

Attendance Last Week: 8:30am - 115 11:00am - 171 Total - 276

During the worship services a NURSERY is available for children ages 2-3 years in Room 113 and under 2 years in Room 104.

During 11:00 service: CHILDREN'S CHURCH is available for 4 yr olds - 2nd Grade in Room 119.

CLIPBOARDS with packets of crayons and papers are available in baskets at the doors for children to use during the services. Please return to the baskets at the end of the service.

Here's What's Happening!

SUNDAY: ✧Come together to PRAY in Room 114 during 8:30 or 11:00 service.
 ✧Pictures for a pictorial directory and the Picture Wall are being taken in Room 114 between services & after the 11:00 service!
 ✧2:00-3:00pm - High School Guys' Bible Study at the Center
 ✧3:00 & 6:30pm - Cathedral Concerts at St. Fidelis Church in Victoria
 ✧4:30pm - Unite (College Ministry) meets in the Youth Center
 ✧6:30pm - College Students' Supper at Ken & Rachel Ediger's. All college students are invited!

THIS WEEK: Pastor John will be out of the office this week.

MON 1:00pm - Staff meeting at the Center
 6:00pm - Deacon meeting at the Center
 7:00pm - Elder/Deacon meeting at the Center
 TUE 6:00-7:30am - Men's Fraternity meets in the Youth Center
 10:30am - Men's Coffee at Augustine's Bakery, 1305 Main
 WED 3:00pm - Heroes For Life (for Kind. thru 5th grades)
 3:00-5:00pm - 6th Grade CIA meet in the Youth Center
5:00pm - Deadline for items to be in the bulletin and requests for announcements to be made Sunday.
 5:15pm - 6-8th Grade CIA Supper in the Youth Center
 5:45-7:15pm - E2*10 High School Girls' Bible Study
 "Wired That Way" meets in Room 123
 6:00-7:00pm - Visionary Parenting meets in Room 117
 6:00-7:30pm - Men's Fraternity meets in Room 119
 6:00-7:40pm - 7-8th Grade CIA meet in the Youth Center
 7:00pm - *Count Us In* prayer time in Room 112
 7:20pm - Lifeguard (H.S. students) meet in the Youth Center
 FRI 6:30pm - Christmas Caroling—meet at NOCC
 7:00-9:00pm - Game Night at NOCC for Middle & High School students. Invite your friends!

NEXT SUNDAY: ▷Come together to PRAY in Room 114 during 8:30 or 11:00 service.
 ▷Pictures for a pictorial directory and the Picture Wall are being taken in Room 114 between services & after the 11:00 service!
 ▷2:00-3:00pm - High School Guys' Bible Study at the Center
 ▷4:30pm - Unite (College Ministry) meets in the Youth Center
 ▷NO College Students' Supper

COMING UP: DEC 24 - 7:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at NOCC. Childcare is not provided.
 DEC 27 - 11:00am Combined Worship Service--NO Sunday School
 DEC 28 - 7:00pm Elder meeting at the Center
 JAN 3 - 11:00am Combined Worship Service--NO Sunday School

The Deaconess On Call for December 12-18 is Karen Wasinger. If you have a need and cannot reach the church office, please call Karen.

READING PROGRAM: The Spiritual Life Team encourages everyone at NOCC to be a consistent reader of God's Word. As a growing part of this church, please read Luke this month and discuss with a friend. *Rev. 1:3*

The Assimilation Team invites you to go Christmas Caroling on Friday, December 18th at 6:30 pm. Bring cookies—drinks will be provided. Meet at the church to divide into groups, go caroling and return to the church for hot chocolate, cookies and fellowship. If you have questions, call Noman and Elizabeth Williams.

The December "mission prayer calendar" is in your mailbox to help in your prayer support for missionaries and for the persecuted Christians. Has the calendar been useful to you? Should we continue it? Help us evaluate this ministry by letting us know your thoughts. Contact Will Fadenrecht, Ron Gallaway or the church office. Thanks, Spiritual Life Team

HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN TODAY!! The Assimilation Team will be taking family pictures to: assemble a pictorial directory, update the Picture Wall, give each family a copy of the picture for personal use, offer a jpeg via email for family use. We will take pictures in Room 114 on December 13 & 20 between services & after the 11:00 service. **No appointment necessary, just come & have your picture taken.** If you are unavailable at these times, please contact Noman or Elizabeth Williams to set up a time to get your picture taken. It is our goal for everyone attending NOCC to be included.

