

Last Week: 8:30am – 128 11:00am – 114 Total – 242

During the worship services *Sonshine Station* NURSERY is available for children ages **under 12 months in Room 104 and 1-2 years in Room 106** (check in at **104A**) and **3 & 4 years are in Room 113.**

During 11:00 service: 5 year olds - 2nd Grade will be dismissed to CHILDREN'S CHURCH 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 basket 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.
✧ 2nd Sunday of Advent
✧ Changes in nursery & children's church – see above for details.
✧ 12:30pm - Youth Staff meeting at the Center
✧ 12:30pm - Heart to Heart Christmas Party in the Youth Center. All ladies are invited to join us for singing, eating and fellowship.
✧ NO Precept Bible Study
✧ 6:30pm - College Students' Supper at Tom & Normadine Noone's. All college students are invited!

THIS WEEK: MON 1:00pm - Staff meeting at the Center
6:00pm - Buildings & Grounds Work Session. **Everyone is invited to come & help with the projects!**
TUE 10:30am - Men's Coffee at Augustine's Bakery, 1305 Main
6:30-8:00pm - D6 families meet in the Youth Center
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
NO Men's Fraternity—will start again in 2012
6:00-7:40pm - 7-8th Grade CIA meet in the Youth Center
6:30-7:15pm - E2*10 High School Girls' Bible Study "Ruth" meets in Room 123.
6:30-7:15pm - High School Guys' Bible Study "Every Young Man's Battle" meets in Room 117.
7:20pm - Lifeguard (H.S. students) meet in the Youth Center
FRI Noon - Ladies Lunch at Golden Corral

NEXT SUNDAY: ▷ Come together to **PRAY** in Room 114 during 8:30 or 11:00 service.
▷ 3rd Sunday of Advent
▷ Children's Christmas Program during both worship services
▷ 6:30pm - College Students' Supper at Tom & Normadine Noone's. All college students are invited!

COMING UP: DEC 12 – 7:00pm Elder/Deacon meeting in Room 123
7:30pm Finance Team meeting at the Center
DEC 16 – Noon Ladies Lunch at Golden Q
DEC 17 – 6:00pm Christmas Caroling—meet at NOCC
DEC 18 – 5:00pm Lifeguard Dinner & Show. Stop by the signup table in the Gathering Space!
DEC 19-23 – NOCC delivers Meal on Wheels
DEC 24 – 7:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at NOCC
DEC 25 – 11:00am Combined Worship Service~~NO Sunday School
JAN 1 – 11:00am Combined Worship Service~~NO Sunday School

The Deacon on Call for December 3-9 is Travis Keller. If you have a need and cannot reach the church office, please call Travis.

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 Jeremiah in December and discuss with a friend. *Rev. 1:3*

Attention Ladies! You are invited to: **No Host Friday Lunches at noon**
Come join in fellowship with other NOCC ladies. Everyone welcome.
A great place to bring friends!!! No babysitting offered at this time.
❖ December 9 - Golden Corral ❖ December 16 - Golden Q
Questions? Call Elizabeth Williams.

STARTING TODAY Sonshine Station Nursery is making some changes to better serve the infants and toddlers and parents of our congregation. The following locations are available: Birth through 12 months will be in Room 104 and 1 & 2 year olds will be in Room 106. Both will check in at Room 104A. Room 113 will be for 3 & 4 year olds. Age appropriate toys and snacks will be provided as well as a Bible activity for the older children. Also the age for Children's Church will change to 5 yr olds-2nd Grade.

Sunday School Teacher needed for 3rd-5th grade class starting in January. Contact Jill Goertzen.

The offering collected for the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance Second Mile Fund was \$360.00.

