

# NORTH MACARTHUR CHURCH OF CHRIST



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## A Reason to Hope

### ELDERS

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

### 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 School .....9:00 A.M.  
Worship .....10:00 A.M.  
Evening Worship .....5:00 P.M.

#### Wednesday:

Bible Classes .....7:00 P.M.

Personal Bible studies are available  
during Bible study hours or by  
appointment.

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The Affirming the Faith Seminar arrives later this month and the theme that was chosen is “A Reason to Hope.” As humans, we have several things that may bring hope for the future to our lives. For some, getting married brings the hope of having someone to spend the rest of their life with. For others, finding a career that is rewarding and fulfilling brings hope of having a stable financial forecast. Still for others, the arrival of children gives them the hope of passing on a family heritage and perhaps a better standard of living. However, death and divorce, financial downturns and layoffs, and disappointments and unforeseen circumstances can dash the hopes that any of these sources of hope can offer.

The keynote addresses of the Affirming the Faith Seminar will address such issues. With messages entitled, “**We Have This Hope,**” “**Jesus Christ, Our Living Hope,**” “**A Hope Worth Sharing,**” and “**Rejoicing in Our Hope,**” the speakers at the seminar will try to help us focus on the real source of all hope—Jesus Christ. (We, the elders and the staff, ask that everyone try to make plans to attend the seminar. It is not just for preachers, elders, and deacons. It will provide encouragement for all Christians).

It is important that we recall our former state as Paul reminds us in Ephesians 2:12, “Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ . . . having no hope and without God in the world.” Paul realized that he had been putting his hope in areas that could not deliver. As he listed all his worldly achievements in Philippians 3:5-6, he states that he had “reason for confidence in the flesh” (3:4). Yet, he concludes just a few verses later, “Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ” (3:7). This is where our hope begins to transcend this world and gain an eternal nature.

God, who is always faithful and fulfills His promises, has promised us a home with Him if we are obedient while on earth. Our confidence has been placed in God’s hands, and He does not disappoint. Therefore, Peter will remind us, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you” (1 Peter 1:3-4). This difference in our hope from the hope the world offers should cause us to handle difficulties differently than the world. It should be apparent to all who know us. It should provide motivation to continue serving God in all circumstances because it is priceless and valuable above all earthly blessings. It should cause us to want to share this exciting message with others. We, as Christians, have a reason to hope above all others.

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

**TODAY**

**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 TODAY after morning or evening worship.



The High School Devotional that was planned for tonight has been postponed until February 19th.

**Feb. 6**



*Monday Night Outreach*- 6:30 PM in the small auditorium

- 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.

**Feb. 12**

**BK Sunday**- Next week is our regularly scheduled BK Sunday. The noon meal will be hosted by the *Crain* and *Foltz* groups. Leaders, your call sheets are in the boxes outside of room 110.

**AWTG- Cherokee Hills**

**Feb. 15**



*Fast Food Fellowship*

Godly Girls & Godly Men

**Feb. 19**

**Prayer Service at our 5:00 PM Service**

High School devo hosted by Darrel & Leslie Davis

**Feb. 24-25**

**"A Reason to Hope"**

**Mike Houts**



**"Evolution: Religion Not Science"**

One of the greatest deceptions perpetuated by atheists and humanists is that the theory of evolution is somehow "science". The reality is that "evolution" has nothing to do with science, but is merely a tenet of certain false religions opposed to God. This session will explore the religious aspects of "evolution," and show how true science is the enemy of the evolutionist.

**"Why I Am No Longer an Atheist"**

For the past half century, a concerted effort has been made to replace faith in God with faith in human theories or human institutions. The result is that many people in the U.S. have no familiarity with the God of the Bible, and base their religious beliefs on the false gods currently promoted by our society. This session will explore ways to help lead an atheist to the truth.

Brochures are available in the foyer.  
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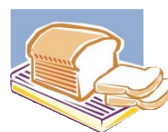
**Feb. 26**

**Guest Speakers Aubrey Johnson (AM) and Mike Houts (PM).** All adult Bible classes will meet in the auditorium Sunday morning

**Feb. 29**

**All adult and children's classes will meet in the auditorium.**

Nursery Duty  
Tracy & Carmen  
Green



Bread Ministry Helpers  
BK Groups  
Tonight (2/5) -Rollins  
Next Week (2/12) -Hampton

*Affirming*  
the **FAITH**  
SEMINAR

# Volunteers Needed

AREA	COORDINATORS
Bathrooms	Tina Hill, Sandra Tully
Breakfast	Tommie Akard
Child Care	Kevin & Kristin Gates, Erin Butler
Parking	Stephen Kearby
Security	Adam Frazier
Setup	Rob Schwarz
Technology	Darrel Davis
Ticket Table	Ronda Hixson
Ushers	Saul Scaife

**There are sign-up sheets for each of these areas located in the South foyer.**

**If you have borrowed any blue chairs or white tables from the church building please bring them back as soon as possible. It is very important that we have all of the chairs and tables for Affirming the Faith. Thank you for your help in this matter.**




Men To Serve Sunday Evening	
Announcements.....	Mel Latorre
Opening Prayer.....	Kelly Hill
Song Leader.....	
Scripture Reading.....	Craig Dodgen
Lord's Table.....	Gus Wilson Caleb Wilson
Closing Prayer.....	Doug Cook
To Lock Up (Feb. 5-8).....	Jerry Utley

## Family News & Information

### Sympathy

We would like to extend our sympathy to *Patty Landes* and her family on the loss of her father, *Dan Hose*. The services were held Friday in West Virginia.

