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January 22, 2023



CHURCH OF CHRIST
NORTH TAMPA

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.



All are Invited!



Join Us After Services
Learn about Life Groups & Leaders
Enjoy a catered lunch
Ask Questions & Sign Up

Please make your plans to stay for lunch today. Get to know more about Life Groups, their leaders, and participants. Sign up with a life group and start meeting with your new selected "family" on January 29.

Life is better together!

DYNAMIC YOUTH

Coming Up...

Party with the Preacher



Friday, February 3rd
6:00pm to 9:00pm
Church Building



RSVP

If you RSVP and bring a guest, both you and your guest will receive a Chick-fil-A gift card. (One gift card per person)

There will be fun games, good food, a devotional time, and prizes. RSVP to Neal Pharr.



March 26, 2023 Congregational Update
From
NTCOFC Elders, Deacons, & Minister



Saturday
January 28th
9:00am
The Kents
32391 Carolines Path
Dade City, FL 33525

The Family Life Ministry invites all men of the congregation to the annual Men's Breakfast at the Kents on Saturday, January 28th at 9:00am. Come enjoy the fun, fellowship, and delicious breakfast cuisine with your fellow Christian brothers. Please RSVP to cakent13@outlook.com or via phone or text to 239-287-2126. Don't miss out on this fun occasion!



Campout for Families with Young Children
Friday, February 10 at 5pm until
Saturday, February 11 at 9am
The Chathams—32212 Gosselin Rd
Dade City, FL 33525

All families with young children are invited. Please bring your tent and sleeping bag with your favorite item to grill. We will have singing and a short devo and s'mores over the campfire. If anyone wants to assist with items for s'mores, marshmallows, graham crackers or chocolate, please let Kristi Chatham know.

LIFE GROUPS

JOIN ONE TODAY!

Group	Leader/Co-Leaders	Address	Meeting Time	Status
Wharton	John Wharton, Bill Hemphill	20408 Walnut Grove Lane, Tampa 34637	5:30pm Sunday	Open
Smith	Jason Smith	8734 Crystal Creek Ct, LOL 34638	12:30pm Sunday	Open
Runions	Jerry Runions	3969 Grand Forks Dr, LOL 34639	4:00pm Sunday	Full
Shackelford	John Shackelford, Byron Boyer, Jan Blackwell	30351 Colehaven Ct, WC 33543	5:30 pm Sunday	Open
Ray	Bob Ray	1007 Stella Vara Dr, Lutz 33548	TBD	Full
Kent	Kris Kent	32391 Carolines Path, Dade City 33525	5:00pm Sunday	Open
Grantham	Jason Grantham, Craig Johnson, John Love	NTCofC Building	12:00pm Sunday	Open
Adams	Art Adams, Peter Franco	8106 Hampton Lake Dr, Tampa 33647	12:30pm Sunday	Full
Chatham	Lee Chatham	32391 Carolines Path, Dade City 33525	5:00pm Sunday	Open
Myers	Stacy Myers	NTCofC Building	8:15am Sunday	Open

“Why Elders”

January 22, 2023

Acts 20:25-38 (NIV)

²⁵“Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again. ²⁶Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of all men. ²⁷For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. ²⁸Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

³²“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I have not coveted anyone’s silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. ³⁵In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

³⁶When he had said this, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. ³⁷They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. ³⁸What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship.

What are elders?

1. _____ the church.

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2. They _____ the practical needs of the church

1 Timothy 5:17 (NIV) ¹⁷The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

3. They are a _____

Titus 1:5 (NIV) ⁵The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.

4. They are _____

James 5:14-15 (NIV) ¹⁴Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.

5. They receive and administer _____

Acts 11:29-30 (NIV) ²⁹The disciples, each according to his ability, decided to provide help for the brothers living in Judea. ³⁰This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

6. They provide _____

Acts 15:6 (NIV) ⁶The apostles and elders met to consider this question.

7. They judge _____

³²“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

God's standard for Elders

1 Peter 5:1-4 (NIV) ¹To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ²Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.