FROM THE CARE COMPASSION TEAM--The person mailing cards for the month of December is Sigrid Rynerson. If you know of someone who needs a note of encouragement, sympathy or get well, please call her. If you are having a baby or have surgery scheduled this month, please fill out a CARE form in the literature rack so we can better assist you.

Believe Conference: All middle school students are encouraged to attend the Believe Conference in Tulsa on February 5-6. Cost is \$70.00. The deadline to register and pay the \$25.00 non-refundable deposit is **TODAY**. Parents are needed to go as sponsors. Their cost will be \$50.00 which includes the \$25.00 non-refundable deposit. More information on the website. Sign up in the Gathering Space TODAY or let Jeff know if you are interested.

THANK YOU

Thank you North Oak family for the many ways and types of support you have shown and given my grandchildren and me this past year. I would name people and groups, but I am sure I would leave someone out. I would name the various support and many kindnesses shown, but I am sure I would forget something, so I will say a heart-felt thank you to all who have shared and shown loving kindness to us. You will never know what "the family" has meant and does mean to us. I ask you to please keep us in your prayers. I do believe prayers and God's hands have held me up and kept me going strong for my family. I pray many blessings to each and all of you.~In Jesus love, Lynnette Purvis and family

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

On December 24 at 7:00pm a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service will be held at NOCC. Join us for a time of celebrating the birth of Jesus, our Savior and Lord!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
 December 27: 11:00 Combined Worship Service-NO Sunday School
 January 3: 11:00 Combined Worship Service-NO Sunday School

THE FINANCE TEAM is asking that anyone planning to do year-end giving to the church to please do so in the offering by December 27 or before 5:00pm on December 31 at the church office. This will insure that your gift will appear on your 2009 giving receipt from the church. Anything **received after December 31** will have to be credited to 2010.

The offering collected for the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance Second Mile fund was \$221.25.

NOCC Financial Report November 30, 2009			
Period/Item	Actual	Budget	Difference
Current Month			
Offering	\$50,577.72	\$41,178.00	\$9,399.72
Expenses	\$40,754.74	\$41,178.00	\$ 423.26
Cash Flow	\$ 9,822.98	\$0.00	\$9,822.98
Fiscal Year-to-Date			
Offering	\$193,101.74	\$205,890.00	(\$12,788.26)
Expenses	\$192,027.38	\$205,890.00	\$13,862.62
Cash Flow	\$ 1,074.36	\$0.00	\$ 1,074.36
Building Fund: Monthly Giving	\$10,545.00	& Year to Date	\$31,765.00
Loan Balance			\$593,169.09

PRAYER MINISTRY

Week of December 13-19, 2009

Email your request for the PRAYER MINISTRY INFORMATION To nocc@northoak.net.

[GIVE MORE]

REVIEW & REFLECT

Read John 1:1-14 with fresh eyes and fresh ears.

- How does this passage bring us back to the miracle of Christmas?
- What are some of the dangers when we associate love solely with the giving of material objects?
- What are some ways that we can give that clearly communicate love?

Read Matthew 1:18-23 and Isaiah 7:14 – Note especially the meaning of Jesus’ name, Immanuel.

- What are some ways you hope to experience God as “Immanuel” in your own life this Christmas?
- How can you give the gift of God’s presence to others?

RESOURCES

To help children (and their parents) learn about giving relationally:

- www.rethinkingchristmas.com/
This is a community site for you to share your stories and ideas for giving during the season of advent.
- Punchinello and the Most Marvelous Gift by Max Lucado, Tommy Nelson Publisher
- A Star for Jesus by Crystal Bowman, Zonderkidz Publisher
- J is for Jesus, The Sweetest Story Ever Told by Crystal Bowman, Zonderkidz Publisher
- The Christmas Star by Elizabeth Raum, Candy Cane Press Publisher
- The Pine Tree Parable by Liz Curtis Higgs, Tommy Nelson Publisher
- The Three Gifts of Christmas by Jennie Bishop, Warner Press Publisher

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray that we can touch each other as persons at a fairly deep level, and support each other when the burdens are heavy, and build each other’s faith in future grace by showing the supremacy of the love of God in Jesus Christ.
- Pray for creativity to give the gift of yourself to others.

