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October 23, 2022



**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.

*Welcome*

*New Members*

Deja Meeks

and

Serenity

Daughter





For the next week, we will be collecting monetary donations for Hurricane Ian Relief along with some other churches of Christ for the Gulf Coast Church of Christ, Ft. Myers, to distribute to severely impacted families as they begin their recovery from the massive devastation of Ian. Make your checks payable to the North Tampa Church of Christ with **IAN** in the note section of your check. We will send one check from the church to Ft. Myers.



Messengers of Hope is in need of all food items. Their shelves are bare. They are able to give out food just twice a month rather than weekly as in the past. Our church has been a very generous donator, but as we approach the holidays, please continue. They also welcome monetary donations as they will need to purchase turkeys and fresh items for holiday meals. If you want to 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 Messengers of Hope at intervals, depending on the number of donations.

"Be generous to the poor—you'll never go hungry; shut your eyes to their needs, and run a gauntlet of curses."

Proverbs 28:27 MSG



*Daylight-Saving  
Time Ends*

***Sunday  
November 6***



**Wednesday, October 26th @ 6pm  
Come one, Come ALL**

**Decorate a trunk, Costumes optional, Bring  
Candy, and be ready to have fun and fellowship.  
There will even be a bounce house.  
Plan to stay for 7pm Praise & Prayer Devo**



**Messengers of Hope  
Sunday, November 6 at 12:30pm**



**Join the group going to serve the homeless with MOH.  
Everyone is welcome! Direct questions to Bob or Kris Ray.**



**Children's Ministry Friendsgiving**  
**November 12, 2022 at 5pm**  
**The Kent's House**  
**For Families with young children**  
**(birth through 5th grade)**

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## Children's Ministry

Wear your  
Christmas pjs  
for free pictures  
with Santa!



Story  
Time With  
Mrs. Claus



Ornament creations, Cookie  
decorating, Hot Chocolate,  
Living Nativity scene, and more  
Everyone is invited!



**Saturday, December 3rd**  
**at 10:00am**



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**Donation Items**  
**Month of October**  
**Any non-perishable food items**

**SERMON NOTES**  
**October 23, 2022**  
**“The Cross – Less and More”**

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. <sup>2</sup> For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I Cor. 2:1-2 (NKJV)

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. I Cor. 15: 3-4 (NKJV)

\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_?

Paul said the Gospel was of \_\_\_\_\_ I Corinthians 15:3 (ESV)

So, if I had just one last sermon to preach, it would be about the cross. But, it would be less about some things and more about others.

**Less about the \_\_\_\_\_ and more about the \_\_\_\_\_.**

Philippians 2:9-11

v.8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 12:2

Revelation 5:11-12 “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and \_\_\_\_\_ and blessing!”

**Less about the \_\_\_\_\_ and more about the \_\_\_\_\_.**

Ephesians 2:4-10

I John 4:7-19

Grace will do \_\_\_\_\_ what the \_\_\_\_\_ could never do \_\_\_\_\_.

**Less about the \_\_\_\_\_ and more about the \_\_\_\_\_.**

Isaiah 53:3-5 “by His \_\_\_\_\_ we are \_\_\_\_\_

The \_\_\_\_\_ is where God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (which \_\_\_\_\_ the \_

\_\_\_\_\_ ) and His \_\_\_\_\_ (which caused Him to \_

\_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Less about the \_\_\_\_\_ and more about the \_\_\_\_\_.**

Heb. 9:22

Rev. 7:14

I Cor. 6:11

Acts 22:16 “and \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_”

**Less about the \_\_\_\_\_ and more about the \_\_\_\_\_.**

Luke 23:44-45

Col. 1:13

John 1:1-5

I John 1:7 “If we \_\_\_\_\_”

**Less about the \_\_\_\_\_ and more about the \_\_\_\_\_.**

Rom. 6:23

Rom. 1:16

Back to Ephesians 2 -by \_\_\_\_\_ you have \_\_\_\_\_

**Less about the \_\_\_\_\_ and more about the \_\_\_\_\_.**

Isaiah 59:2

Matt. 27:46

Rom. 5:10

Col. 1:22

**Less about the \_\_\_\_\_ and more about the \_\_\_\_\_.**

I Cor. 15: 3-4

The Gospel is the \_\_\_\_\_ AND the \_\_\_\_\_ AND the \_\_\_\_\_

Without Sunday, the death of Jesus would be just another \_\_\_\_\_

“For if Jesus can do nothing about \_\_\_\_\_, whatever else He can do  
\_\_\_\_\_” Gary Davenport

I Cor. 15:14

“Crosses are for a \_\_\_\_\_. Joy \_\_\_\_\_!” Jerrie Barber

### **Some Final Thoughts:**

Jesus did not spend 6 hours on the cross to make us feel \_\_\_\_\_ – He did it to bring us \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (abundant life)

Jesus did not spend 6 hours on the cross just to give us something to do \_\_\_\_\_ or a “\_\_\_\_\_” to join – He did it to show us a way of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ life.

And he said to \_\_\_\_\_, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself a and **take up his cross daily** and follow me. Luke 9:23

# Life Groups

## **Discipleship and the Cross**

Jesus linked discipleship to the cross with his statement in Luke 9:23 when he said, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take their cross daily and follow me.”