THANK YOU

Thank you to God's angels last Sunday. We witnessed "God's hands—the earthly ones." Truly we have never had such warm, caring friends—the helping hands—words of love, calls of concern. Thank you, angels. The ministers' calls and love were great—we truly believe "our" people take their action from our leaders!! Once again thank you all. ~Love & gratitude, Dick & Norvella Elston

Christmas baskets are in the Gathering Space for our pastoral staff and support staff. Support staff includes Kim Lanning, Office Manager; Lori Balzer, Office Assistant; Jamie Sterling, Custodian; and Brandy Burkholder and Sarah Schaeffer, Paid Nursery Workers. This will be our opportunity to say Merry Christmas and thank you to these individuals for the exemplary service they provide the Lord and to our congregation throughout the year. Gifts of cards, cash, gift cards, personal service promises or any other appropriate items may be placed in the baskets. Baskets for each of these individuals will be available between December 4th and December 18th. They will be distributed between the 18th and Christmas Day.~~NOCC Deacon Board

FROM THE CARE COMPASSION TEAM--The person mailing cards for December is Eileen Jensen 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.

- Dinner & Show** - Sunday, December 18, 5:00pm at NOCC Sanctuary
Dinner - Raise funds for NOCC Mission Trip **Show** - Family Christmas Program
One tremendously fun evening of food & entertainment!!
- Tickets are available in the Gathering Space or at the church office.
 - Please bring tickets with you that evening because they will let us know how many people are coming as well as serve as your bidder number for the silent auction.
 - A freewill donation will be taken with all proceeds going for the NOCC Mission Trips.
 - If God has given you a talent that you would like to share with the rest of the church family, please sign up your act in the Gathering Space. (Singing, Skits, Talents, etc.)
 - Sign up to make Cinnamon Rolls for the Dinner
 - Also, please bring your favorite Christmas snack or dessert that evening to share with everyone.

6th Annual Basket Auction: Along with the Dinner & Show on Sunday, December 18, will be the annual basket auction. This fun event is one way that we can all support the mission trips taken by NOCC. You can support this project by making a theme basket and donating it for the auction. Another way to support this event is to come and purchase a basket for yourself or someone else for this Christmas. Please stop by the table in the Gathering Space and sign up to bring one or more theme baskets for the evening.

A Precept Upon Precept study of the Book of Revelation will continue beginning January 15, 2012. We will pick up Part II which covers all but the first three chapters. If you have not been studying with us, please consider doing so. Each study stands on its own so while you may be at a slight disadvantage if you have not done the lead in courses, you can and will be blessed by this study. We meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm in Room 119. Childcare is not provided. Sign up in the Gathering Space today!

PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT: The Hays Perspectives class begins January 16, 2012 at 6:30pm at Cross Point Church. This 16-week class will help you understand what God has been doing since the beginning of time and how you fit into His plan. Learn from a different professor each week. Check out www.perspectives.org or contact Lane Young for more information.

☞ PRAYER MINISTRY ☜

Week of December 3-10, 2011

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



"When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just." (Luke 14:12-14, ESV)

Giving Presence

The North Oak Luke 14 Banquet on April 21, 2012 is to honor people affected by disabilities and their families by providing them a Great Banquet prepared especially for them. This event will provide attendees a fun night out on the town – an opportunity to be served through hospitality and a gospel presentation.

Providing Respite

Under the daily pressure of disability, families shoulder a huge care giving responsibility and are exhausted! Many never get away from the routine to experience life-giving renewal. Most find it difficult to attend church and few experience the support of a faith community.

Our project will bless a number of families with respite in a form that suits their needs. One possibility would be to sponsor families to a *Joni and Friends Family Retreat*. At *Family Retreats*, "Everything Under the Son" is provided for the comfort and care of families affected by disability! Best of all, at week's end, moms, dads, sisters and brothers head home with a newfound joy to press forward in His strength, cheered on by a whole new family of loved ones who stand with them.

Through your Advent Conspiracy love gift, you can make what others have called "a taste of heaven here on earth" a reality for a family right here in our community.

This project includes lots of "Firsts" for our NOCC family. But what a joy to experience all of us reaching out together to realize the FULL house of God! (Luke 14:23)

Join the Advent Conspiracy: Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More and Love All!
{Spend Less}

Seems ambiguous, right? Spend less than last year? Less than my neighbor? Less than the average American, who spends one thousand dollars on Christmas gifts?

