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November 7, 2021



**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.

~~**Surviving**~~

**THRIVING IN BABYLON**

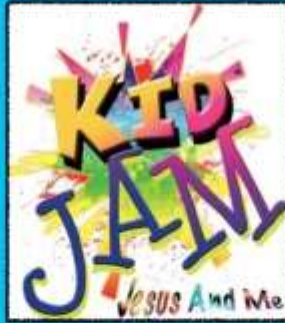
**<sup>2</sup> Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.**

**Romans 12:2 (NIV)**



Birth through 5 years old  
Little L.A.M.B.S.  
"Living As My Bible Says"

Kindergarten through Fifth Grade



10:45am  
3 years old through Kindergarten



You're  
Invited!



Women's  
Brunch

Friday, November 12 at 10:00am

Ruth Hemphill's House

All women are invited to come.

Bring a brunch dish to share  
and enjoy a time of fellowship.

**Come Light Up  
The Night  
@  
PGR's  
Bonfire Singing**



**Nov 7th @ 6pm  
Desnee's Barn  
26245 Atlantis Ln.  
Brooksville, Fl.,  
34601**



# FREE TOP HIKE



**Sign Up  
Here**



**saturday  
11/13/21**



**meet @ the  
North Tampa Church Of Christ  
Barn  
(Please bring water and Snacks)**

# **“~~Surviving~~ Thriving in Babylon”**

**November 7, 2021**

## **Proverbs 30:5-9 (NIV)**

<sup>5</sup> “Every word of God is flawless;  
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

<sup>6</sup> Do not add to his words,  
or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.”

<sup>7</sup> “Two things I ask of you, O LORD;  
do not refuse me before I die:

<sup>8</sup> Keep falsehood and lies far from me;  
give me neither poverty nor riches,  
but give me only my daily bread.

<sup>9</sup> Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you  
and say, ‘Who is the LORD?’  
Or I may become poor and steal,  
and so dishonor the name of my God.

## **Literary structure of Daniel**

- **Chapter 1-6 = Stories of \_\_\_\_\_**
- **Chapter 7-12 = Prophecies of \_\_\_\_\_**

**Daniel was written to show God’s power and protection**

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## **Daniel 7:1-28 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying on his bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream.

<sup>2</sup> Daniel said: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. <sup>3</sup> Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea.

<sup>4</sup> "The first was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its wings were torn off and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a man, and the heart of a man was given to it.

<sup>5</sup> "And there before me was a second beast, which looked like a bear. It was raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, 'Get up and eat your fill of flesh!'

<sup>6</sup> "After that, I looked, and there before me was another beast, one that looked like a leopard. And on its back it had four wings like those of a bird. This beast had four heads, and it was given authority to rule.

<sup>7</sup> "After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast--terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns.

<sup>8</sup> "While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

<sup>9</sup> "As I looked,  
"thrones were set in place,  
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.  
His clothing was as white as snow;  
the hair of his head was white like wool.

His throne was flaming with fire,  
and its wheels were all ablaze.

<sup>10</sup> A river of fire was flowing,  
coming out from before him.

Thousands upon thousands attended him;  
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

The court was seated,  
and the books were opened.

<sup>11</sup> "Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire. <sup>12</sup> (The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.)

<sup>13</sup> "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. <sup>14</sup> He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

<sup>15</sup> "I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me. <sup>16</sup> I approached one of those standing there and asked him the true meaning of all this.

"So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things: <sup>17</sup> 'The four great beasts are four kingdoms that will rise from the earth. <sup>18</sup> But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever—yes, for ever and ever.'

<sup>19</sup> "Then I wanted to know the true meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others and most terrifying, with its iron teeth and bronze claws—the beast that crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left.

<sup>20</sup> I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and about the

other horn that came up, before which three of them fell--the horn that looked more imposing than the others and that had eyes and a mouth that spoke boastfully. <sup>21</sup> As I watched, this horn was waging war against the saints and defeating them, <sup>22</sup> until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom.

<sup>23</sup> "He gave me this explanation: 'The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it. <sup>24</sup> The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings. <sup>25</sup> He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.

<sup>26</sup> "'But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. <sup>27</sup> Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.'

<sup>28</sup> "This is the end of the matter. I, Daniel, was deeply troubled by my thoughts, and my face turned pale, but I kept the matter to myself."

## **Four Beasts = Four Kingdoms**

**Babylon → Medo-Persia → Greece → Rome**



## Two things you need to remember

1. Daniel \_\_\_\_\_ the details of his own dreams
2. They all predict \_\_\_\_\_ followed by God's \_\_\_\_\_

## Principles of Prophecy

1. Remember its \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. To provide \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. To provide \_\_\_\_\_ (not to satisfy curiosity)

### Matthew 11:2-5 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples <sup>3</sup> to ask him, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"

<sup>4</sup> Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.

