be taken in the room off the North side of the auditorium.

Dec. 3 *Holiday Exchange*

Ladies, mark your calendar to participate in our holiday exchange! This is a wonderful time of fellowship and is enjoyed by all. It will be on Saturday, December 3rd at 11:00 a.m. in the small auditorium. All you need to bring is a Christmas decoration to exchange (limit \$10 please). Lunch will be provided. Please sign up in the foyer.



Dec. 4 **PURPOSE SUNDAY**

Winter Quarter Begins- The last class session for this fall quarter is Wednesday, Nov. 30. The new winter quarter will begin next Sunday, December 4.

Quarterly Promotion for Preschool Classes: If your preschool child has a birthday during this fall quarter (September 1-November 30), they may move up to the next age-appropriate class at the beginning of the winter quarter (Sunday, December 4).

Dec. 5 *Monday Night Outreach*

Dec. 9 *Middle School Christmas Party*

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the church building
mystery dinner, games and a movie



High School Christmas Banquet

Dec. 7 *Ladies' Class and Brunch-*

This is the last Ladies' Class before the Holiday break. Ladies will also be making Christmas bags.



Dec. 10 **Caroling at the home of Jared & Amanda Salisbury.**

Everyone is invited! See the north information table if you are interested.

Dec. 11 **BK Sunday-** The noon meal will be hosted by the Hankins and Hale groups

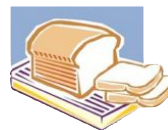
Dec. 14 **Fast Food Fellowship**

Dec. 18 *Last newsletter of the year*

Dec. 23-26 church office closed

Dec. 28 Area Wide Service at Edmond church of Christ

Nursery Duty
Hayley Jones &
Lauren Jones



Bread Ministry Helpers
BK Groups
Tonight (11/27) - Middleton
Next Week (12/4) - Meiser

Family News & Information

Thank You

"To my Christian family at North MacArthur, I'm writing to thank you all for the telephone calls, visits and wonderful meals that I received over the past several days and weeks. I am so blessed to have a church family that cares so much. With two major incidents over the past month, your concern and encouraging words helped me get through some tough times that I was not expecting. Thank you again for helping out so much!"

-Adam Frazier

Attention Parents & Grandparents

BECAUSE ACCIDENTS HAPPEN - there are spare clothes available in sizes newborn to 5T located in the nursery area. If you would like to donate sizes that are still needed please sign the list in the nursery or see *Dayna McClaine*.



Information for Church Bond Holders

Individuals holding North MacArthur church bonds that have been placed in an IRA, and needing information about the disposition of funds when the bonds are paid off, may contact **Jan Templeton**, with Trust Management, at 1-800-275-6150.

WINTER QUARTER ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Morning

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

Teachers:

Bill Crain, Shorty Huber,
Wayne Meiser, Fred Rhodes,
Kelly White, Charles Williams,
Tim Lewis

Wednesday Evening

Class	Room	Teacher(s)
College:	120	Various Teachers
Word Studies from the Bible		
Numbers/Deuteronomy	auditorium	Jerry Campbell
Major World Religions	110	Richard Dodgen
Why I Believe...	111	Jesse McCarty
Following the Road Less Traveled:	119 (sm. aud.)	Mel Latorre
Managing Your Money God's Way		
Early Bird:	110	Donnie Bates
Numbers/Deuteronomy		

Men To Serve Sunday Evening

Announcements..... Kirby Edmondson
Opening Prayer..... Mike Taylor
Song Leader..... Hunter Rhodes
Scripture Reading.....Saul Scaife
Lord's Table..... Mike Ross
Mike Hall
Closing Prayer.....Dale Marshall
To Lock Up (Nov. 27-30)..... Larry Crosley



Adult Bible Classes will study:
"Refreshing the Hearts of Saints" -Philemon 1

David Tully

was baptized last week



*cards are available in pews

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

OUR ILL AT THE TIME OF PRINTING (11-22)

- Please continue to remember Emma Stewart during her recovery. Please go to emmajanae.blogspot.com for updates.
- Please remember Larry Crosley, who had surgery to remove his gall bladder Tuesday at Baptist.
- Please keep David Tully's mother, Zola Tully, in your prayers. She was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Also remember former member Connie Mashburn, who had surgery last week to remove a tumor.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Tom Pippin; Jeffrey Collins; Jeff Bennett's father, Richard Bennett; Rondell Thomas; Addyson Hood; Karen Hardy; Kristy Duarte's sister, Barbie Hills; 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, 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

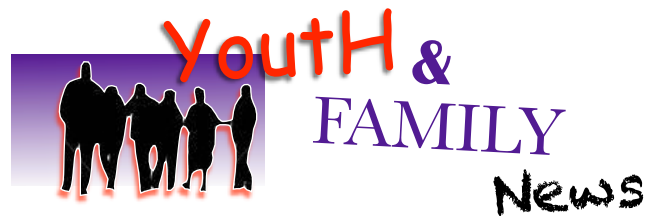
Attendance 11/20/11:
Bible Class 412
Worship 604
Giving: \$18,554

**Contribution Report
November 20, 2011**

Budget needs:
through 11/20/11 (\$17,980 x 46*).....\$827,080
Contribution: through 11/20/11.....\$861,124
+34,044

*Does not include mission Sunday

Mission (October '11):
Total Purposed..... 33,493
Total Given to Date..... 9,496



Winter Quarter Youth Classes

On **Sunday morning, December 4th**, we will begin the winter quarter with a series entitled "Story of the Old Testament". In a combined Jr. and Sr. High class, I'll present an overview of the greatest story ever told. A story of love, betrayal, forgiveness, filled with mystery, romance, war, drama and plenty of action – a story of a loving God and a sinful people. We will travel through the pages of the Old Testament, laying the needed foundation to have a comprehensive understanding of our origin and identity as God's people. This will be a great opportunity for our youth to invite their friends.

On **Wednesday night, December 7th**, we will begin a series entitled "Learning from the Past". During this series, key characters of the Old Testament, such as Adam & Eve, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, David and others will be showcased. This series will be a complement to the material covered Sunday morning. On Wednesday nights, practical and relevant lessons will be drawn from each character, thus "learning from the past". Scott Shoemake and Jeff Morgan will teach the middle school, and Tony Wallace and Mark Landes will teach the high school. It will be a great series.

Sincerely,

Mel Latorre

*Order of Worship
Sunday, November 27, 2011*

Announcements.....Kirby Edmondson
Prayer..... Tony Wallace
Song Leader..... Larry Thomason
Song
Song
Song
Song
Lord's Supper..... Fred Rhodes
Giving as We Have Promised
Song
Scripture Reading.....Brett White
Psalms 100
Sermon..... Tim Lewis
Song
Song
Closing Prayer.....Nathan Leazer