

Attendance Last Week: 8:30am - 108 11:00am - 173 Total - 281

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

During 11:00 service: CHILDREN'S CHURCH for 4 yr olds-Kind. in Room 103 and Grades 1-3 in Room 119. CLIPBOARDS with packets of crayons and papers are available 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. Check out the signup opportunities in the Gathering Space! 12:30pm - All-Church Potluck in the Youth Center with the Larsons 1:15pm - CET meeting in Room 119 following lunch

THIS WEEK: MON 1:00pm - Staff meeting at the Center 7:00pm - Elder meeting at the Center TUE 10:30am - Men's Coffee at Augustine's Bakery, 1305 Main WED 3:00pm - Heroes For Life (for Kind. thru 5th grades) begins 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. 5:30pm - 6-8th Grade CIA Supper in the Youth Center 6:00-7:30pm - 7-8th Grade CIA meet in the Youth Center 7:30pm - Lifeguard (high school students) meet in the Youth Center THU 7:30pm - Overcomers Outreach meets at the Center--A support group for people and their families that have alcohol, drug & food addictions. Childcare is not provided. SAT Casting Crowns Concert in Dodge City

NEXT SUNDAY: Come together to PRAY in Room 114 during 8:30 or 11:00 service. Communion will be observed in the worship services.

COMING UP: SEPT 7 - 5:00pm College Ministry meets in the Youth Center 6:30pm College Students' Supper at NOCC SEPT 8 - 6:30pm Teams meet for Servant Community at NOCC 8:30pm College/Career Girls' Bible Study at Rachel Ediger's SEPT 13 - 5:00pm Mystery Dinner for Women's Ministry at Paula Martin's home. Watch for details soon in your mailboxes. SEPT 14 - 6:00pm Precept Bible Study, "Romans Part 3" begins. Childcare is not provided. SEPT 17 - 7:30-9:00pm Women's Bible Study "Stepping Up" begins in Room 119. Childcare is not provided. SEPT 18 - 9:00-11:00am Women's Bible Study "Discerning the Voice of God" begins in Room 119. Childcare is provided.

WHERE IS THE TUB? The tub that the baptism towels are kept in is missing. If you borrowed it, please bring it back!!

The Elder on Call for August 23-29 is Ron Gallaway. If you have a need and cannot reach the church office, please call Ron.

READING PROGRAM: The Spiritual Life Team wants to encourage everyone at NOCC to be a consistent reader of God's Word. As a growing part of this church, please read and talk about Philippians 1-4 with others this week. Revelation 1:3

The NOCC Family is invited to attend an All-Church Potluck TODAY after second service in the Youth Center fellowship area for Wayne & Jennie Larson, missionaries we support financially. Come and join us to glean information from the Larsons on the work they are involved with in the Persian Gulf.

A NEW SS CLASS: The "Count Us In" ministry is planning to launch a new class for adult individuals with special needs beginning on Sunday, September 7th. We need assistance in three ways: 1) Intentional Prayer support; 2) Physical assistance during the class time; and 3) Teaching. If you would like to be a part of this teaching team, please contact Shelly or Debbie.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED WHERE YOU WILL SERVE AT NOCC?

Ushers are needed in both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. What does an usher do? Arrive early, help with seating, collect the offering, straighten the sanctuary after the service, and lock up. If you would like an opportunity to serve in this way, please fill out the Response Card in the Friendship Book and put in the offering plate today!!

HFL UPDATE: It's that time again and HFL (Heroes For Life for Kind-5th graders) is starting August 27. This afterschool program is on Wednesdays from 3:00-5:00pm. This is a great place for your children to have fun, learn about God and make friends. Please stop by the sign up table and pre-register your children today. HELP IS STILL NEEDED IN SEVERAL AREAS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING CHILDREN, THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU TO SIGN UP, TOO!!

