

# NORTH MACARTHUR CHURCH OF CHRIST



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## Jerusalem Faith in a Babylon World

### ELDERS

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

### 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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Remember the classic 1939 movie “The Wizard of Oz”? Well, I wasn’t alive then, but I did watch it as a child. And one of my favorite quotes from that movie is when Dorothy awakens to find the house she is in being carried away by a tornado. When the house finally falls back to earth and Dorothy walks out the door, she quickly realizes that she is in a strange world, and that’s when she says to her faithful dog, “Toto, I have a feeling we are not in Kansas anymore.” It reminds me of another timeless story, the story of the southern kingdom of Judah. How in spite of warnings from several prophets, the nation insisted in their disobedience and unfaithfulness. Eventually, God sent the nation of Babylon to destroy Jerusalem and take the people captive, relocating them throughout the foreign empire (Jeremiah 29:8-12). Daniel and his three friends were among the people that were taken into exile. I wonder if Daniel, upon arriving in the pagan courts of Babylon, looked around and said to his friends, “I have a feeling we are not in Jerusalem anymore.”

The sentiment of that statement could easily be expressed today, as we look at the world around us and notice how things seem different. David Kinnaman in his insightful book “You Lost Me”, regarding the state of our times, made the following assessment: “In fact I believe a reasonable argument can be made that no generation of Christians has lived through a set of cultural changes so profound and lightning fast. Other generations of Christ-followers have endured much greater persecution. Others have had to sacrifice more to flourish or even survive. But I doubt many previous generations have lived through as compounded and complicated a set of cultural changes as have today’s Christians in the West. The last fifty years have been a real-time experiment on the next generation, using free markets, media, advertising, technology, politics, sexuality, and so on as our lab tools.”

Indeed, an argument could be made that the country we live in today is a far cry from the “one nation under God” of the past. Of course not everything around us is unfortunate or even ungodly, but the negative effects of these secular times are taking a toll, especially in the lives of our young people, as many are questioning their faith and leaving the church. The good news is that amidst all of the challenges we are facing, there are just as many opportunities to be appropriated by Christians to the glory of God. The great struggle before us is to figure out, together with the up and coming generation, how to live faithfully in this new context, simply how to have a Jerusalem faith in a Babylon world.

--Mel Latorre, Jr.

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**

**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 TONIGHT 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**

**Feb. 15**



*Fast Food Fellowship*

**Feb. 19**

**Prayer Service, PM**

**Godly Girls & Godly Men**

**Feb. 24-25**

## **Special Classes for Women:**

**Kathy Pollard**

**"They Will Know Us By Our Love"**

The lesson will cover things like how we treat each other in the body of Christ, and having a love for each other that attracts the world because of its joyfulness & genuineness. It also discusses how to be more understanding & encouraging.

**Allison Garrett**

**"God's Will for the Christian Woman"**

Dr. Garrett will challenge women to explore the many ways that they can use their talents to glorify God and strengthen the church. She will take a look at several examples of women from scripture and from today who have found unique and amazing ways to serve.

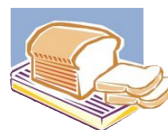


**"A Reason to Hope"**

Brochures are available in the foyer.

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**Nursery Duty  
Becky Haliburton  
& Barbara Smith**



**Bread Ministry Helpers  
BK Groups**

**Tonight (1/29) -Foltz  
Next Week (2/5) -Rollins**

# Family News & Information

Patricia Cargill	1	Annley McClaine	17
Colton Fleming	1	Ryan Fuller	18
Kailee Pierce	1	Amelia Shoemake	18
Kristin Lee	2	Ian Ward	18
Sherra Beth Rollins	2	Lucille Zajac	18
Stephen Zajac	2	Maylee Garst	19
Tom Kliewer	3	Vanessa Wakefield	19
Penny Romine	3	Josh Wilson	19
Jared Salisbury	3	David Sams	20
Jana Cook	4	Jennifer Shaw	20
Ty Hale	5	Scott Davis	22
Kim Judd	5	Ray Buchanan	23
Dean Martindale	5	Drue Cavin	24
Blake Hermes	6	Mattie McCarty	24
Phil Martin	7	Melanie Hankins	26
Darenda Sylvester	10	Carson Hermes	26
Paxton Kliewer	11	Kathy Wilson	26
Tim Lewis	11	Barry Clark	27
Alton Flinchum	12	Cynthia Helmuth	27
Herb Flegal	13	Gus Wilson	27
Betty Flinchum	13	Brooke Landes	28
Sawyer Hammett	16	Ally Morgan	28
Allana Wallace	16	Corey Vanover	28
Adam Basic	17	Ron Wilson	28
Katelyn Bettes	17	Cathy Earnest	29
Karen Hunter	17		

## February Birthdays

### Sympathy

We would like to extend our sympathy to *Tommy Smith* on the loss of his sister, *Irene Smith*, last week. A Memorial Service was held on Friday.

