

# Madison Avenue Church of Christ

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## OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thur 9:00 - 3:00

## Weekly Services

### Sunday

Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.

Worship: 11:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.\*

### Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

No evening worship on the Fourth  
Sunday of each month.

## Weekday Radio Program

"Thinkaboutit" with Charlie  
Wharton AM 1240 at 6:55 a.m.  
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# Welcome Visitors!

*"Look at the birds of the air;  
they do not sow or reap or store  
away in barns, and yet your  
heavenly Father feeds them.*

*Are you not much more  
valuable than they?"*



M A T T H E W 6 : 2 6 , N I V



We are so glad that you decided to come and worship with our family today. We hope that you will join in with us as we praise God together in our worship. Whatever your situation in life, we pray that you will find what you need to bring you closer to God. Please take a minute and fill out one of the red visitor cards in the back of the pews and drop it in the collection plate when it comes around — we would greatly appreciate it. Please come back and worship with us again!

## A Moment With Mark

**W**e are an impatient people, and when things need to be fixed, we prefer them to be fixed quickly. If there are problems, we demand instant solutions, and we have little tolerance for delay in obtaining the results we seek. In our culture, the concept that some plan might take a *lifetime* to be accomplished is unthinkable. Long before that, we would have concluded that the plan was not working — we would have changed plans.

Spiritual growth, of course, does take time, and we need to be more patient than we often are, both with other people and with ourselves. But I suggest that what we really need to be is more *humble*. We must put our pride in its place and be willing, perhaps for quite a long time, to be novices, or beginners. Between us and God, there is a long road to be traveled. All who have gone before have had to make the journey. Should we be exempt? If we are expecting God to provide us a shortcut, who do we think we are?

But we also need *courage*. Our Lord's own journey took Him through painful territory, and He endured all of it patiently, humbly, and courageously. So the Hebrew writer says, "Consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin" (Hebrews 12:3,4).

At the present time, none of us is anything more than a work in progress. Our characters are unfinished and not yet ready for direct communion with God. But we are *on the way* to that goal, if indeed we have obeyed the gospel of Christ and are remaining true to the confession of our faith. Each day God's hammer and chisel are at work on us, chipping away at the sin that has hardened around our hearts. Since we are still alive and able to talk about it, one thing ought to be obvious: *God has not given up on us!* And neither should we. Eventually, God's methods, however ineffective they may seem right now, will be seen to have been the best. Meanwhile, let's trust the process and give it time — nothing less than a *lifetime* — to work. It may be slow, but it is very, very sure.

*... knowing God and developing faith is a gradual process.  
There are no shortcuts to maturity. It takes time to be holy.*

—Erwin W. Lutzer

*Grace and Peace ~ Mark*

## PRAYER LIST

**Jody Hartman**, Jane Davis's niece, had an appointment at the Mayo Clinic on Friday.

**Grave Perryman**, Jeane Wharton's mother, had some more tests and the doctors determined that she did not need surgery.

**Susie Boyd**, a member of the church in Michigan and a friend of Terry's, had a stroke last week at the age of 38.

**Brian**, Kayleen Fulton's brother-in-law, had brain surgery for cancer.

**Jane Davis' great-nephew** had successful surgery to remove a large brain tumor, which they thought was benign, but have since determined that it was cancer. The doctors believe they got it all, but he will be going through chemotherapy to make sure.

**Sharon**, a friend of Peggy Cruse, will be having breast surgery in the near future.

**Nancy Huxoll** announced last Sunday that she and Corey are expecting their first child. This past week Nancy began having some unusual pain and has been ordered to bed until further notice. The baby is fine, but Nancy is having some considerable pain.

**Becky Osbourn's parents** in Arkansas are dealing with no power because of the ice storms.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This week's birthdays are Sharon French (Monday), Kyle Wyly (Wednesday), and Craig Hyde (Friday).

## THANK YOU

Last week, through our special contribution, we were able to provide Justin Newton with \$1,000 towards his mission trip to Moldova. He has just about reached his goal. If you did not get a chance to contribute to his trip and would still like to do so, please see Mark or one of the elders.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**TODAY** Family Sunday—No evening services.

**Feb 7** Chili Cook-Off — Bring your favorite chili and fixin's and desserts.

**Feb 14** Valentine Brunch at the Wyly Ranch.

**Feb 18** Ladies Group Lunch at Perkins

## FAMILY SUNDAY

Today is one of our two yearly "Family Sunday's". We will have no evening services here at the building. Be sure to take the day and spend some time with your family.

## CHILI COOK-OFF

This Saturday, February 7th, we will be having a "Chili Cook-Off." Bring your favorite chili, fixin's, and dessert — or any combination of the above. Prizes will be awarded in various categories. The fun starts at 6:00 p.m. If you want to stay afterwards and play games, be sure to bring your favorite games from home. If you have any questions, please see Justin Newton.

## FELLOWSHIP AT THE DUNCANS

This evening all are invited out to the Duncan's home for some fellowship time. Come any time after 4:00 p.m. Bring snacks, finger foods, desserts, etc.

## VALENTINE BRUNCH

Ladies: You are invited to a "Valentine" Brunch at Karen Wyly's on Saturday, February 14th at 10:00 AM. Please bring a "Valentine" item to exchange. RSVP to Karen by the 10th.



# Worship Assistants

## SUNDAY MORNING

Welcome .....  
 Song Leader .....  
 First Prayer .....  
 Communion Leader .....  
 Communion Servers .....

## TODAY

*Buford Storrs* .....  
*Brad Curtis* .....  
*Craig Hyde* .....  
*Charlie Wharton* .....  
*Max Cruse* .....  
*Justin Newton* .....  
*Brandon Osbourn* .....  
*Jeff French* .....  
*Alan Hyde* .....  
*Bob Duncan* .....  
*Karen Wyly* .....  
*Peggy Cruse* .....

## FEBRUARY 8

*Buford Storrs* .....  
*Justin Newton* .....  
*Jeff French* .....  
*Brad Curtis* .....  
*Mack Wyly* .....  
*Kris Monroe* .....  
*Taylor Newton* .....  
*Corey Huxoll* .....  
*Taylor Hyde* .....  
*Charlie Wharton* .....  
*June Cruse* .....  
*Jane Davis* .....

## SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader .....  
 Communion/Closing .....

## TODAY

*No Service* .....  
*No Service* .....

## FEBRUARY 8

*Justin Newton* .....  
*Charlie Wharton* .....

## WEDNESDAY

Songs .....  
 Scriptures .....  
 Closing .....

## FEBRUARY 4

*Brad Curtis* .....  
*Taylor Newton* .....  
*Taylor Hyde* .....

## FEBRUARY 11

*Justin Newton* .....  
*Kris Monroe* .....  
*Alan Hyde* .....



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