## **Share**

What does it mean to “take up” our cross? Tell why you think taking up our cross must be a daily act.

## **Study**

Look at the context of the verse above – Luke 9:23-27, where Jesus talks about the tragedy of gaining the world but losing our soul. How do we keep that as the motivating thought that determines how we live our life?

In verse 26 of this passage Jesus speaks about being ashamed of him and his teachings. What does Jesus say are the consequences of making that choice, and what do his words mean to you?

## **Support**

Think of ways we can help and encourage each other to commit to take up our cross daily.

## **Serve**

Identify an action you will take this week to help someone you know needs help in this area. This should be more than just “I’ll pray for that person”; it should be a way you can reach out to them personally in some way.

# Save *the* Date



|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| December 2 at 6pm    | Adult Christmas Party                           |
| December 3 at 10am   | <i>Santa's Workshop</i>                         |
| December 5 at 6:30   | Annual Cookie Exchange<br>& dinner              |
| December 9 4 to 10pm | 30 Below Christmas Party                        |
| December 9 Lunch     | <i>Thursday Women's Bible Class</i><br>Luncheon |
| December 10 at 10:30 | Ladies Ornament Exchange                        |
| December 10 at 5-7pm | Area-Wide Bonfire Dynamic<br>Teens              |
| December 17 at 10am  | Heart 2 Heart Card Addressing                   |





Please make plans to attend our Ladies Day on  
Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9am – 2pm!

We are excited to share our 2022 Theme:

**F.R.O.G.**

**Fully Rely on God**

If you haven't registered online or completed a registration card, please do so as soon as possible. We are working on our final preparations for the event.

Let's not leave out our young ladies Middle and High School—We have special classes just for them!



# 2022 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   |
| <b>Children's Ministry</b> -Nursery to 5th Grade | Kristi Chatham, Linda Neighbors   |
| Coffee Ministry                                  | Patti Bass  |
| Connections & Involvement Ministry               | Eric Minor  |
| Financial Ministry                               | Bob Ray   |
| <b>Greeters' Ministry</b>                        | Linda Vines   |
| Grounds Ministry                                 | Byron Boyer, Stacy McCullough   |
| Life Groups Ministry                             | Richard Hammonds  |
| Local Outreach                                   | Kris Ray, Rebecca Heaton, Ruth Hemphill   |
| Mature Singles (MSG)                             | LaVerne Williams  |
| <b>Men's Ministry</b>                            | 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, Kris Ray, Charlotte Kent, Sonya Love (on sabbatical) |
| 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  |
| Youth Ministry 6th to 12th Grade                 | Kari & Neil Pomeranke   |

# Statistics

October 16, 2022

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| Sunday School | 104       |
| Worship       | 164       |
| Contribution  | \$7,730   |
| Bldg. Fund    | \$151,628 |

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**813-642-7288**

## Elders

**Bill Hemphill**  
813-504-2523

**Kris Kent**  
239-287-0390

**John Shackelford**  
703-798-8632

**David Love**  
On Sabbatical

## Deacons

**Monte Betz**  
615-306-5090

**Lee Chatham**  
251-533-2924

**Richard Hammonds**  
813-924-6717

**Paul Matches**  
813-390-0787

**Neil Pomeranke**  
813-500-1779

**Bob Ray**  
440-223-9357

**John Wharton**  
865-599-6571

## Staff

***Pulpit Minister***  
**Neal Pharr**  
813-220-3073

***Youth Services  
Coordinator***  
**Kari Pomeranke**  
813-500-9170

***Administrator***  
**Sandy West**  
813-909-4646

***Audio Visual Tech***  
Joel Ellis  
813-333-3578



# THOSE WHO SERVE

| <b>Worship Assignment</b>                     | <b>October 23</b>                     | <b>October 30</b>                           | <b>November 6</b>                      |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Coordinator</b>                            | <b>Bob Ray</b>                        | <b>Byron Boyer</b>                          | <b>Peter Franco</b>                    |
| <b>Greeting &amp; Announcements</b>           | <b>Kris Kent</b>                      | <b>Kris Kent</b>                            | <b>John Shackelford</b>                |
| <b>Scripture Reading &amp; Opening Prayer</b> | <b>Steve Dumas</b>                    | <b>Lance Baker</b>                          | <b>David Tomlinson</b>                 |
| <b>Communion &amp; Offering</b>               | <b>John Shackelford</b>               | <b>Lee Chatham</b>                          | <b>John Wharton</b>                    |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>                         | <b>Carl House</b>                     | <b>Dan Dixon</b>                            | <b>Brian Hassenplug</b>                |
| <b>Nursery</b>                                | <b>Caroline Dumas<br/>Vikki Minor</b> | <b>Kathy Blackwell<br/>Wendy McCullough</b> | <b>Sandy Boyer<br/>Connie Eckstine</b> |
| <b>Coffee Ministry</b>                        | <b>Vickie Green</b>                   | <b>Vikki Minor</b>                          | <b>Vickie Green</b>                    |
| <b>Greeters</b>                               | <b>Linda Vines<br/>Jeannie Murphy</b> | <b>Linda Vines<br/>Jeannie Murphy</b>       | <b>Linda Vines<br/>Agnes Paras</b>     |

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