## 2. Speculation makes Christians \_\_\_\_\_

### Deuteronomy 29:29 (NIV)

<sup>29</sup> The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

## Speculation is more likely to produce

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## Life Group Discussion

### Share

Some people get excited talking about prophecy while others know very little about it. Which of these statements best describes your attitude related to prophecy, end times and the second coming of Christ?

- ◇ I don't know much about any of it
- ◇ I'm very interested in it and have studied it a lot
- ◇ I find it confusing
- ◇ I'm not very interested in it
- ◇ I'd like to know more
- ◇ I find it too theoretical and not practical enough
- ◇ What I know about it came from reading the **Left Behind** series or **The Late Great Planet Earth**.
- ◇ Other

### Study

There are a variety of opinions about many of the yet unfulfilled prophecies in the Bible. However, there are several future events that are clearly spelled out in Scripture even if we don't understand all the details about them. Read the following passages and identify the events yet to happen in each one.

## **2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

## **Revelation 21:1-4 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

## **Support**

After today's lesson and the passages that you just read, are you more hopeful or fearful? Why?

Has God's word helped you when things seem out of control around you?

## **Serve**

How did you serve others last week and how will you serve this week?

Think of people not in your group and name one person you want to reach out to this week? Tell the group your name and pray for them as a group.

# Area-Wide Devotional

Saturday, Dec. 4th, 2021  
4-7pm 6th-12th grade

WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN  
THE YOUTH GROUPS FROM NORTH  
TAMPA CHURCH OF CHRIST AND  
BAY AREA CHURCH OF CHRIST  
FOR GAMES AND DEVOTIONAL,  
FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS AND  
SINGING BY THE FIRE AT SUNSET.

PLEASE USE THE QR  
CODE TO REGISTER TO  
ENSURE THAT WE ARE  
ABLE TO PLAN  
APPROPRIATELY FOR  
REFRESHMENTS.



LOCATION:  
NORTH TAMPA CHURCH  
OF CHRIST



Save  
the  
Date

# Santa's WORKSHOP



**Kristi Chatham and Linda Neighbors are looking for lots of volunteers to help set up Santa's Workshop and staff the activity tables during the event. There will be lots of excitement, games, and activities including taking a free photo with Santa. Don't delay. Please text or email Kristi or Linda that you are eager to serve in making children feel the love and joy of the season. Sign-up sheet will be in the hallway.**

# Ladies Annual Christmas Ornament Exchange Party



Saturday, December 4, 2021

Church Auditorium

10:30am to 1:00pm



Please mark your calendar early for the Ladies Annual Christmas Ornament Exchange Party on December 4, from 10:30am-1:00pm in the auditorium.

Let's make this the biggest party ever! All our ladies, teenage girls, family members, and friends are invited to come and enjoy the fun.

Rules are simple. Bring your favorite brunch dish and an ornament valued at \$5.00 minimum. We promise that it will be your most fun Christmas party this year and it's a wonderful opportunity to get better acquainted with each other.

Annual Cookie Exchange  
Monday, December 6 at 6:30pm  
1007 Stella Vara Drive  
Lutz, FL 33548

All Ladies are invited. Hostess: Tina Stevens  
Each lady is asked to bring 4 dozen cookies  
Dinner will be provided.

You can participate in the cookie exchange or just the  
**dinner. (You don't have to bake.)**

Sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board and mark  
either exchange, dinner, or both.

## Statistics

October 31, 2021

Sunday School	96
Worship	124
Contribution	\$10,379
Bldg. Fund	\$137,715

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# THOSE WHO SERVE

<b>Worship Assignment</b>	<b>November 7</b>	<b>November 14</b>	<b>November 21</b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Peter Franco</b>	<b>Byron Boyer</b>	<b>Byron Boyer</b>
<b>Greeting &amp; Announcements</b>	<b>Bill Hemphill</b>	<b>Bill Hemphill</b>	<b>Bill Hemphill</b>
<b>Scripture Reading &amp; Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Lucas Clinton</b>	<b>Bill Collett</b>	<b>Daniel Dixon</b>
<b>Communion &amp; Offering</b>	<b>Jeff Stephenson</b>	<b>Bob Ray</b>	<b>Richard Hammonds</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Lee Chatham</b>	<b>Todd Murphy</b>	<b>Carl House</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Sandy Boyer Caroline Dumas</b>	<b>Sonya Love Anita Wharton</b>	<b>Vikki Minor Karen Matches</b>
<b>Coffee Ministry</b>	<b>Paula Betz</b>	<b>Vickie Green</b>	<b>David Love</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Linda Vines Jeannie Murphy</b>	<b>Linda Vines Jeannie Murphy</b>	<b>Linda Vines Jeannie Murphy</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