Spending less is about conspiring together to spend a little less on material gifts this Christmas, what might Jesus do with these freed-up resources that we now offer to him?

The intent of Advent is to encourage us to celebrate Christ's birth—the arrival of the Son of the Most High, Immanuel, the King whose kingdom will never end. Instead, this season has become dominated by the materialism of our culture, not to mention the stress that goes with shopping, spending, and chaotic holiday schedules. The story of the Savior's arrival is about promise, hope, and revolutionary love...but this truth is being overshadowed and overwhelmed by consumer-driven messages.

What if we refused to give in to these messages? What if we plotted to resist the pull of materialism and schemed to not allow stress to characterize this season? What if we conspired together to pursue the true meaning of Advent? Christmas might just become a world-changing event again.

For more Advent Conspiracy resources, visit mbfoundation.com/adventconspiracy.

conspira•cy: the act of scheming together to take action in harmony toward a common end

RUINING PRIDE

Jeremiah 13:1-11 (Pew Bible page 545)

We are constantly searching for the one thing that will satisfy us. Yet each time we trust the promises of our possessions, we are deceived to think that life can be found apart from God. Although we know that God is truth, we chose to turn away from him. We follow Satan’s path and decide that the things of earth can provide for the deepest needs of our heart. Pride emerges. Idols are formed. Sin has arrived.

Instead of living for the sole purpose of glorifying God, we begin to live to glorify ourselves. Meeting our own desires becomes the driving force in our life. Relational comfort becomes our primary goal. As our pride continues to grow, we believe that we are entitled to a comfortable, successful life and we expect others to cooperate. In our foolish pride, we believe that if God is good, then He will also cooperate. Our spiritual life then consists of manipulating God, not glorifying and worshiping Him.

Jeremiah teaches us that God is opposed to human pride and will eventually bring it down.

1. You show pride when you...

...refuse to listen to God’s words.

...stubbornly continue doing only what you want to do.

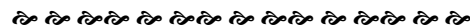
...chase after all kinds of earthly things.

2. God intends that you...

...cling closely to him in intimate relationship.

...be a means by which his name and glory is known.

TAKING IT HOME...



The Assimilation Team invites you to go Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 17 at 6:00pm. 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. Bring your family and friends and let’s share the joy of the season with others in Hays!

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 4, 2011
8:30am and 11:00am**

“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”~~ Luke 1:32-33

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 JoLeen Cunningham

“Praise the Name of Jesus” Congregation
“Shout to the Lord”

Advent Reading and Candle lighting :
(8:30) Brent Goertzen Family and Dave Barber
(11:00) Rich & Mary Matzke and Paul Florquist

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (Hymn 277, v 1, 3) Congregation
“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (Hymn 259)

Prayer Deacon: Travis Keller

Offertory JoLeen Cunningham
(11:00 service dismiss to Children’s Church: **5 yr olds-2nd grade** in Room 119)

Bible Message “Ruining Pride” Pastor Ken
(Jeremiah 13:1-11, Pew Bible page 545)

“I Surrender All” (Hymn 596) Congregation
“Angels We Have Heard on High” (Hymn 278)

*Postlude

Worship Team: JoLeen Cunningham, Pianist;
Dave Barber, Rachel Ediger, Nina McNeal,
Elizabeth Williams, Darrell Blosser, Vocalists.

Prayer Counselors: 1st Service – Don Rynerson & Rachel Ediger
2nd Service – Dwight Vanderlip & 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
<i>WEIRD Because Normal Isn’t Working</i>	Room 117
<i>Grace Based Parenting</i>	Room 119
<i>Firm Foundations - Creation to Christ</i>	Room 121
College Students	Center Garage
Youth Education Classes	
3 - 4 year olds	Room 111
5 year olds – Kindergarten	Room 105
1st & 2nd Grades	Room 103
3rd, 4th & 5th Grades	Room 123
Middle School	Room 116
High School	Room 136