

**3611 E. County Line Rd, Lutz, FL 33559 - 813.909.4646**

February 18, 2024



**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.



**40 Days Following  
the Way of Love**

A black and white photograph showing a group of people of various ages and ethnicities walking away from the camera on a paved path. The path curves through a grassy area with trees. The text "40 Days Following the Way of Love" is overlaid in large, blue, serif font across the middle of the image.

**DYNAMIC YOUTH**  
Coming Up...

Friday, February 23  
6:00pm to 9:00pm  
Church Building  
Watch the 1998 Classic  
**“The Prince of Egypt”**



Hotdogs, drinks, popcorn, and movie-sized candy will be provided. Please RSVP so we make sure that we have enough food for everyone. “Sardines” to follow. As always, your friends are welcome to join us for any Bible class, event, or activity.

# ONE CHURCH TWO SERVICES

Sunday Worship  
8:30am & 11:00am

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|------------------|-------------------------|
| 8:30 to 9:30am   | 1st Worship Service     |
| 9:30 to 10:00am  | Fellowship Meet & Greet |
| 10:00 to 10:45am | Bible Classes           |
| 11:00am to Noon  | 2nd Worship Service     |



*Easter  
Sunday*

*Under the Big Tent  
March 31st  
10:00am doughnuts,  
coffee and fellowship  
10:30am Worship*

*Mark your calendar to invite your friends and family.*

Join Us in Spreading Hope and Nourishment!



North Tampa Church of Christ (NTCOFC)  
and Messengers of Hope (MOH)  
Partnership

In the spirit of compassion and community, North Tampa Church of Christ (NTCOFC) and Messengers of Hope (MOH) are thrilled to announce a dynamic partnership aimed at providing essential support to the needy and homeless in the communities surrounding Lutz, Wesley Chapel, Land O Lakes, and North Tampa.

**When:** Starting March 21, 2024, and every 3rd Thursday of the month thereafter

**Time:** Noon to 2:30 pm

**Where:** North Tampa Church of Christ parking lot, 3611 County Line Road E.

The elders are asking and praying for interested members to volunteer and make a positive difference in outreach efforts to bring joy, hope and nourishment!

Pick up additional information on how you can get involved in the foyer.

# 40 Days of Following the Way of Love

February 18, 2024 (Week 1)

## Matthew 22:34–40 (NIV)

<sup>34</sup> Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. <sup>35</sup> One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: <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. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

## Why does love matter most?

1. The best use of this life is \_\_\_\_\_!

*Why?*

a. Love validates \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 John 4:8 (NIV)**

<sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

**1 John 4:20 (NIV)**

<sup>20</sup> Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

**b. Love \_\_\_\_\_ me.**

**Colossians 3:14 (CEV)**

<sup>14</sup> Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything completely together.

**c. Love \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1 Peter 4:8 (NIV)**

<sup>8</sup> Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

**Colossians 2:13–14 (The Living Bible, Paraphrased)**

<sup>13</sup>You were dead in sins, and your sinful desires were not yet cut away. Then he gave you a share in the very life of Christ, for he forgave all your sins, <sup>14</sup>and blotted out the charges proved against you, the list of his commandments which you had not obeyed. He took this list of sins and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross.

**d. Love reverberates \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1 Corinthians 13:13 (NLT)**

<sup>13</sup> Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

**1 Corinthians 13:3 (MSG)**

<sup>3</sup> If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.

## 2. The best expression of love is \_\_\_\_\_!

### 1 John 3:18 (The Living Bible, Paraphrased)

<sup>18</sup> Little children, let us stop just *saying* we love people; let us *really* love them, and *show it* by our *actions*.

### Galatians 5:6b (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> ... The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

### Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)

<sup>2</sup> Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

## 3. The best time to love is \_\_\_\_\_!

### Galatians 6:10 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

### Ephesians 5:16 (NCV)

<sup>16</sup> Use every chance you have for doing good, because these are evil times.

### Proverbs 3:27–28 (NIV)

<sup>27</sup> Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.

<sup>28</sup> Do not say to your neighbor, “Come back tomorrow and I’ll give it to you”— when you already have it with you.

## ***Life Group notes:***

### ***Share:***

- Last Sunday was “Bring a Friend Day.” What did you enjoy the most about the day?
- What’s the best thing that happened to you this week?