I Timothy 3:2-7

- Above reproach
- Husband of one wife
- Temperate
- Self-controlled
- Respectable
- Hospitable
- Able to teach
- Not given to drunkenness
- Not violent
- Gentle
- Not quarrelsome
- Not a lover of money
- Manage his own family well
- His children obey him with proper respect
- Not be a recent convert
- Good reputation with outsiders

Titus 1:6-9

- Blameless
- Husband of one wife
- disciplined
- Self-controlled
- Upright
- Hospitable
- Encourage others by sound doctrine
- Not given to drunkenness
- Not violent
- not overbearing
- not quick-tempered
- Not pursuing dishonest gain
- A man whose children believe
- children... are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient
- Holy
- hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught
- one who loves what is good



Messengers of Hope needs soup for January. Monetary donations allow them to purchase 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 Messengers of Hope at intervals, depending on the number of donations. Your generosity is appreciated and vital to providing meals for hungry people in need. February item requests are Macaroni & Cheese and Hamburger Helper



Please take a moment and update the church office if you have changed any information this year such as address, email, or phone number. Also, If you do not have your picture in the digital directory, please either email or text Sandy West a current picture or contact Connie Eckstine to have a family photo taken after church on Sunday. Email Sandy West at churchoffice@ntcofc.org with any changes.

2023 Current Ministries Leaders

Administration Ministry	Sandy West
Adult Education	John Wharton
Audio Visual Technology (AVT)	Joel Ellis, Robert Briggs, Bryce Briggs, Craig Johnson, Lee Chatham, Jason Grantham
Children's Ministry -Nursery to 5th Grade	Kristi Chatham
Coffee Ministry	Patti Bass
Connections & Involvement Ministry	Eric Minor
Family Life Ministry	Lee Chatham
Financial Ministry	Bob Ray
Greeters' Ministry	Linda Vines
Grounds Ministry	Byron Boyer, Stacy McCullough
Heart 2 Heart Card Ministry	Renee & Ken McLaughlin
Life Groups Ministry	Richard Hammonds
Local Outreach	Kris Ray, Rebecca Heaton, Ruth Hemphill
Mature Singles (MSG)	LaVerne Williams
Men's Ministry	Lance Baker, Allan Teixeira
Social Outings, Adventures & Recreation (SOAR)	Theresa Briggs, Jeannie Murphy
Women Ministering to Women	Steering Committee: Ruth Hemphill, Cindy Shackelford, Karen Matches, Kris Ray, Charlotte Kent, Sonya Love (on sabbatical)
Worship & Praise Ministry	Jason Grantham, Brian Hassenplug, Craig Johnson, Richard Hammonds, Jan Blackwell
Worship Service Coordinators	Byron Boyer, Peter Franco, Eric Minor, Brent Byrd
30 Below (College and young adults)	Neal Pharr
Youth Ministry 6th to 12th Grade	Kari & Neil Pomeranke

Statistics

January 15, 2023

Sunday School	113
Worship	176
Contribution	\$5,948
Bldg. Fund	\$154,209

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Elders

Bill Hemphill
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Kris Kent
239-287-0390

John Shackelford
703-798-8632

David Love
On Sabbatical

Deacons

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615-306-5090

Lee Chatham
251-533-2924

Richard Hammonds
813-924-6717

Paul Matches
813-390-0787

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813-500-1779

Bob Ray
440-223-9357

John Wharton
865-599-6571

Staff

Pulpit Minister
Neal Pharr
813-220-3073

***Youth Services
Coordinator***
Kari Pomeranke
813-500-9170

Administrator
Sandy West
813-909-4646

Audio Visual Tech
Joel Ellis
813-333-3578



THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Assignment	January 22	January 29	February 5
Coordinator	Byron Boyer	Peter Franco	Peter Franco
Usher	John Love	Matt Manzi	Nathan Baker
Greeting & Announcements	Kris Kent	Kris Kent	John Shackelford
Scripture Reading & Opening Prayer	Byron Boyer	Lee Chatham	Brent Byrd
Communion & Offering	Jeff Redmon	Bob Ray	Stacy Myers
Closing Prayer	Daniel Dixon	Carl House	Steve Dumas
Nursery	Lisa Hammonds Kristi Chatham	Charlotte Kent Jackie Wenz	Carey Clinton Caroline Dumas
Coffee Ministry	Diane Diaz	Wendy McCullough	Diane Diaz
Greeters	Linda Vines Lupe Runions	Linda Vines Lupe Runions	Linda Vines Jeannie Murphy