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January 14, 2024



CHURCH OF  
NORTH TAMPA CHRIST

**Sunday**

Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday**

Bible Study  
7:00 p.m.

**Welcome  
Visitors**

We hope you find our worship service enriching and inspiring. Please let us know if you have questions about our church family or how we may serve you in your quest for God.

*Welcome*

*New Members*

Maurtell & Marisha Colbert

Lyric and Lylah





**TODAY is the deadline to turn in monetary donations to Renee McLaughlin to cover the costs of group purchased items for Austin Drake's Pounding Event.**



**Thank you to all who have made this a warm welcome for our new Associate Minister to work with our North Tampa church family.**



**Jean Morris  
95th  
Birthday  
Celebration**

**February 10, 2024**



**Bring a Friend!**

**February 11, 2024  
WHO WILL YOU  
BRING?**



**Heart 2 Heart Card Ministry**  
**Saturday, January 20 10:00am**  
**The McLaughlin House**



Heart2Heart meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10am at the McLaughlin house to send cards and encouraging notes to those on the weekly bulletin prayer list and others. Cards and stamps are provided; donations of cards are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Renee McLaughlin via text or email. Please RSVP to Renee if you will attend.



**MSG-Mature Singles Group**  
**Saturday, January 20 3:00pm**  
**Nina Lee's House**



MSG's monthly potluck and card party gathering is at Nina Lee's house. The entrée is lasagna. Attendees can bring the side dish or dessert of their choice. For planning, please respond to the MSG email "reply all" if you will attend and list the dish you are bringing. If you have questions, contact Nina Lee or LaVerne Williams.



**Life Group Leader Training & Lunch**  
**Sunday, January 21st—After Services**

All current Life Group Leaders and those interested in becoming a Life Group Leader are invited to attend Life Group Training on January 21st after worship services. Lunch will be provided.





<b>Group</b>	<b>Leader/Co-Leaders</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Meeting Time</b>
Wharton	John Wharton Bill Hemphill	20408 Walnut Grove Lane, Tampa, FL 34637	5:30pm Sunday
Smith	Jason Smith	8734 Crystal Creek Ct Land O Lakes, FL 34638	1:00pm Sunday
O'Haver	Ray O'Haver	3969 Grand Forks Dr Land O Lakes, FL 34639	4:00pm Sunday
Shackelford	John Shackelford Jan Blackwell	30351 Colehaven Ct Wesley Chapel, FL 33543	5:30pm Sunday
Chatham	Lee Chatham Kris Kent	32391 Carolines Path Dade City, FL 33525	5:00pm Sunday
Stone	Mike Stone Austin Drake	Church Building 3611 County Line Rd E Lutz, FL 33559	5:00pm Sunday
Johnson Grantham	Craig Johnson Jason Grantham	7346 Tower Bridge Rd Wesley Chapel, FL 33545	1:00pm Sunday

**Beginning Sunday, February 4th**

# Malachi

## Major Messages from the Minor Prophets

*January 14, 2024*

### Malachi 1:1–6 (NIV)

A prophecy: The word of the LORD to Israel through Malachi.

<sup>2</sup> “I have loved you,” says the LORD.

“But you ask, ‘How have you loved us?’

“Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the LORD. “Yet I have loved Jacob, <sup>3</sup> but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his hill country into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals.”

<sup>4</sup> Edom may say, “Though we have been crushed, we will rebuild the ruins.”

But this is what the LORD Almighty says: “They may build, but I will demolish. They will be called the Wicked Land, a people always under the wrath of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> You will see it with your own eyes and say, ‘Great is the LORD—even beyond the borders of Israel!’

<sup>6</sup> “A son honors his father, and a slave his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?” says the LORD Almighty.

“It is you priests who show contempt for my name.

“But you ask, ‘How have we shown contempt for your name?’

## What does God care about?

1. He expects to \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Malachi 2:1–2 (NIV)**

“And now, you priests, this warning is for you. <sup>2</sup> If you do not listen, and if you do not resolve to honor my name,” says the LORD Almighty, “I will send a curse on you, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have already cursed them, because you have not resolved to honor me.

### **Matthew 22:36–38 (NIV)**

<sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment.

## **2. He expects us to \_\_\_\_\_.**

### **Malachi 2:7–9 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> “For the lips of a priest ought to preserve knowledge, because he is the messenger of the LORD Almighty and people seek instruction from his mouth. <sup>8</sup> But you have turned from the way and by your teaching have caused many to stumble; you have violated the covenant with Levi,” says the LORD Almighty. <sup>9</sup> “So I have caused you to be despised and humiliated before all the people, because you have not followed my ways but have shown partiality in matters of the law.”

### **1 John 2:3–5 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. <sup>4</sup> Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. <sup>5</sup> But if

anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him:

### 3. He expects us to make Him \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **Malachi 2:13–15 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> Another thing you do: You flood the LORD's altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer looks with favor on your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. <sup>14</sup> You ask, "Why?" It is because the LORD is the witness between you and the wife of your youth. You have been unfaithful to her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant.