We would also like to express our sympathy to *Colleen Wallace* and her family on the loss of her brother last Monday. Please especially keep her parents, *Loren and Pearl*, in your prayers.

### Help Needed

We are in need of empty, clean, 28 - 32 oz. fruit & vegetable cans to use in the decorations for the Preachers/Elders/Wives dinner for Affirming the Faith. Please see *Cindy Gibbs* or *Christie Fuller* if you have questions.



### Congratulations!

Congratulations to *Brent and Melanie Kaufman* on the birth of their new grandson, *Edge Doctorman*, last week. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 1/4 inches long. *Chase and Cassidy Doctorman* are the proud parents.

**Martha Thomason**  
diagnosed with Stage 1 breast cancer



\*cards are available in pews



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

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

**OUR ILL AT THE TIME OF PRINTING (2-3)**

- Please continue to remember Shorty and Lola Huber. Shorty began his chemotherapy last Monday.
- Larry Crosley was able to go home from the hospital on Wednesday.
- Please keep Martha Thomason in your prayers. She has been diagnosed with Stage 1 breast cancer and will consult with a surgeon on Tuesday.
- Also keep Dara Robison's sister, Jamie Feroli, in your prayers, whose cancer has returned.
- Please remember Kristen Dixon's mother, Valerie Dixon, who is battling ovarian cancer and has had several surgeries and complications.

**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

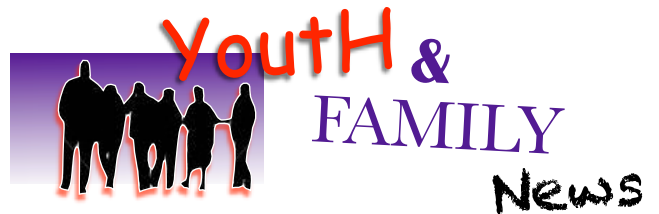
**OUR MILITARY:** Wayne and Joy Johnson's grandson, Casey Johnson; Weona Wilcox's grandson, Nathan Phillips; Bob & Diana Williams' son, Jonathan Williams; Brad & Heather Bush's son, Jordan Bush; Kristen Dixon's brother-in-law; Jane Harbert's grandson, Kevin Harbert

**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

*Men to Serve*  
*Sunday, February 5, 2012*

*Announcements..... Mel Latorre*  
*Prayer..... Kenny Butler*  
*Song Leader..... Scott Hankins*  
*Lord's Supper..... Darrel Davis*  
*Giving as We Have Promised*  
*Scripture Reading..... Luke Rhodes*  
*James 3:1-12*

*Sermon..... Tim Lewis*  
*Closing Prayer..... Andrew Akard*



**Honduras Mission Trip**

This congregation has had a long and fruitful history of being involved in mission work. It is due to such a legacy that together with the Elders, the Missions Committee and the Family & Youth Deacons we have decided to conduct a mission trip to Honduras this summer. The dates for the trip are July 7-15, and the cost is \$1500 per person. This will not be exclusively a youth trip, as we hope that our families as well as our members will consider making plans to participate. We already have 14 individuals that have committed to going on the trip. However, there is still time for more people to join us in this effort. If you are considering the possibility of going, we will need a confirmation of your participation by the next planning meeting, so that the necessary flight arrangements can be made. **The next planning meeting is February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm in the small auditorium.**

We will be going to the capital city of Tegucigalpa, and be staying at the Baxter Institute of Preaching. The current President of Baxter is an old time friend, Howard Norton, who I'm sure most of you are acquainted with. There are several things that we will be able to be involved with such as helping at a medical clinic and an orphanage home as well as building houses for the needy. I'm reminded of the words of Jesus found in Matthew 9:35-39: "Jesus went through all the towns and villages... preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

It's our hope that you will be praying for this mission trip and that you will consider being a part of this opportunity to show God's love in Honduras. If you have any questions please let me know. -Mel Latorre Jr.

<b>Attendance 1/29/12:</b>	
Bible Class	414
Worship	574
<b>Giving:</b>	<b>\$17,643</b>
<b>Contribution Report</b>	
<b>January 29, 2012</b>	
<b>Budget needs:</b>	
through 1/29/12 (\$19,100 x 5*)	\$95,500
Contribution: through 1/29/12	<u>\$100,019</u>
	+4,519
*Does not include mission Sunday	
<b>Mission (October '11):</b>	
Total Purposed	33,493
Total Given to Date	16,627