

NORTH MACARTHUR CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Pride: An Ugly and Dangerous Sin

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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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Pride has been called the disease that makes everyone else sick except the person who has it. It is an ugly and dangerous thing. It is one of the seven things God hates (Prov. 6:16-17). He detests human pride (Prov. 16:5) so much that he simply cannot tolerate it (Psalm 101:5). Not only is pride a sin (Prov. 21:4) it often serves as the catalyst that leads to many other sins. It is the blackest, ugliest kind of poison to the Christian soul. It destroys friendships, divides churches, disrupts any semblance of harmony and causes man to seek his own good above everything else.

Pride has kept some men from obeying the gospel simply because they cannot humble themselves enough to admit that they have ever done anything wrong; they are too proud to walk the aisle, name the name and “go under the water”. It is beneath them.

“In his pride, the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God” (Psalms 10:4). How wicked! How tragic! How deadly! A man can become so proud and arrogant that he no longer seeks the countenance of God. A man can become so proud that while there is no end to all the great thoughts he has about himself, there is absolutely no room in any of his thoughts for God!

It is a remarkable state of affairs. There is no room in the proud man’s thoughts for God. No room to think about His existence. No room to think about His power displayed in creation, His will revealed in scripture, His grace exemplified so beautifully at the cross. That such a thing is even possible should make us tremble. That such is the rule instead of the occasional exception should make us weep. Legendary UCLA basketball coach, John Wooden, used to tell his players:

- Talent is God-given; be humble.
- Fame is man-given; be thankful.
- Conceit is self-given; be careful.

I cannot think of better advice. **Be humble** because “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble” (James 4:6). **Be thankful** because “It is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast” (Eph. 2:8-9). **Be careful.** Always remember the warning from Proverbs 16:18, “Pride *goeth* before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.”

One of the first songs I learned as a young Christian was actually the words of scripture set to music, “Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and he will lift you up” (James 4:10). Read it; sing it; live it. May the Lord bless you with a happy, holy and humble New Year!

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

TODAY

BK Sunday:

The noon meal will be hosted by the *Meiser* and *Walk* groups.

Jan. 11



Wednesday Night Meal- Chicken Strips

6:00 PM in the gym. Cost is only \$5 per family!

Godly Girls and Godly Men- 7:00 PM



Jan. 13-15



BK leaders and co-leaders are reminded of a mid year luncheon on January 22nd in the small auditorium. Child sitting will be provided and the meal is being catered so there is no cost to leaders and their families. Please RSVP if you haven't already done so to Wayne or Rob of your intent so plans can be finalized.

Jan. 22

BK LEADER LUNCHEON- after AM worship



Combined Devotional at the Landes'

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

Jan. 29

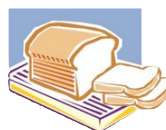
Mel Latorre will speak at 3:30 PM in the small auditorium.

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.



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

Nursery Duty
Shelli Butler &
Audra Haney



Bread Ministry Helpers
BK Groups
Tonight (1/8) -Walk
Next Week (1/15) -Hunter

SPECIAL NEEDS:

A crib mattress is needed for a family in need. This family has a two and three year old with another due in March. All children are sleeping on the floor. Some beds have been donated but a mattress is needed. Please see *Cindy Gibbs* if you have one to donate. Thank you.

As most of you are aware, *Myra Fleming* and her family lost their house and everything they own in a fire last week. If you would like to donate funds, clothing or household items, please see one of the elders or staff.

CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRADUATES!

Caleb Bigham

MBA in Finance, Oklahoma Christian

Casey Helmuth

BBA in Management, Oklahoma Christian

Daniel Mayfield

BBA in General Business, Oklahoma Christian

Myra Fleming and
Family



*cards are available in pews



Adult Bible Classes will study:
NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY, taught by the elders

Men To Serve Sunday Evening

Announcements.....Shorty Huber
Opening Prayer.....Deejay Bettes
Song Leader.....Hunter Rhodes
Scripture Reading.....Kirby Edmondson
Lord's Table.....Chris McClaine
Billy Pratt
Closing Prayer.....Dennis Duarte
To Lock Up (Jan. 8-11).....Mario Richard

Family News & Information

Sympathy

We would like to express our sympathy to *Natalie Martin* and her family on the loss of her father, *Myron Shedrick*. The services were held last Saturday.

Baptisms

Carly Davis
5408 NW 119th St.
OKC, OK 73162
607-4474



Andrea Hembree
2620 Manchester Dr.
OKC, OK 73120
918-931-0943

Melissa Shelton
2620 Manchester Dr.
OKC, OK 73120
593-6767

Responses

Helen Falls
707 E Warner
Guthrie, OK 73044
520-560-0587

Latonia Thrower
6513 Dulane
OKC, OK 73132
201-1248

New Members

Terry & Brenda Lair
11213 Stansbury Pl.
OKC, OK 73162
721-4648



Thank You

"Dear North MacArthur Family, We just wanted to tell you how much we appreciate all of you, and especially our BK Leaders Joan and Allen Little and Pam and Danny Grayson. Thank you for the food, the cards, the visits, the phone calls, the sunshine basket, but most especially for your prayers. Please continue to pray for us as Larry heals and prepares for another surgery."

