



NORTH TAMPA
CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 10, 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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**40 Days Following
the Way of Love**



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

Can One Person Make a Difference? YES! And two can be Amazing! Bring a friend and double your fun. If you both raise pledges, you will double the much-needed funds for the Sexual Integrity Project: A "John's" Hope. Please sign up today for the Sexual Integrity Project's Freedom Walk on Saturday, March 23rd, 2024 @ 9:00 am at the Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center. Visit the Freedom Walk display to pick up a brochure and become a PLEDGE RAISING WALKER! Visit <https://buyerrehabilitationproject.org/events> to register. Walk like FREEDOM depends on it because IT DOES!



*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 10, 2024 (Week 4)

1 Corinthians 13:1–7 (NIV)

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

We all have VDP's in our life! _____

1. _____ People

2. _____ People

3. _____ People

4. _____ People

How to reach the master's level at loving?

1 Corinthians 13:5 (NLT)

⁵ Love is not rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.

1. Love is not rude, so be _____, not just

_____.

Proverbs 18:13 (MSG)

¹³ Answering before listening is both stupid and rude.

Ephesians 4:31–32 (CEV)

³¹ Stop being bitter and angry and mad at others. Don't yell at one another or curse each other or ever be rude. ³² Instead, be kind and merciful, and forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ.

Proverbs 16:21 GNT

A wise, mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is.

2. Love doesn't demand its own way, so be

_____, not _____.

Philippians 2:5–7 (The Living Bible, Paraphrased)

⁵Your attitude should be the kind that was shown us by Jesus Christ, ⁶who, though he was God, did not demand and cling to his

rights as God, ⁷but laid aside his mighty power and glory, taking the disguise of a slave and becoming like men.

Titus 3:2 (RSV)

²to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all men.

Luke 6:31 (NIV)

³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

3. Love is not irritable, so be _____ not judgmental.

Galatians 6:1 (NLT)

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.

Romans 14:12–13 (NIV)

¹²So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

¹³Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.

Proverbs 15:4 (NLT)

⁴Gentle words are a tree of life; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.

Ecclesiastes 10:4 (NLT)

⁴If your boss is angry at you, don't quit! A quiet spirit can overcome even great mistakes.

4. Love keeps no record of being wrong, so don't

_____ it, _____ it.

Mark 11:25 The Amplified Bible

²⁵ Whenever you [a]stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him [drop the issue, let it go], so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions and wrongdoings [against Him and others].

Proverbs 10:12 (GNT)

Hate stirs up trouble, but love forgives all offenses.

Proverbs 19:11 (HCSB)

¹¹ A person's insight gives him patience,
and his virtue is to overlook an offense.

Leviticus 19:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ 'You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him.

Life Group notes:

Share:

- What rude acts that you see often bug you the most? As a group come up with a top five list.
- How are you doing with the 40 days of following the way of love? Tell of the good and bad you have seen from trying to love like Jesus.

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?
- Read 1 Corinthians 13:1–7 and discuss any insights you might have from this passage.
- What other verses discussed in the sermon stuck out to you and why?
- Why do you think God wants us to love the VDP's of our life.

Support:

- Describe times you have been tactful and not rude, or seen others being tactful.
- Looking at today's lesson, what one area do you struggle with the most?
- Take a moment and pray as a group that the Holy Spirit will help you respond wisely to those that drain our energy, time, or emotions.

Serve:

- How difficult is it going to be to practice 1 Corinthians 13:5 this coming week?

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



Heart 2 Heart Card Ministry
Saturday, March 16
The McLaughlin House
10:00am



Heart2Heart meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00am to send cards and notes of encouragement 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, March 16
Patti Bass' House
3:00pm



MSG has their monthly potluck and card party on the 3rd Saturday of each month. This month's gathering will be at Patti Bass' house. She will provide ham as an entrée and attendees can bring the side dish or dessert of their choice. For planning, respond to the MSG email "reply all" if you will attend and list the dish you're bringing. If you have questions, contact Patti Bass or LaVerne Williams.



Dynamic Teens Yard Games & Bonfire
Saturday, March 16
4:30pm at the Building

Invite your friends to join in the fun and fellowship. We'll grill dinner and play games. See Austin Drake to let him know if you are coming or if you have questions.

Statistics

March 3, 2024

Sunday School	128
Worship 1st 78 - 2nd 141	
Contribution	\$11,827
Bldg. Fund	\$181,458

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Monday through Thursday
8:30 to 4:30

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Assignment	March 10 1st Service	March 10 2nd Service	March 17 1st Service	March 17 2nd Service
Coordinator	Bob Ray	Peter Franco	Bob Ray	Byron Boyer
Usher	John Love	Mike McLane	Nick Spishock	Mark Cravens
Greeting & Announcements	Kris Kent	Kris Kent	Kris Kent	Kris Kent
Scripture Reading Opening Prayer	Art Adams	Byron Boyer	Austin Drake	Lee Chatham
Communion & Offering	Stacy Myers	Nathan Blackwell	Jason Smith	Brent Byrd
Closing Prayer	Daniel Dixon	Kyle Beverland	Daniel Dixon	Todd Murphy
Nursery	Alexis Jennings Valerie Ward	Kim Byrd Emma Vaughan	Alexis Jennings Valerie Ward	Kim Byrd Emma Vaughan
Children's Church	Jan & Kathy Blackwell	Jan & Kathy Blackwell	John & Anita Wharton	John & Anita Wharton
Coffee Ministry	Patti Bass	Patti Bass	Patti Bass	Patti Bass
Greeters	Linda Vines Anita Wharton	Linda Vines Anita Wharton	Linda Vines Anita Wharton	Linda Vines Anita Wharton