

Attendance Last Week: 8:30am – 143 11:00am – 163 Total - 306

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
✧4:30pm - Unite (College Ministry) meets in the Youth Center
✧NO College Students' Supper

THIS WEEK: MON 1:00pm - Staff meeting at the Center
NO Buildings & Grounds Team meeting
TUE NO Men's Fraternity until February 2
10:30am - Men's Coffee at Augustine's Bakery, 1305 Main
5:00pm - Deadline for items to be in the bulletin and requests for announcements to be made Sunday.
WED NO Heroes For Life (for Kind. thru 5th grades) until January 6
NO CIA (Middle School Students) until January 6
NO E2*10 High School Girls' Bible Study until January 6
NO Visionary Parenting class
NO Men's Fraternity until February 3
NO Count Us In prayer time until January 6
NO Lifeguard (H.S. students) until January 6
THU 7:00pm - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at NOCC.
Childcare is not provided.
FRI Merry Christmas!
Church Offices closed

NEXT SUNDAY: ▷11:00am - Combined Worship Service~~NO Sunday School
▷Pastor John will be preaching
▷Communion will be observed in the worship service
▷Parent/Child Dedication during service
▷NO High School Guys' Bible Study at the Center
▷NO Unite (College Ministry)
▷NO College Students' Supper

COMING UP: DEC 28 - 7:00pm Elder meeting at the Center
JAN 1 - Church Offices closed
JAN 2 - 8:00-4:00pm Boot Camp for Jesus Christ for Middle & High School students at NOCC.
JAN 3 - 11:00am Combined Worship Service~~NO Sunday School
JAN 10 - 6:30-9:30pm Perspectives class begins in the sanctuary
JAN 11 - 6:30pm Teams meet for Servant Community at NOCC
JAN 16 - 8:30am-3:00pm Disciplemaking Seminar at NOCC- Cost \$5.00. See the information at the Welcome Center or contact Jeff for more details.

The Deacon On Call for December 19-25 is Rich Matzke. If you have a need and cannot reach the church office, please call Rich.

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

HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN TODAY IN ROOM 114!! The Assimilation Team is 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. Pictures can be taken between services & after the 11:00 service today or after services on December 24, 27 and January 3. **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.**

January Ministry Schedules are in your NOCC mailboxes.

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.

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.

A report from HFL: We have been averaging about 42 children per session. Last Wednesday at our Christmas Party we gave several gifts to Jesus: decorated cookies & caroling for our pastors, church staff & several neighbors near the church, helping one another, showing kindness & collecting \$176.25 for the Advent Water Project. Thanks for your prayers for HFL.

The 5th grade HFL class will need small boxes and glitz and gold for their "heaven" unit in January. If you have any small boxes, old jewelry and glitz to help us be creative, please let Rachel Ediger know or bring by the church office.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the NOCC Church family for the wonderful Soup Supper and Family Christmas Program. We raised \$1,640 for our Mission Trips. Thank you to all who donated baskets, purchased baskets, shared your talent, and laughed at the jokes! The Baskets of Blessings raised \$972 which will give 24 families fresh water and six families were blessed with a basket. We have a very giving and gracious church family. Thank you for supporting our young people. Thanks to all the high school students who worked hard to make this happen. Thank you Amy Webb for making the soup, Donna McKenzie for the silent auction, Brenda Greathouse & Patty McCullick for the Baskets of Blessing and Bryan Noone & Monte Smith for being MC's.~~The Lifeguard Leadership Team

Baskets of Blessings: Those blessed by baskets are: Lori Balzer, Stacy & Mitch Berens, Kim Lanning, Lynnette Purvis and Jack & Wanda Ross. Hugo & Sarah Liborio received the kids' basket.

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!