After many years of service to NOCC, Mary Ann Massey will no longer be responsible for cleaning up after you! Effective September 1, 2008, Mary Ann is resigning as Custodian for North Oak. Jamie Sterling will be taking her place and continuing as the Nursery Coordinator. Thanks, Mary Ann & Ken, for the many hours of loving care you have given!

THANK YOU

Amber Turley wants to thank all the ladies who gave sacrificially to stay with Zack & Cody at least an hour to hold and feed them while they were in the hospital to give her a break and as she was trying to get her sister to Hays to help with their move. Sherrill Weeks was gracious to have Justin and Logan in their home for two days.

Thank you for your prayers and cards this summer. Carl healed quickly and dramatically from his heart surgery. His recent surgery has brought a great release from pain. Healing is actually happening, but at a slower pace. Though he is returning to work half days, he looks forward to the day he can return to cardiac rehab exercise. Thank you for your continuing prayers for both of us.~ Carl and Joyce Parker

Amber Turley and boys have moved back to Arizona to be nearer family. Be in prayer for them and consider sending a card to encourage her at this trying time.

We rejoice with Jeremy, Stephanie, Christian and the entire Burkholder family in the birth of Isaiah Stephen Burkholder. He was born at Hays Medical Center on August 21 weighing 9 lb., 5 oz. and 21 in. long.

FROM THE CARE COMPASSION TEAM--The person mailing cards for the month of August is Marti Stadalman. If you know of someone who needs a note of encouragement, sympathy or get well, please call her.

DONATIONS NEEDED: Sue George is volunteering through the Mennonite Association for Retired People with SOOP (Service Opportunities for Older People) at a school library in Kentucky. They need school supplies, children's books and clothing up to age 8. If you would like to donate, items need to be placed in the box in the Gathering Space by August 31. Contact Sue for more information.

EXCESS INVENTORY/ASSET DISPERSAL: The Buildings & Grounds Team is dispersing some excess inventory. Check your NOCC mailboxes for details. The items can be viewed in the Center garage until September 7th. Contact Roger Lohrmeyer, if you have questions. Additions: 2 office chairs, 1-36x36 table. Deletions: gray shelves.

This week, Wednesday, August 27, is the pre-registration deadline for 55+ Gathering 2008 on October 27-29 in Branson. The goal of this gathering of senior adults is to experience enriching fellowship and life-long learning in our relationships with Jesus Christ and with one another throughout our district of churches. The keynote speaker is Jules Glanzer, president of Tabor College, speaking on "Building Bridges with the Emerging Generation". Brochures with full information are available at the Welcome Center. Contact the SDC Office at 316-722-8680 or office@sdcmb.org for more information.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Week of August 24-30, 2008

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

UPCOMING NOCC EVENTS

Young Ladies: College & Career interested in a devotional & fellowship group on Monday nights at 8:30pm at Rachel Ediger's home. Begins September 8. The first weeks we will focus on the peacemaker materials. Questions call Rachel.

Women's Ministry (Heart-to-Heart) will be meeting on September 13 for a Mystery Dinner at 5:00pm at Paula Martin's home. Sign up in the Gathering Space today.

Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study will be studying Beth Moore's "Stepping Up" this fall. We'll start in September 17 and meet from 7:30-9:00pm at church. If you'd like us to order you a book, please sign up in the Gathering Space today. For more info, contact Joan Crull or JoLeen Cunningham.

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study beginning September 18 from 9-11am on "Discerning the Voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer. Sign up will be in the Gathering Space TODAY. Questions, call Sandi May, Normadine Noone or Evie Wiker.

MEN'S FRATERNITY...THE QUEST FOR AUTHENTIC MANHOOD LAUNCHES AGAIN AT NOCC FOR THE FALL

- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - 6:00-7:30 AM
- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - 6:00-7:30 PM
- ALL MEN/SONS...SAVE THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 21-13 FOR A MEN'S RETREAT

TAKE THE CHALLENGE AND JOIN OTHER MEN AS WE LEARN GOD'S INCREDIBLE PLAN FOR BEING AN AUTHENTIC MAN.

- EVEN IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN BEFORE, COME JOIN US.

