

MADILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Meal 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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*“Do you
love me?”*

*... Feed
my sheep.”*
John 21:17, NRSV

Guest Article.....

You Preach First

The first sermon preached each Sunday is not by the minister, but by you. You preach a message about the importance of the Scriptures when you bring your Bible. You preach a message of good cheer when you say "Good Morning!" to those you meet when you park your car and when you are in the hallway and the classroom.

You preach a message of hope and joy when you sing enthusiastically during the song service. You preach a message about the power of prayer when you fervently enter into our time of prayer together. You preach a message of respect when you listen attentively while the preacher is speaking.

You preach a message about faith when you give your offering. Many messages are preached before the minister stands up to bring his message. If your message is positive and consistent, then the message given from the pulpit will be much better received.

Come each Sunday prepared to preach your sermon!

-via Northridge church of Christ



Please Pray For...

Our sympathy is extended to Ralph Chaney in the loss of his mother, **Hope Chaney**. Hope passed away at Brookside last Saturday after a brief illness and graveside services were held for her on Wednesday. Please keep this family in your prayers. It was so good to see **Louise James** back with us in services last Sunday. **Lauren Albright** was diagnosed last week with colon cancer. She is facing surgery in the near future. Please cover her and Trey in your prayers. **Mary Hasselman** will be taking another cancer treatment this week. Her blood counts are continuing to climb. **Betty & Doyle Garrison** remain at home in declining health. They would love to hear from us though, so give them a call or send a card if you can. **Cecil Buck** has been ill and needs our prayers. **Sandra Thompson** is home and improving after her back surgery. **Jill Muegee**, had tests ran last week and she does not have CJD but the doctors are still trying to determine why she is having seizures. Jim Wilson has asked that we keep his sister, **Joyce Willie**, from Abilene, Texas in our prayers. She was diagnosed with an aggressive form of lymphoma. **Geovani Orta** is doing well with his treatments and only has to have a treatment once a month now. Others to pray for are: **Ralph Chaney, J.W. Bennett, Elsie & Mack Pumell, Jim Wilson, Cory Jones, Eva Brock, Loyd Upchurch, Lillie Hallmark, Pansy Henson, Lucy Ette Ayres, Mary Huebsch, Betty Pratt, Dixie Cooper, Joseph Chidester, Larry & Bettie Goff, Dave Peters, Don & Louise Newton, Nathan Couch, Carolyn Beadles, Jeremy Sweat, Kevin Jenkins, Jacob Jones, Randel Carlock, Sandra Fort, Arthur Freeman, Dee McGlaughn, Ashley Bradbeary, Lloyd Harkins, Miquil Lopez, Scott Dutton, Victor Jefferson, Ron Kelley, Patricia Kelley, Vasha Reeks, Carroll Davis, Karen Herndon, Colton Contreas, Hubert Baker, Damion Meitzene, Jerry Honeycutt, Isa Smith, Michael Thomas Gray, Janet Fuller, Jeremy McDonald, Denise Sanders, Kim**

Anderson, Terry Simpson, Ethan Sliger, George Barr, Joni McCulloch, Erdice McDaniel, Donna Anderson, Martha Stafford, James Willis, Eva Woodley, Roscoe Pardue, Christene Meitzene, Edwina Bristol, Jan Zacharias, & Lisa Brimcombe.

Upcoming Events –September

12 - Fishing Tournament at the Goff's

13 - "Compact" Sunday & Guest Speaker



Fishing Tournament!

Come join us this Saturday, September 12th at Lonny & Angela Goff's home at 5:00 p.m. There will be some fishing (for ALL ages) and then later in the evening hotdogs will be provided! Everyone needs to bring the fixins for hotdogs and a lawn chair! You don't want to miss this special event!

