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October 15, 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.

GLORIFYING

God

with Your

TALENTS

**North Tampa
Church of Christ
October 25
6:00 pm**



2023

**With
Inflatable
Slides**



Make sure decorated trunks and costumes are not scary and are appropriate for young children.

**Join us for a Friendsgiving Dinner
for Families with Children (all ages)**

**November 11 at 5pm
Lee & Kristi Chatham's Home
32212 Gosselin Rd.
Dade City, FL 33525**

**Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side
or dessert. The main course of
turkey and ham will be provided.**

RSVP to Lee or Kristi Chatham.

**HAPPY
Friendsgiving**

Register by 10/20/23 at 12:00 pm.
No walk-ins please.

Must be 18+ unless attending with a parent.

Registration: \$299.00
Additional Family: \$149.00

This continuous event includes six meals, two overnights, church service, and a variety of fun activities!



Register here!



2023 Men's Integrity Weekend

Join us for an **educational and fun-filled weekend** for concerned men or those dealing with online pornography. Designed both for **single-attendance** and as a **father-and-son event**, the material presented on this weekend will strengthen families and their churches — equipping them to fight back against our fallen, perverted culture.

Track #1 *Sexual Integrity 101* Education for concerned friends, family & church leaders.

- What are the root causes of **sexual brokenness**?
- What role does **shame and secrets** play in this dilemma?
- What is the effective pathway to **recovery**?
- How can I **protect my family** from the scourge of online pornography and child predators?



Track #2 *Conquer Series* For men who want help stopping their consumption of pornography.

- Learn the pathway to **recovery**
- Discover **there is hope and healing**
- Connect with **other Christian men**
- Strengthen **sexual integrity**
- Improve **intimacy**



WHEN

November 3-5, 2023

Check-in begins: 4:00 pm Friday
Dinner and Mixer: 5:30 pm Friday
Program starts: 7:00 pm Friday
Ending by 3:00 pm Sunday 11/5

WHERE

Word of Life Bible Institute

13247 Word of Life Drive
Hudson Florida 34669

The Buyer Rehabilitation Project's annual Men's Integrity Weekend will be taking place from Friday, November 3rd @ 4:00 pm through Sunday, November 5th @ 2:00 pm at the Word of Life Bible Institute in Hudson, FL. In addition to our two programs of study: "Sexual Integrity 101" and "Conqueror Series", we have seven Guest Speakers scheduled as well as a bunch of fun activities: ice cream social, paintball, rock climbing, axe throwing, pool & jacuzzi, a variety of sports, and a campfire with S'mores. We will be having a ton of fun! Please visit the 2023 Men's Integrity Weekend display to learn more and to register for this great event.

Life Group Notes

This week's focus is the song "The Old Rugged Cross", as we discuss what the cross of Jesus means to us in our walk with Him.



*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross (rugged cross)
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown*

*To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
It's shame and reproach gladly bear
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away
Where his glory forever I'll share*

*And I'll cherish the old rugged cross (rugged cross)
Till my trophies at last I lay down
And I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown
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And exchange it some day for a crown*

Scripture Reading

October 15, 2023

Romans 12:6-8 (NIV):

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV):

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Using Your Gifts and Talents to God's Glory

Matthew 25:14–30 (ESV)

¹⁴ “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’”

²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

1. Everyone has a _____;

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV): "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

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2. Take the time to _____ your God given talent(s) or gift(s). Here are some ways:

- ◆ _____: **Matthew 7:7** tells us to ask, seek and knock. We can pray about and seek out our talents. God can give us wisdom about what our talents are. We can trust the Holy Spirit to lead us about our gifts.
- ◆ _____: Sometimes it is hard to see qualities and skills in ourselves but easy to see qualities in others.
- ◆ _____ **to what you enjoy:** What activities do you enjoy? Sometimes talents and interests align. From landscaping to fixing things, if you enjoy it, it can be one of your strong points that God has gifted you in.

3. _____ **God for being the _____ of talents.**

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (NIV): "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV): "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

4. **Be more about _____; than _____.**

James 1:22 (NIV) "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

Challenge: Let's align ourselves with God's divine plan for our lives and experience the joy of living out our faith in practical ways.

5. _____ **the use of your strengths and talents.**

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

Matthew 5:16 (NIV) "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

- ♦ _____ - **Remember: Talents do not develop overnight.**
They take practice and effort. Even if you are naturally gifted in something, practice can help you grow in that area and become a good steward of your God-given gift.
- ♦ _____ to serve God and use your gifts in your daily life.

6. How will you use your gifts and talents to glorify HIM as a member of this congregation?



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



Heart2Heart meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10am 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, October 21 3:00pm
Cheryl Lonergan's House



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



For October, any canned vegetables and boxes of stuffing 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 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.



Mark Your Calendar Future Events



Children's Ministry	October 25	Trunk or Treat
Young Family Ministry	November 11 December 2 February 2	Friend's Giving Santa's Workshop Family Campout
Women's Ministry	December 9 December 11	Ornament Exchange Cookie Exchange
Adult Christmas Party	December 15	Church Building
Men's Ministry	January 27	Men's Breakfast



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, Michael McLane, 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, Will Harris
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, Bob Ray
30 Below (College and young adults)	Will Harris, John Wharton
Youth Ministry 6th to 12th Grade	Neil Pomerence, Neal Pharr, Matt & Addie Manzi, Bill Hemphill, Jan Blackwell, Kari Pomerence

Statistics

October 8, 2023

Sunday School	125
Worship	177
Contribution	\$9,461
Bldg. Fund	\$158,708

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**Church
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Monday
through
Thursday
8:30 to 4:30**

THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Assignment	October 15	October 22	October 29
Coordinator	Byron Boyer	Peter Franco	Peter Franco
Usher	Nathan Baker	Logan Pomerence	Harrison Hammonds
Greeting & Announcements	John Shackelford	John Shackelford	John Shackelford
Scripture Reading & Opening Prayer	Jason Smith	Steve Dumas	Lucas Clinton
Communion & Offering	Todd Murphy	Ron Moore	John Love
Closing Prayer	John Love	Will Harris	David Tomlinson
Nursery	Wendy McCullough Karen Matches	Valerie Ward Vicki Green	Kathy Blackwell Anita Wharton
Coffee Ministry	Susie Moore	Susie Moore	Mackenzie Tomlinson
Greeters	Linda Vines Lupe Runions	Linda Vines Lupe Runions	Linda Vines Lupe Runions