"Raising a Modern Day Knight" Dad's Bible Study will meet in the Youth Center from 7:00-8:30am starting October 4-November 8. More details will be available soon.

College students! We'd like to invite you to the start of our new college ministry at North Oak. Our first meeting is Sunday September 7 at 5:00 p.m. at the Church. Our goal is to help college students better become the Christian community described in the New Testament while growing more deeply individually. More details will be given during the first meeting. If you have any questions, contact Brandon Nimz. We look forward to seeing you at this first meeting and hope you can stay for the "Sunday Supper".

North Oak will host a "Sunday Supper" for all college students at 6:30 p.m. at the Church. In subsequent weeks the supper will be in homes. The Sunday supper is open to all college students whether or not you take part in the 5:00pm meeting.

PRECEPT STUDY: Romans Part 3 begins September 14 at 6:00pm. If you missed Romans Part 1 & 2, you are still welcome to join now. Sign up in the Gathering Space today for this 9 week study. Childcare is not provided.

Dinner for 8: Once a month in September, October and November meet in homes with 7 others from the congregation for a meal. The groups will be different each month allowing the opportunity to get to know several people. Anyone is welcome to participate regardless of whether you can host or cook! Sign up in the Gathering Space TODAY. If you were in a group last time, you will need to sign up again. For more information, call Barb Dague. She will notify you later of who is in your group!

THE POWERFUL WITNESS OF UNITY

Ephesians 4:1-16 (Pew Bible page 828)

Unity has an irresistible power!

Unity enhances the productivity of the church and overflows in a positive witness to the outside world that draws others to Christ.

- 1. Christian unity needs to be valued and maintained. (1-6)
 - a. Live worthy of your call focused on unity. (1-3)

- b. Unity is motivated by theological oneness. (4-6)

- **Commitment one:** To _____ Jesus Christ above all things and to _____ all of our mini-agendas for his sake.

- **Commitment two:** To develop Christ-like _____, especially _____ and _____.

- **Commitment three:** To sound _____, which never sacrifices the _____; but always prioritizes it in a spirit of _____.

- 2. We are all expected to work to strengthen the church. (7-16)

- a. Grace (for ministry) has been given to each one. (7-12)

- b. The end in view is completeness in Christ. (13-16)

- **Commitment four:** To respect and pursue God-given _____ and _____ one another just as Christ accepted us.

- **Commitment five:** To strive earnestly and prayerfully to pursue genuine _____ and _____, despite personal differences.

MY NEXT STEPS...

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 August 24, 2008
8:30am and 11:00am

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
~~John 13:34-35

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 Loren Groening

“Ancient of Days” Congregation

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

“There Is a Place of Quiet Rest”

“Blessed Assurance”

Prayer Elder: Ron Gallaway

Offertory Rachel Cunningham & Brandon Smith
(11:00 service dismiss to Children’s Church: ONLY 4 yr olds-Kind. in Room 103.
Grades 1–3 only in Room 119.)

Mission Faith Story

Bible Message “The Powerful Witness of Unity” Pastor Ken
Ephesians 4:1-16 (Pew Bible page 828)

*“The Power of Your Love” Congregation

Postlude

Worship Team: Loren Groening, Pianist;
Dave Barber, JoLeen Cunningham, Normadine Noone, Bryan Noone, Vocalists.

Prayer Counselors: 1st Service – Ron & Gail Gallaway
2nd Service – Mary Benedict & Will Fadenrecht

*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 cassette or 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	
Lost Sheep: The Peacemaking Church	Sanctuary
Seekers: The Peacemaking Church	Room 123
Co-Uni-Bus/Berean Class: The Peacemaking Church	Room 121
Soul Care 101: The Peacemaking Church	Room 119
Youth Education Classes	
2 & 3 year olds	Room 113
4 year olds – Kindergarten	Room 103
1st & 2nd Grades	Room 112
3rd & 4th Grade	Room 116
5th Grade & Middle School	Room 117
High School	Room 136