“Compact” Sunday

This Sunday, September 13th will be our “Compact Sunday. We will have regular morning Bible classes and then a special guest speaker, **Aubrey Johnson**, from Peach Tree City, Georgia will bring our lesson at 10:45. After our morning worship we will have a potluck meal at noon in the fellowship building and then to close our day we will all meet at Brookside Manor Nursing Home at 1:30 p.m. for a devotional with our brothers and sisters there. This will end our worship for the day. There will be NO evening services.



Ladies Day

The ladies from the Northtown Church of Christ in McAlester, Ok. invite us to join them on Saturday, September 26th for their “Ladies Day.” The theme is “Daughters of The King” and the guest speaker is Amanda Schafer. Registration and a continental breakfast will start at 8:30 a.m. and the program will conclude at 2:00 p.m. with lunch included at noon.

Open House/Auction

The Hope Harbor Children's Home is hosting this special event on Saturday, September 26th. There will be a live & silent auction, fish fry, kids and family activities as well as a campus tour.

National Pride

Have you ever wondered why strong nations fall? Think about it: strong nations always have the best armies, most up-to-date weapons, strongest economies, and the best citizens. So why do they fall? And we must admit that they do fall! The British Empire fell. Rome fell. Alexander's Greek kingdom fell. Babylon, Assyria, Egypt, and countless other strong nations haven fallen and lie in dust. Why? The Bible suggests two reasons.

“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18).

We usually think of the individual when reading this verse, but it seems to me that it also applies to national pride as well. It was said, “The sun never sets on the British empire,” but now it is in the dark! Isaiah 14 records a proverb against the king of Babylon who was so full of pride that he thought he was “the Most High.” But Jehovah of hosts “cut off from Babylon both name and remnant” (22). Take warning, brethren, for it has been recently said by those in high places that “America is the only nation on earth that the world cannot do without.”

“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34). Now you know the second reason strong nations fall. Need I say more?

When politicians and judges make laws that sanction sin, they are acting as if they were God Himself. That pride and the sins which follow it will lead to the destruction and fall of any people.

-Alton Norman-

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and will heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)

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Special Note!

Jake Hudson received this e-mail recently:

COMMENT

I wanted to send the church a link to my recently completed Facebook page: Genealogy—1909 Preachers Directory, which contains photographs and biographies of 407 Church of Christ preachers of north Texas and southern Oklahoma. The original record was mailed in July 1909 to my great uncle, Monroe Upton Ayres, who was an elder at the Madill Church of Christ for many years. After Monroe's death in 1961, the Directory was passed to my grandfather, Earl E. Ayres, who was also an Elder in Madill until his death in 1968. After Earl's death the Directory was passed to my uncle, John Murray, who was an elder at Madill until his death in 1988. Upon the death of his wife, Lucille Ayres Murray, the directory passed to me. I have spent a couple of yeas scanning and restoring the Directory, to preserve it as a digital record and have now posted it to the Facebook page listed above. In time, I will post the Directory to RootsWeb, and provide links to genealogical and historical societies throughout north Texas and southern Oklahoma. I will eventually donate the original record to the Museum of Southern Oklahoma at Madill. There is a wealth of information regarding both families of the preachers listed as well as church history in the region. In addition, there is biographical information on 383 additional persons and family members mentioned in the preacher biographies. I hope the Madill church leaders will share this information with the congregation, and that it will be of benefit to Church historians. *Sincerely, Cathy (Coe) Hernandez*

Update!



Dear Saints at Madill,

We need to keep you informed regarding Eva Brock. She is 98 now and doing well. She is still on Hospice, can't hear or see well enough to watch TV or read, but she knows us when we go to see her—She likes to sleep. Even though Eva cannot make decisions like this, I am sure she would want us to give some of her money to the church so we will start sending this around the first of each month. She is still at Homestead and seems very peaceful and happy there.

Eva Brock
 C/O Homestead of Denison
 1101 Reba McEntire Lane
 Denison, Texas 75020

Sincerely, Clyde & Mazona Hadsall