<sup>15</sup> Has not the one God made you? You belong to him in body and spirit. And what does the one God seek? Godly offspring. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful to the wife of your youth.

#### **2 Corinthians 6:14–15 (NIV)**

<sup>14</sup> Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? <sup>15</sup> What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

### 4. He expects us to look out for the weak and vulnerable.

#### **Malachi 2:17–3:1-5 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup> You have wearied the LORD with your words. *(continued)*

“How have we wearied him?” you ask.

By saying, “All who do evil are good in the eyes of the LORD, and he is pleased with them” or “Where is the God of justice?”

<sup>1</sup> “I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, <sup>4</sup> and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

<sup>5</sup> “So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me,” says the LORD Almighty.

### **James 1:26–27 (NIV)**

<sup>26</sup> Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.



*Invite  
Your  
Friends  
and  
Neighbors*



*February 11,  
2024*

*Tent Service  
10:00am*



## **Introducing a new Sunday Lesson Series**

# **40 Days of Following the Way of Love**



For the New Year, any canned vegetables, meats, and soups are requested. Other non-perishable items are also welcome. Monetary donations allow MOH to buy meats and produce. If you give a check, make it payable to North Tampa Church of Christ and designate MOH in the note section of your check. We will send one check from the church to MOH at intervals, depending on the number of donations. Your generosity is very appreciated and vital to providing meals for hungry people in need.

# 2024 Current Ministries Leaders

Administration Ministry	Sandy West
Adult Education	John Wharton, Jan Blackwell
Audio Visual Technology (AVT)	Joel Ellis, Robert Briggs, Bryce Briggs, Craig Johnson, Lee Chatham, Jason Grantham
<b>Children's Ministry</b> -Nursery to 5th Grade	Kristi Chatham & Vikki Minor
Coffee Ministry	Patti Bass
Connections & Involvement Ministry	Richard Hammonds
Family Life Ministry	Will Harris
Financial Ministry	Bob Ray
<b>Greeters' Ministry</b>	Linda Vines
Grounds Ministry	Byron Boyer, Michael McLane, Stacy McCullough
Heart 2 Heart Card Ministry	Renee & Ken McLaughlin
Life Groups Ministry	Jason Smith
Local Outreach	Kris Ray, Rebecca Heaton, Ruth Hemphill
Mature Singles (MSG)	LaVerne Williams
<b>Men's Ministry</b>	Eric Minor, Will Harris, Lance Baker, Allan Teixeira
Women Ministering to Women	Steering Committee: Ruth Hemphill, Cindy Shackelford, Karen Matches, Charlotte Kent, Alexis Jennings
Worship & Praise Ministry	Jason Grantham, Brian Hassenplug, Craig Johnson, Richard Hammonds, Jan Blackwell
Worship Service Coordinators	Byron Boyer, Peter Franco, Bob Ray
30 Below (College and young adults)	Will Harris, Lee Chatham, Ian Jennings
Youth Ministry 6th to 12th Grade	Austin Drake, Neil & Kari Pomerence, Bill Hemphill

# Statistics

January 7, 2024

Sunday School	130
Worship	206
Contribution	\$10,242
Bldg. Fund	\$181,108

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## **Elders**

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**Kris Kent**  
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**John Shackelford**  
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**John Wharton**  
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**Church Office Hours**  
8:30 to 4:30  
Monday through Thursday

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## **Deacons**

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**Paul Matches**  
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**Bob Ray**  
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**Jason Smith**  
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**Sandy West**  
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**Audio Visual Tech**  
Joel Ellis  
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**Co-Leaders**  
**Kristi Chatham**  
251-533-2851

**Vikki Minor**  
210-601-6220

# THOSE WHO SERVE

<b>Worship Assignment</b>	<b>January 14</b>	<b>January 21</b>	<b>January 28</b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Byron Boyer</b>	<b>Byron Boyer</b>	<b>Peter Franco</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Harrison Hammonds</b>	<b>Matt Manzi</b>	<b>Logan Pomeranke</b>
<b>Greeting &amp; Announcements</b>	<b>John Wharton</b>	<b>John Wharton</b>	<b>John Wharton</b>
<b>Scripture Reading &amp; Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Jan Blackwell</b>	<b>Brent Byrd</b>	<b>Byron Boyer</b>
<b>Communion &amp; Offering</b>	<b>Bob Ray</b>	<b>Neil Pomeranke</b>	<b>Stacy Myers</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Steve Dumas</b>	<b>Daniel Dixon</b>	<b>Carl House</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Caroline Dumas Cheryl Riley</b>	<b>Carla Hernando Lisa Hammonds</b>	<b>Kris Ray Taylor Ray</b>
<b>Coffee Ministry</b>	<b>Eric Minor</b>	<b>Lupe Runions</b>	<b>Diane Diaz</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Linda Vines Terri Franco</b>	<b>Linda Vines Terri Franco</b>	<b>Linda Vines Terri Franco</b>