

NORTH MACARTHUR CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Heaven, Our Eternal Home

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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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In John 14, Jesus made the most wonderful promise to his disciples. He told them, “In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also” (vs. 2-3).

It has often been observed that Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people. It is not an unprepared place for prepared people and it is not a prepared place for unprepared people. Jesus is preparing a place for us [a room in the Father’s house] and we must prepare ourselves to enter into that wonderful place.

Heaven is our eternal home and the very thought of Heaven is a great motivating power for righteous living and yet, many of us have not spent enough time in study and thoughtful contemplation of Heaven. We don’t think about it enough and we surely don’t sing about it as much as we used to. For some people, life is so good here and now that they never think about the hereafter. They are living a life of luxury without God and so they give very little thought to spending eternity with him after this life has ended. Some folks believe that they have entered into “Heaven on earth” but such a thing is not possible, and those who believe it is, have sold their birthright for a lousy bowl of soup (Heb. 12:16).

As Christians we should strive to know more about Heaven. The more we know, the more we should want to go there; the more we want to go, the better we should live. The better we live the greater our example should be and then because of our example more people will be reached, taught and encouraged to go to Heaven with us.

There is a Sabbath rest that remains for the people of God.

Don’t miss it!

--*Tim Lewis*

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



BK Leader Luncheon after morning worship

TODAY

Honduras Mission Trip Meeting- 4:00 PM in the small auditorium

Combined Devotional at the Landes'

Jr. guys bring drinks, Sr. guys bring chips, girls bring desserts.

Jan. 29 Mel Latorre will speak at 3:30 PM in the small auditorium.

This seminar is for parents and anyone interested in understanding the overall mindset of the younger generation and the challenges they face with their faith in this world.



Parenting Seminar

Mel will also preach Sunday evening on this same topic. His lesson will be entitled: "Jerusalem Faith in a Babylon World"

Feb. 1

✓ **PLEASE NOTE: There has been a change in the calendar:**

Classes WILL MEET Wednesday, February 1st. On Wednesday, February 29th, ALL CHILDREN AND ADULT CLASSES WILL MEET IN THE AUDITORIUM to kick off the spring quarter.

Feb. 5



Picture Updates Make-Up Day: If you were not able to have your picture taken in December, please go to the room off the North side of the auditorium after morning or evening worship.

High School Devotional hosted by the Davis'

Feb. 6

Monday Night Outreach



Feb. 12

BK Sunday

AWTG- Cherokee Hills

**Friday & Saturday
February 24-25, 2012**

"A Reason to Hope"

Feb. 24-25

Keynote Speakers

Dan Winkler
"We Have
This Hope"

Jerry Houston
"Jesus Christ,
Our Living Hope"

David Duncan
"A Hope Worth
Sharing"

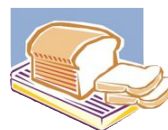
Noel Whitlock
"Rejoicing In
Our Hope"



Brochures are
available
in the foyer.

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**Nursery Duty
Sandy Schwarz &
Ronda Vanover**



**Bread Ministry Helpers
BK Groups
Tonight (1/22) -Grayson
Next Week (1/29) -Foltz**

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

OUR ILL AT THE TIME OF PRINTING (1-20)

- 🕯 Please continue to pray for Shorty and Lola Huber. Shorty met with two surgeons last week and they have found several more tumors. He was to have a biopsy on Friday to determine the type of cancer.
- 🕯 Also keep Dan and Geri Walker in your prayers. Geri is now in the memory care unit at Touchmark in Edmond. She would appreciate cards, and would also like visits once she has had some time to settle in. You may send cards to: Geri Walker, Touchmark, Prairievew 2801 Shortgrass Rd., Edmond, OK 73003.
- 🕯 Also remember former member Jana Rucker, who lost her mother last week.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Emma Stewart; Wayne Johnson; Tom Pippin; Jeffrey Collins; Jeff Bennett's father, Richard Bennett; Kristy Duarte's sister, Barbie Hills; Pat Danley's son, Scott; Mary Ann Williams' niece, Rumer Austin; Diana Williams' father, John Martin

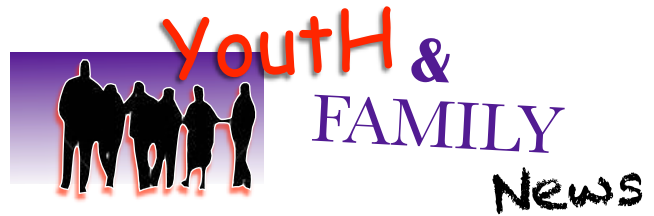
OUR SHUT-INS: George Pruitt, Carl Stevens, Dick & Kitty Welch; Wilda Copeland, Freda Little

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; 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, January 22, 2012*

Announcements.....Dan Walker
Prayer..... Jim Foltz
Song Leader..... Scott Hankins
Song #2, "We Praise Thee, O God"
Song #718, "We Shall Assemble"
Song #332, "Lead Me to Calvary"
Lord's Supper.....Larry Thomason
Giving as We Have Promised
Song #745, "Humble Yourself"
Song #791, "On Bended Knee"
Scripture Reading.....Lance Hartman
James 1:9-11
Sermon..... Tim Lewis
Song (slides only), "Is Thy Heart Right With God?"
Song #957, "This World Is Not My Home"
Closing Prayer..... Ross Wagnon



From Good Motives to Blind Guides

Of the three prominent groups of Judaism around the 1st century, the Pharisees were the ones that Jesus had most conflict with. The encounters of Jesus and His disciples described in the NT showed many of the Pharisees in a very negative way, even to the point that today the term itself implies a hypocritical attitude. But, what's the back-story behind this group? How did they begin and how did they develop such a negative reputation? The origin of this most strict sect of the Jews (Acts 26.5) is shrouded in some obscurity, but it is believed the organization came out of the Maccabean Revolt (165 B.C) against the Greek influence and after Antiochus Epiphanes desecrated the temple by sacrificing a pig at the altar. There was, however, a group resembling the Pharisees as far back as the Babylonian captivity.

Regardless of their origin, the reason that prompted their rise was their rejection of foreign influences and religion, as they called the Jews to a national consciousness and a purer faith. Their strict observance of the Mosaic Law was their attempt to separate themselves from the worldly and pagan influences around them. However, what started out as a noble and worthy calling, by the time Jesus came on the scene, degenerated into a hypocritical and ostentatious faith. Their overall foundational principles were not the problem, but Jesus did criticize their hypocritical attitude, their salvations by works mentality, their self-righteous demeanor and their loveless approach towards people (Matthew 15, 23, Luke 11). As we rightly try today to separate ourselves from the world around us, as we call people to a purer faith and as we zealously follow the Bible, we must forever be cautious and vigilant against the "yeast of the Pharisees" in our own lives (Matthew 16, Mark 8).

Sincerely, Mel Latorre

Attendance 1/15/12:	
Bible Class 414	
Worship 598	
Giving: \$23,685	
Contribution Report	
January 15, 2012	
Budget needs:	
through 1/15/12 (\$19,100 x 3*).....	\$57,300
Contribution: through 1/15/12.....	<u>\$62,708</u>
	+5,408
*Does not include mission Sunday	
Mission (October '11):	
Total Purposed.....	33,493
Total Given to Date.....	15,612