### ***Study:***

- Take a moment and reflect over the sermon notes. Discuss what point or passage of scripture most challenged, confused or caught your attention today and why?
- Do you agree or disagree that the best use of this life is love and why?
- Deuteronomy 5:7–21 is the list of the Ten Commandments. Read over them and decide which ones are about loving God and which ones are about loving others, or both.
- Ephesians 5:16 (NIV)  
<sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. What opportunities do you think Paul would have listed if he had listed them in this passage. What would your list look like?

### ***Support:***

- Discuss with your group some examples of selfish love and Godly love. Compare both types of love and discuss the effects they have on your lives?



- Love is spelled: T.I.M.E. There is no replacement for time when it comes to loving God and others. What changes and sacrifices are you willing to make so more time can be placed toward loving God and others?
- In what ways do you need accountability in loving others?

### ***Serve:***

- What did you do to show others love this week?
- What acts of love, done for the glory of God, are you going to do this week?

**Don't forget to turn in your attendance to Jason Smith each week.**



For February and March, Mac & Cheese, pasta and pasta sauce (only in cans or plastic jars) 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. You can show part of your donation to go to NTCOFC for purchasing items needed for Blessing Bags (BB), such as \$20 MOH; \$20 BB. We will send a 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

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
Children's Ministry-Nursery to 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Kristi Chatham & Vikki Minor
Coffee Ministry	Patti Bass
Connections & Involvement Ministry	Richard Hammonds
Family Life Ministry	Will Harris
Financial Ministry	Bob Ray
Greeters' Ministry	Linda Vines
Grounds Ministry	Byron Boyer, Mike 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
Men's Ministry	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, Shaun Boothe
Worship Service Coordinator	Byron Boyer, Peter Franco, Bob Ray
College & Young Professionals)	Will Harris, Lee Chatham, Ian Jennings
Youth Ministry 6 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Austin Drake, Neil & Kari Pomerence, Bill Hemphill

# Statistics

February 11, 2024

Sunday School no classes

Worship 310

Contribution \$10,853

Bldg. Fund \$181,358

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## Elders

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8:30 to 4:30

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**Administrator**  
**Sandy West**  
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**Audio Visual Tech**  
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**Children's Ministry**  
**Co-Leaders**  
**Kristi Chatham**  
231-533-2851

**Vikki Minor**  
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# THOSE WHO SERVE

<b>Worship Assignment</b>	<b>February 18 1st Service</b>	<b>February 18 2nd Service</b>	<b>February 25 1st Service</b>	<b>February 25 2nd Service</b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>John Love</b>	<b>Bill Hemphill</b>	<b>Art Adams</b>	<b>Peter Franco</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Ryan Gonzalez</b>	<b>Mike McLane</b>	<b>Austin Drake</b>	<b>Mark Cravens</b>
<b>Greeting &amp; Announcements</b>	<b>John Shackelford</b>	<b>John Shackelford</b>	<b>John Wharton</b>	<b>John Wharton</b>
<b>Scripture Reading Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Mike Stone</b>	<b>Mark Cravens</b>	<b>Bill Collett</b>	<b>Dennis Briggs</b>
<b>Communion &amp; Offering</b>	<b>Stacy Myers</b>	<b>Steve Dumas</b>	<b>Capell Griffin</b>	<b>Brent Byrd</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Craig Johnson</b>	<b>Nathan Blackwell</b>	<b>Harrison Hammonds</b>	<b>Allan Teixeira</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Vikki Minor Karen Cozart</b>	<b>Vikki Minor Charlotte Kent</b>	<b>Kristi Chatham Anita Wharton</b>	<b>Kristi Chatham Mackenzie Tomlinson</b>
<b>Children's Church</b>	<b>Alexis Jennings Ian Jennings Kristi Chatham</b>	<b>Alexis Jennings Ian Jennings Kristi Chatham</b>	<b>Bethany Harris Will Harris</b>	<b>Bethany Harris Will Harris</b>
<b>Coffee Ministry</b>	<b>Monte Betz</b>	<b>Caroline Dumas</b>	<b>Lee Chatham</b>	<b>Addy Manzi</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Linda Vines Nancy Pharr</b>	<b>Linda Vines Agnes Paras</b>	<b>Linda Vines Nancy Pharr</b>	<b>Linda Vines Agnes Paras</b>