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April 23, 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**

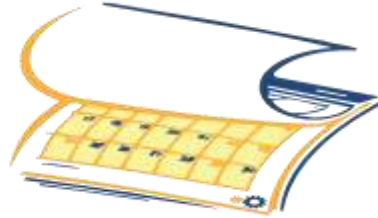
We hope you find our worship service enriching and inspiring. Please let us know if you have questions about our church family or how we may serve you in your quest for God.

Nicodemus

JOHN 3:1-15



**SAVE
THE
DATE**



Saturday, May 20th at 10:30am at Building
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Saturday, May 20th at 6:00pm at Building

DYNAMIC YOUTH

Game Night



Sunday, May 21st at Building
Graduation and Move-Up Sunday



For April, any canned pastas like Chef Boyardee, Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, etc. are requested. Other non-perishable items are also welcome. Monetary donations allow MOH 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 MOH at intervals, depending on the number of donations. Your generosity is very appreciated and vital to providing meals for hungry people in need.



**MOUNT DORA
CHILDREN'S HOME**

— Est 1945 —

**Mount Dora Children's Home Benefit Dinner
Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 6:00pm
Silent Auction from 4:30—5:45
Bryan Glazer Family JCC
522 N. Howard Ave.
Tampa, FL 33606**

- ◆ **Sign-up now on the Mount Dora Dinner Register on a clipboard in the hallway.**
- ◆ **Tickets are free and will be distributed the week before the dinner to those who have signed up. We ask that you attend if you take tickets. Mt. Dora has to pay for "no show" attendees.**
- ◆ **Sponsorships are welcomed and appreciated. Sponsor a table for ten for \$500 donation or make a Business sponsorship donation of \$1,000.**
- ◆ **For tickets or sponsorship forms, check the forms in the hallway or contact Byron or Sandy Boyer.**





Associate Minister Search Team Announced

In our recent congregational meeting, the elders announced the decision to add a full-time Associate Minister to our staff. This person will primarily focus on supporting our Dynamic Teens and College/Young Professionals groups. In addition, the Associate Minister will preach on occasion as the need arises. Jan Blackwell will be leading the team.

Jan has been collaborating with the elders to form a search team that represents a cross section of our church family. The team consists of parents of younger children and the Dynamic Teen groups, the College/Young Professionals group, members of the Women's Ministry, and long-term members of the congregation.

The team members are:

Jan Blackwell, Leader	Alexis Jennings
Lance Baker	Natalie Matches
Kristi Chatham	Logan Pomeranke
Connie Eckstine	Neil Pomeranke
Will Harris	Jason Smith
Rebecca Heaton	

As this team begins their important task, there are two things the congregation can do to support this effort.

1. Include the search team in your daily prayers for success in attracting good candidates.
2. Refer candidates that would be a good fit for our church family to the team. Be sure and provide the contact information to the team for follow-up. If you travel or visit other congregations, look for someone who might be a good fit and relay this to the search team.

We are confident the Lord will lead us in finding the right person to help us continue spiritual and numerical growth that we have been enjoying.

“Nicodemus”

April 23, 2023

John 3:1–15 (NIV)

¹ Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

Life Groups Notes

The Woman at the Well

Scripture: John 4:1-26

Let someone read the story, then someone else retell the story in their own words.

Imagine yourself as one of Jesus's followers. How do you think you would have felt about observing Him treating the woman as he did?

The woman was an outcast both because she was a Samaritan and because she was known to be a person of low morals. How does Jesus's treatment of the woman compare to how people with similar situations who begin visiting our church are sometimes treated? Have you ever found yourself guilty of avoiding or being less than welcoming to a visitor who doesn't appear to be someone who will fit well in our church?

What is the significance of this story for us today?

Leader notes

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Scripture: John 4:1-26

Let someone read the story, then someone else retell the story in their own words.

Imagine yourself as one of Jesus's followers. How do you think you would have felt about observing Him treating the woman as he did? How can we create a spirit of acceptance in our church that Jesus demonstrated with the woman?

Discuss the idea of subconsciously qualifying prospective disciples based on their social position. Be careful not to get into a theological discussion of the woman's need for repentance, or of the importance of ensuring new members have done what is necessary to be a child of God. Focus instead on the initial stages of the relationship.

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Encourage attendees to truly examine their heart. We are naturally drawn to people who fit well with us socially. The challenge is to equally accept everyone who wants to come to Christ, regardless the past or current situation.

What is the significance of this story for us today?

There is a difference between initially welcoming someone regardless of their circumstances and accepting them into our fellowship. Discuss the importance of finding balance between the initial welcoming and the eventual need for the sinner to come to repentance.

Don't forget to turn in your attendance to Richard Hammonds each week.

DYNAMIC YOUTH

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Finding JOY in JESUS

Ladies Day

Saturday, September 9th



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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 & Vikki Minor
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, Charlotte Kent, Alexis Jennings
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, Stacy Myers, Jan Blackwell, Will Harris
Youth Ministry 6th to 12th Grade	Kari & Neil Pomerence

Statistics

April 16, 2023

Sunday School	121
Worship	185
Contribution	\$11,100
Bldg. Fund	\$155,758

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Co-Leaders***
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Vikki Minor
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THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Assignment	April 23	April 30	May 7
Coordinator	Byron Boyer	Byron Boyer	Peter Franco
Usher	John Love	Matt Manzi	Nathan Baker
Greeting & Announcements	Monte Betz	Monte Betz	John Wharton
Scripture Reading & Opening Prayer	Bob Ray	Jeff Redmon	Jason Smith
Communion & Offering	Stacy Myers	Craig Johnson	Lee Chatham
Closing Prayer	Daniel Dixon	Caleb Clinton	Logan Pomeranke
Nursery	Nancy Pharr Carey Clinton	Kris Ray Taylor Ray	Caroline Dumas Evelyn Davila
Coffee Ministry	Paula Betz	Eric Minor	Lupe Runions
Greeters	Linda Vines Anita Wharton	Linda Vines Anita Wharton	Linda Vines LeeAndra Griffin