*-In Christian Love and Thankfulness,
Larry and Shannon Crosley*

Change of Address

Tommy Smith
5306 Willow Cliff Rd.
#161
OKC, OK 73122

Adam Nusbaum
8012 Westwood Ln.
OKC, OK 73169

Joshua Butler
1301 W Hefner Rd.
Apt. 3101
OKC, OK 73114

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

OUR ILL AT THE TIME OF PRINTING (1-6)

- 🕯️ Emma Stewart was able to go home from the hospital at the end of December. Please go to emmajanae.blogspot.com for updates.
- 🕯️ Please keep Myra Fleming and her family in your prayers. They lost their house and all their possessions in a fire last Tuesday morning.
- 🕯️ Also keep Shorty Huber in your prayers. The doctors have discovered a growth in his stomach and on his spine, and he will have to have both removed.
- 🕯️ Please continue to remember Larry Crosley. He had to go back to Baptist hospital last Wednesday.
- 🕯️ Please continue to remember Peggy Scott in her recovery. She is now at home.
- 🕯️ Also continue to remember Dick & Kitty Welch. Dick is recovering from arm surgery, and Kitty has been moved for about a week to ManorCare at SW 56th and Walker for skilled nursing care, room 258.
- 🕯️ Please continue to remember David Tully and his family. Both his mother and sister have been diagnosed with cancer.
- 🕯️ Please keep Tommy Smith and his sister, Irene, in your prayers. Irene has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. She is at The Lakes in room 213.
- 🕯️ Also remember Tom & Becky Montgomery's grand daughter, Courtney, as she recovers from back surgery.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: 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

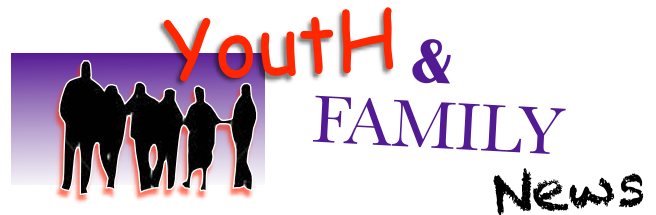
OUR MILITARY: Wayne and Joy Johnson's grandson, Casey Johnson; Weona Wilcox's grandson, Nathan Phillips; Bob & Diana Williams' son, Jonathan Williams; Brad & Heather Bush's son, Jordan Bush; Kristen Dixon's brother-in-law; Jane Harbert's grandson, Kevin Harbert

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

Attendance 1/1/12:
Bible Class 356
Worship 574
Giving: \$19,313

*Does not include mission Sunday

Mission (October '11):
Total Purposed..... 33,493
Total Given to Date..... 14,254



New Beginnings

A new year is upon us! The beginning of a new year provides an opportune time to make changes, renew commitments and set new goals. It is an appropriate time to evaluate one's life and intentionally set a plan in motion towards a more godly direction and life. What better timing to take the beginning of the year to start a new life in Christ. That is exactly what *Carly Davis* did as she was baptized into Christ this past Sunday, January the 1st. The honor of baptizing her was given to her father, Darrel. What a wonderful feeling it must be to actively participate in the salvation of one's own children. Darrel and Leslie have done a great job in influencing both their daughters, Abby and Carly, into a relationship with God. When asked about their approach, Darrel commented that: "As far as intentionally trying to influence them, that pretty much has been a part of our parenting their whole lives."

The Apostle Paul in writing to the Romans made it clear about the newness involved in baptism: "Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life" (Romans 6.3-4). And in writing to the Corinthians he said: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5.17).

As you begin this new year, take the opportunity to intentionally make the necessary changes towards a godly life. To new beginnings... -*Sincerely, Mel*

*Order of Worship
Sunday, January 8, 2012*

- Announcements..... Shorty Huber*
- Prayer..... Daniel Mayfield*
- Song Leader..... Scott Hankins*
- Song #8, "Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing"*
- Song #719, "Love One Another"*
- Song #324, "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?"*
- Lord's Supper..... Gary Rollins*
- Giving as We Have Promised*
- Song #555, "Seek Ye First"*
- Song #539, "Higher Ground"*
- Scripture Reading..... Ben Butler*
- I Corinthians 15:3-8*
- Sermon..... Tim Lewis*
- Song #922, "Jesus Paid It All"*
- Song #957, "This World Is Not My Home"*
- Closing Prayer..... Andrew Kirby*