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement: Learn how you can be a part of what God is doing...and has been doing since the beginning of time!

When: January 10-May 9, 2010

Host: North Oak Community Church

Cost: \$240 (additional fees apply for CEUs, graduate, and undergraduate credit)

Find the Hays class at www.perspectives.org for more information and to register.

*You can visit the first & second nights free to check it out before you finalize registration!

Sign up sheets for hosting a speaker or providing transportation are in the Gathering Space.

A PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION Service is being planned for **December 27**. We will only have an 11:00 service on this day. If you are interested in dedicating your child/children to the Lord, please talk to Pastor Ken as soon as possible.

Severe Weather Information!!!! When a snow or ice storm occurs, the sidewalks and parking lot can be icy and slick. Due to the shaded areas on the north side of the building, it is difficult to remove those icy surface conditions. The sloped sidewalks at the main northwest entrance of the building are especially difficult to clear off. Under these circumstances, the east doors can always be used as an alternative building entrance. Because the street between the Church and Center may not get cleared by city crews, the parking lot entrance on Oak Street is the best location to enter the parking lot. If services will be cancelled or changed, an announcement will be made on local radio, the church website and the answering machine at the church office!!

We would like to keep military personnel and their families in our prayers:
! Let the church office know of any NOCC family with deployed family members.

**NORTH OAK COMMUNITY CHURCH December 13, 2009
8:30am and 11:00am**

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”~John 1:14

Welcome to North Oak! Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. Please take a moment to sign and pass the red Friendship Folder located in each row. All guests are invited to complete the right-hand column of the form.

Prelude Julie & Jacob Balzer

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (Hymn 249) Congregation

“Let’s Worship and Adore Him” (Hymn 247)

Special Music: “What Do I Know of Holy?” Micayla Greathouse & Cynthia Robinson

Advent Reading and Candlelighting (8:30) Lori Balzer family (11:00) Paul Florquist

“The First Noel” (Hymn 265) Congregation

“O, Little Town of Bethlehem” (Hymn 250)

Prayer Deaconess: Karen Wasinger

Offertory Loren Groening & Ken Holle
(11:00 service dismiss to Children’s Church: 4 yr olds-2nd grade in Room 119)

Bible Message “From Temper to Tenderness” Pastor Ken
(John)

“Give This Christmas Away” Dave Barber

*Postlude

Worship Team: Loren Groening & Ken Holle, Pianists;
Darrell Blosser, Rachel Ediger, Nina McNeal,
Elizabeth Williams, Stacy Campbell, Vocalists.

Prayer Counselors: 1st Service – Don Rynerson & Rachel Ediger
2nd Service – Will Fadenrecht & Rachel Ediger

** If you would like to pray with someone, at the end of the service proceed to the front of the sanctuary and a prayer intercessor will meet with you. You may also use the Response Card in the Friendship Book to let us know of any needs.*

Today’s service is available on CD for \$1.00 each. Call the church office to order. The message only can also be heard after Tuesday on the website at www.northoak.net.

Following the 8:30 service, you are invited to get a cup of coffee or juice in the Gathering Space and proceed to your Sunday School class.

~~All Sunday School classes meet from 9:50-10:50am~~

Adult Education Classes	
Count Us In (Special Needs Adults)	Room 112
Seekers: “The Advent of the Savior”	Room 119
Essentials of the Christian Faith	Room 121
Authentic Living in the Family of God: 1 John	Room 123
Visionary Parenting	Room 136
Youth Education Classes	
2 & 3 year olds	Room 111
4 year olds – Kindergarten	Room 105
1st & 2nd Grades	Room 103
3rd, 4th & 5th Grades	Room 117
Middle School	Room 116
High School	(Center garage) Room 407