



**NORTH TAMPA
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

March 3, 2024

HELPING BUILD PASSIONATE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

SUNDAY

1st Worship Service - 8:30 am
Bible Study - 10:00 am
2nd Worship Service - 11:00 am

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study - 7:00 pm

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welcome
to our church family

New Members

Kathi Finley





Please Join our 1.5K 2024

Freedom Walk/Run

Join friends and neighbors to help reduce human sex trafficking in our community!

Become a fundraiser by sharing this event with your friends!

Plenty of kid-friendly activities so bring the whole family!

- Bounce House
- Music / DJ
- Face Painting
- Snacks!

When:
Where:

Saturday, Mar 23, 2024

- Check-in at 9:00am/"shotgun" start at 9:30 am
- Walk-Ups" Welcome!

Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center

15601 Lake Magdalene Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33613

FREE PARKING! Come Walk or Run with Us!

REGISTER HERE!

<https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/website/home/?e=26608>



All Donations will Benefit the



www.buyerrehabilitationproject.org

Help Provide Freedom to Those in Sexual Bondage. Put your faith into action and ask your friends and relatives to sponsor you in the Sexual Integrity Project's Freedom Walk which will be held Saturday, March 23rd 2024 @ 9:00 am at the Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center. Become a vital part of this ministry to the women who are being abused by helping the men who are buying sex to permanently stop their behavior. If you are not able to join us on March 23rd, you have the option to walk a mile in solidarity with us anywhere or at any time! Every Walker and every pledge make a huge difference. To register to walk or sponsor someone, go to the Freedom Walk display today or go online to <https://buerrehabilitationproject.org/events>



*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

March 3, 2024 (Week 3)

James 3:2–12 (NIV)

²We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

³When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

⁷All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹²My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

How important are your words?

My words _____ where I am going.

My words can _____ what I have.

My words _____ my heart.

Matthew 12:34b (NIV)

³⁴ ...For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

Mark 7:15–16 (The Living Bible, Paraphrased)

¹⁵⁻¹⁶“Your souls aren’t harmed by what you eat, but by what you think and say!”

How do I love others with words?

1. Love others with _____ words.

Ephesians 4:15a (NIV)

¹⁵ ... speaking the truth in love....

Proverbs 27:5 (NIV)

⁵ Better is open rebuke
than hidden love.

1 Corinthians 13:6 (NIV)

⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

2. Love others with _____ words.

Ephesians 4:26–27 (NIV)

²⁶ “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold.

Proverbs 21:23 (MSG)

²³ Watch your words and hold your tongue;
you'll save yourself a lot of grief.

Proverbs 16:28 (NIV)

²⁸ A perverse person stirs up conflict,
and a gossip separates close friends.

3. Love people with _____ words.

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Action step: This week I will choose:

- _____ words: Words that will transform worry to joy.

Proverbs 12:25 (TEV)

Worry can rob you of happiness, but kind words will cheer you up.

- _____ words: Words that will break through anger.

Proverbs 15:1 (NIV)

A gentle answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.

- _____ words: Words that encourage learning.

Proverbs 16:21 (NKJV)

²¹ The wise in heart will be called prudent,
And sweetness of the lips increases learning.

- _____ words: Words that make others feel loved.

Proverbs 24:26 (NIV)

²⁶ An honest answer
is like a kiss on the lips.

- _____ words: Words that will heal broken hearts.

Proverbs 12:18 (MSG)

¹⁸ Rash language cuts and maims,
but there is healing in the words of the wise.

Life Group notes:

Share:

- Discuss how you are doing the actions steps related to last week's sermon? Did you practice forgiveness, acceptance, value, and belief in others? Give an example.

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?
- Take a moment to read and share your thoughts on James 3:2–12.
- What other verses discussed in the sermon stuck out to you and why?

- How often do you think before you speak? Or is your normal MO to speak without thinking?
- How important are your words to your family?
- Jesus is called the Word in John 1:1, read John 1:1-4 and discuss why you think Jesus is called the “Word?”

Support:

- Who has shown you love by their words, kind words that brought healing, gentle words that stopped anger, pleasant words that brought learning, honest words that made you feel love, or wise words that healed? Go around the room and share an example of each of the words mentioned in today’s lesson.
- Looking at today’s lesson, what kind of words do you think you need most and why? Review your lesson notes if needed.
- Take a moment and pray as a group that the Holy Spirit will help you this week as you choose your words.

Serve:

- How difficult is it going to be to practice using the right words this coming week?
- Who do you need to be more loving with your words?

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

DYNAMIC YOUTH



Join us on Wednesdays @ 7 pm

Have you ever wondered: how powerful are my prayers? What happens when I pray? Does God *really* listen and does He *really* care? In this series we will learn that prayer is more than communication. It's communion. It's a time when our hearts blend with God's heart. Our thoughts secure the focus of God's thoughts. Our feelings, be they feelings of praise or pain, touch God's feelings. How amazing!



Spring Quarter 2024

Scan the QR code for more information. We hope to see you there!

Statistics

February 25, 2024

Sunday School	117
Worship 1st 73 - 2nd 159	
Contribution	\$6,771
Bldg. Fund	\$181,458

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Assignment	March 3 1st Service	March 3 2nd Service	March 10 1st Service	March 10 2nd Service
Coordinator	John Love	Byron Boyer	Bob Ray	Peter Franco
Usher	Harrison Hammonds	Logan Pomerence	John Love	Mike McLane
Greeting & Announcements	John Wharton	John Wharton	Kris Kent	Kris Kent
Scripture Reading Opening Prayer	Lance Baker	Jason Smith	Art Adams	Nathan Blackwell
Communion & Offering	Mike Stone	Mark Cravens	Richard Hammonds	Jan Blackwell
Closing Prayer	Ross Hughes	Bryce Briggs	Daniel Dixon	Kyle Beverland
Nursery	Wendy McCullough Kathy Blackwell	Vickie Green Mackenzie Tomlinson	Alexis Jennings Valerie Ward	Kim Byrd Emma Vaughan
Children's Church	Nathan & Taiana Blackwell	Nathan & Taiana Blackwell	Jan & Kathy Blackwell	Jan & Kathy Blackwell
Coffee Ministry	Susie Moore	Susie Moore	Patti Bass	Patti Bass
Greeters	Linda Vines Nancy Pharr	Linda Vines	Linda Vines	Anita Wharton