### Change of Address

Don & Deanna Hermes  
15400 Blue Jay Road  
Edmond, OK 73103



### New Phone Number



Ronnie Colley  
265-7072

### Women Walking With God

The 6th Annual Women Walking with God conference will be held April 20-21, 2012 in Wichita, KS. All ladies who wish to go please register online ASAP at [www.womenwalkingwithgod.org](http://www.womenwalkingwithgod.org) and let either *Erin Butler* or *Tawni Lewis* know that you have registered so that they can make hotel arrangements.


**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 for Affirming the Faith. Thank you for your help in this matter.**



**Men To Serve  
Sunday Evening**  
Announcements.....Charles Williams  
Opening Prayer.....Mitch Warren  
Song Leader..... Russell Hughes  
Scripture Reading.....Dale Marshall  
Lord's Table.....Jeff Cleveland  
Casey Cleveland  
Closing Prayer..... Archie Wallace  
To Lock Up (Jan. 29 - Feb. 1).....Jerry Utley

### Pray & Play

Any mothers interested in attending a Pray & Play Group please sign up on the north information table. See *Amanda Salisbury* with questions.

**Shorty & Lola Huber**   
\*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 (1-27)**

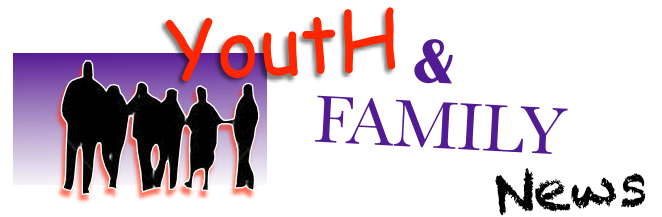
- 🕯️ Please continue to remember Shorty and Lola Huber. Shorty has been diagnosed with lymphoma and he will begin chemotherapy on Monday.
- 🕯️ Also continue to keep Larry Crosley in your prayers. He had surgery on Wednesday at Baptist Hospital. Everything went well and he is expected to be in the hospital 7-10 days. He is in room 777.

**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



**Seminar for Parents**

**Today at 3:30** in the Small Auditorium we will try to better understand the current mindset of this emerging generation, the particular challenges they are facing, and the reason why several are struggling with their faith. As parents, ministers and church community we have the responsibility and privilege to help guide our youth and prepare them to faithfully influence the world. But are we doing a good job? Is there a better way? Do we truly understand the challenges this generation is facing? This afternoon we will address these and other questions. Join us!

**A Jerusalem Faith in a Babylon World**

**Tonight, at 5PM** the sermon will deal with the challenges of having a Jerusalem faith in a Babylon world. We live in a society of fast passed changes, secular progressive tendencies, and an individualistic world-view. This same society largely views Christianity as hypocritical, judgmental, too political, and out of touch with reality. How should we face these changes and these accusations? What can we do to be faithful in this current context? How can we influence this world and be agents of change? Tonight we will address these and other questions. See you tonight!

-Mel

*Order of Worship  
Sunday, January 29, 2012*

*Announcements..... Charles Williams*

*Prayer..... Kenny Hixson*

*Song Leader..... Scott Hankins*

*Song #144, "O Worship the King"*

*Song #549, "There Is Sunshine in My Soul"*

*Song #386, "He Loves Me"*

*Lord's Supper.....Larry Thomason*

*Giving as We Have Promised*

*Song #548, "The Lily of the Valley"*

*Song (slides only), "Yield Not to Temptation"*

*Scripture Reading.....Dan Helmuth*

*James 1:13-18*

*Sermon..... Tim Lewis*

*Song #907, "Hark the Gentle Voice"*

*Song (slides only), "Mansion Over the Hilltop"*

*Closing Prayer.....Barry Clark*

<b>Attendance 1/22/12:</b>	
Bible Class	450
Worship	658
<b>Giving:</b>	<b>\$19,209</b>
<b>Contribution Report January 22, 2012</b>	
<b>Budget needs:</b>	
through 1/22/12 (\$19,100 x 4*)	\$76,400
Contribution: through 1/22/12	<u>\$82,377</u>
	+5,977
*Does not include mission Sunday	
<b>Mission (October '11):</b>	
Total Purposed	33,493
Total Given to Date	16,092