WOULD YOU HELP? There is a unique opportunity to bless several men and one woman who will be coming to our community every Sunday beginning January 10th to present for the Perspectives on the World Christian Movement class being held this year at North Oak Community Church. Prayerfully consider to open your home and host one of these individuals for a Sunday evening overnight stay and breakfast the next morning. Also are needed individuals or an individual who would be willing to drive as far as Salina to pick up these guest speakers on Sunday. A drive back to Salina with the guest would also be needed to meet the contact person from Wichita on Monday. Prayerfully consider showering guest speakers for the Perspectives class with the blessing of your time or home. **Sign up sheets for hosting a speaker or providing transportation are in the Gathering Space.** Contact Kara Olmstead, Instructor Care coordinator, for other information.

Advent Water Project: NOCC is currently accepting donations for water filters for the SCORE International Water Filter Project. Hugo & Sarah Liborio will help distribute filters and train for use. Each \$40 filter provides clean water for one household. A final offering will be received on Christmas Eve. Make checks payable to NOCC with Advent Water Project on the memo line.

Severe Weather Information!!!! When a snow or ice storm occurs, the sidewalks and parking lot can be icy and slick. The parking lot entrance on Oak Street is the best location to enter the parking lot. The east doors into the building can always be used as an alternative building entrance if the sloped sidewalks at the main northwest entrance of the building aren't cleared. 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!!

PRAYER MINISTRY

Week of December 20-26, 2009

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

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REVIEW & REFLECT

Read Luke 2:1-24: Note any clues concerning the social and financial situation of the family into which Jesus was born.

- Imagine reading this passage through the eyes of someone lacking the same resources as you.
- How might reading it this way change the way you worship this Christmas?

Read Luke 6:20-36: Note the exceptional nature of the love that Jesus expects of his followers

- In what ways should Christian love be greater, distinct and unique in the world?
- What opportunities do you have to join Jesus in giving resources to those who need help the most?

RESOURCES

To help parents (and their children) 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.
- The Legend of St. Nicholas: A Christmas Story of Giving by Dandi Daley Mackall, Zonderkidz Publisher.
- Making Poverty Personal: Taking the Poor as Seriously as the Bible Does by Ash Barker, Baker Books.
- When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty without Hurting the Poor...and Yourself by Brian Fikkert, Steve Corbett, Moody Publishers

PRAYER FOCUS

- Ask God to construct within your heart and life a new standard of love more like his merciful behavior toward you.
- Pray for creativity to love those who might be considered "the least of these".

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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.

Boot Camp for Jesus Christ for Middle & High School Students: January 2, 8:00am-4:00pm. Cost \$10 (includes t-shirt, lunch & supplies) Are you ready to serve and spend serious time with Jesus Christ in 2010? Deadline to sign up is December 27. You will need to wear pants and tennis shoes. Please don't let money keep you from coming--if you want to come and need money, please talk to Jeff.

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 20, 2009
8:30am and 11:00am

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”~John 3:16

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 Orchestra
 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Congregation
 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (Hymn 277)

Advent Reading and Candlelighting (8:30) Luke Haines family
(11:00) Shawn Sterling family

“Angels We Have Heard on High” Congregation
 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (Hymn 259)

Special Music: “I Adore You” Eriana Holle and Kids’ Choir

Prayer Deacon: Rich Matzke

Offertory: “Hallelujah” Choir directed by Cynthia Robinson
 (11:00 service – 4 yr olds-2nd grade dismissed to Children’s Church in Room 119.)

Bible Message “Radical Love” Pastor Ken
(Simon the Zealot)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Hymn 245) Congregation
 “Away In a Manger” (Hymn 261)
 “Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming” (Hymn 255)

***Postlude**

Worship Team: Loren Groening, Pianist; Rich Webb, Drummer;
 NOCC Orchestra directed by Terry Crull;
 Dave Barber, JoLeen Cunningham, Normadine Noone, Cynthia Robinson,
 Bryan Noone, Monte Smith, Vocalists.

Prayer Counselors: 1st Service – Mike & Jan Burkholder
 2nd Service – Eddie & Kara Olmstead

** 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
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	Room 136