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May 15, 2022



CHURCH OF
NORTH TAMPA CHRIST

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.

Welcome

New Members

Evelyn Davila

Jeff & Brittany Redman

Cade, Raelyn and Lyndi





**MSG-Mature Singles Group
Saturday, May 21
Hostess: LaVerne Williams
5:00pm**



MSG has a monthly potluck and card party (Hand & Foot) on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 5:00pm at a designated host's house. This month's gathering will be at LaVerne Williams' house. LaVerne will provide an entrée. Each person can bring a side dish or dessert. For planning, please respond to MSG email "reply all" if you plan to attend and the dish you will be bringing. If you have questions, contact LaVerne Williams.



**Heart 2 Heart Card Ministry
Saturday, May 21
The McLaughlin House
10:00am**



H2H meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00AM to send cards with encouragement to those on the weekly bulletin prayer list and others such as active military or inmates identified by the prison ministry. Cards and stamps are provided; donations of cards are welcomed. If you have questions, please contact Renee McLaughlin via text or email at reneemclaughlin@verizon.net.



Join the SOAR group for fun, fellowship, and good food. Make plans now to kick off the Memorial Day weekend with a fun dinner with friends.

Bahama Breeze
Caribbean Restaurant Cuisine
25830 Sierra Center Blvd
Lutz, FL 33559
Friday, May 27th—6:30pm



May 15—July 10, 2022 @5:30 pm
at NTCOFC

The Shack life group is viewing this series. All NTCOFC members are welcome to participate.

Please invite your friends to see this with you.

DYNAMIC YOUTH

Coming Up...

TONIGHT!

Sunday May 15, 5-8pm

Area-Wide Devotional (with taco bar!)

NWTampa Church of Christ



SPIRIT SQUAD!

Logan, Evan, Connor, Friday May 20, 7pm

Jason, Ricky Wesley Chapel High School



Spring Football Game!

Saturday May 21

Save the Date for possible Service Project

“Bring me a Higher Love”

May 15, 2022

Matthew 22:34-40 (NIV)

³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

How do I obtain a higher love?

A. There is lower-level love

1. _____ love

1 John 2:15-17 (NIV)

¹⁵ Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

2. _____

1 John 2:16 (MSG)

¹⁶ Practically everything that goes on in the world—wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important—has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from him.

B. There is higher love

1. _____

1 John 2:7-10 (NIV)

⁷ Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. ⁸ Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

⁹ Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble.

2. _____

1 John 2:3-6 (NIV)

³ We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. ⁴ The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵ But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶ Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

What happens when I love God?

1. I am _____

1 Corinthians 8:3 (NIV)

³ But the man who loves God is known by God.

2. I _____

John 14:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will obey what I command.

1 John 2:3-4 (MSG)

³ Here's how we can be sure that we know God in the right way: Keep his commandments. ⁴ If someone claims, "I know him well!" but doesn't keep his commandments, he's obviously a liar. His life doesn't match his words.

3. We _____

1 John 4:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

1 John 3:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.

1 John 2:9-11 (NIV)

⁹ Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. ¹¹ But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.

4. **God lives** _____

John 17:20-21 (NIV)

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

1 John 4:15-16 (NIV)

¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

John 15:5 (NIV)

⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Save the Date!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND DYNAMIC YOUTH — MAY 29



GRADUATION SUNDAY—MAY 29



Join us for a service honoring our 2022 High School graduates. There will be a short reception following service with cupcakes. Cards for our graduates are appreciated letting them know how much we love and support them.

**Bryce Briggs
Ben Gary
Cade Redman
Bryce Wallace
Jasmine Ward**





Messengers of Hope needs our help!

Beginning in May, we will be collecting a specific food item to donate to Messengers of Hope each month over the next year.

Please help us by adding these items to your grocery list we can help those in need.

**Month of May Items:
Canned Tuna and Canned Chicken**

Please see Kris Ray or Ruth Hemphill if you have questions.



**Teacher Appreciation Brunch
Saturday, May 28 at the Building
10:30 to 12:30pm
More information to follow**

Statistics

May 8, 2022

Sunday School	88
Worship	160
Contribution	\$5,450
Bldg. Fund	\$142,184

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Assignment	May 15	May 22	May 29
Coordinator	Byron Boyer	Byron Boyer	Peter Franco
Greeting & Announcements	John Shackelford	John Shackelford	John Shackelford
Scripture Reading & Opening Prayer	Jan Blackwell	Lucas Clinton	Bryce Reed
Communion & Offering	John Wharton	Ron Moore	Kris Kent
Closing Prayer	Stacy Myers	Brian Hassenplug	Todd Murphy
Nursery	Kim Byrd Anita Wharton	Caroline Dumas Charlotte Kent	Kristi Chatham Linda Ours
Coffee Ministry	David Love	Lee Chatham	John Shackelford
Greeters	Linda Vines Caroline Dumas	Linda Vines Caroline Dumas	Linda Vines Caroline Dumas

¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Matthew 23:11-12