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November 26, 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.

Welcome

New Member

Lilly Merriweather



**North Tampa
Church of Christ**

**Saturday
December 2
11am to 1pm**



Come join in the fun! There will be cookie decorating, a hot chocolate station, story time with Mrs. Claus, free photos with Santa, and seasonal arts and crafts for great family fun.



Ladies Annual Christmas Ornament Exchange

Saturday, December 9 10:30am to 1:30pm at church building

Bring your favorite brunch dish to share and an ornament valued at \$5 or more. Invite your female friends and family.

Sign up on the bulletin board or on Ladies Facebook page with number attending. Party hosted by Tina & Ashlyn Stevens & Linda Vines



8th Annual Christmas Cookies Exchange

Monday, December 11 at 6:30pm

Home of Tina & Ashlyn Stevens

All ladies are invited! Each lady is asked to bring 4 dozen cookies. Dinner is provided. You are welcome to participate in both parts or just the dinner. Please sign up on the bulletin board and note either cookies & dinner or just dinner so we can have a number for dinner.



**Thursday Ladies Class Christmas Luncheon
Friday, December 1st at 11:00am
Home of Patti Bass**

Bring a favorite brunch dish to share and a \$10 ladies gift to exchange. Be prepared for good food and joyful fellowship with your sisters in Christ.

**The Teen White Elephant Christmas Party
Friday, December 8th
6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Building**



Bring your friends and a white elephant gift to exchange. Food and refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Neal Pharr by Sunday, December 3 if you plan to attend and how many friends will attend with you.





North Tampa Church of Christ

**Annual Adult Christmas Party
Friday, December 15th, 2023**

**Mingling / Appetizers 5:30pm
Dinner 7:00pm**

**RSVP by November 30th
by turning in your card in the
collection boxes at front or back of
sanctuary or in the basket on table in
foyer. Additional sign-up cards are on
the foyer table if you did not get one
last Sunday.**

**Any questions, see Charlotte
Kent (RSVPs), Caroline Dumas
(Decorate a Table) or Renee
McLaughlin (Desserts)**



**Volunteers Needed for Messengers of
Hope Day of Service - Sunday, December 3**

We will join with Messengers of Hope to hand out food to those in need in Pasco County. Meet after Sunday Service at the 14426 Black Lake Rd, Odessa, FL MOH warehouse at 12:30pm to load the food and prepare for distribution at the designated areas. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes for the occasion. See Bob or Kris Ray if questions.

Winning at Life

November 26, 2023

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 4:7

*⁷I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.*

Sports and Life Lessons

Upon the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that, upon other fields, on other days, will bear the fruits of victory. —

General Douglas MacArthur

- Sports jargon and thought process is a part of our everyday American life:
 - ⇒ “Knocked it out of the park”
 - ⇒ ” Kobe” when shooting paper balls in trash can
 - ⇒ “Touchdown”!
- The Ultimate Touchdown
 - ⇒ ⁴² *Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”* ⁴³ *Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23: 42-43)*

You Can’t win with a _____

Good attitude _____

- *Living the Christian Life is the ultimate “_____”*
- *³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:3-5)*
- *²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds;²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:22-24)*

You Can't Win without _____

Personal

- *¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. (Romans 12:1)*
- **You Can't Win at our Spiritual Life without _____**
- *²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement,^[a] through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— (Romans 3:25)*

No Grass Stains, No _____; No Bruises, No _____

- Many want the results, but don't want to put in the work or "take the Reps"
- Christians are a "peculiar people" (1 Peter 2:9 KJV)
- **Scout Team**
 - *Puts in the work so that others can succeed and they don't get any of the glory at all*
- *"It's not the will to win, on game day everyone wants to win. It's the will to prepare to win that counts!"*
- *¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 5:10-11)*
- **It Ain't Over until _____**
- *⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (Galatians 6:9-10)*

John Stephen Akhwari

- **"My country sent me here to _____"**
- *⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. (2 Timothy 4:7)*

Remember.....

- *You can't win with a bad attitude*
- *You can't win without sacrifice*
- *No Grass Stains, No Glory; No Bruises, No Story*
- *It Ain't Over until it's Over!*





Sunday, December 24

All Bible classes are cancelled.

Congregational Fellowship Time 9:30 to 10:15am
Coffee & Donuts

Children's Church will meet during worship.



Sunday, December 31

The auditorium Bible class will meet. All other Bible classes are cancelled.

For this 5th Sunday worship, we will have a time of Praises, Prayers, Communion, and Elders' Reflection.

Children's Church will meet during this time.

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

November 19, 2023

Sunday School	86
Worship	141
Contribution	\$5,172
Bldg. Fund	\$180,908

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

THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Assignment	November 26	December 3	December 10
Coordinator	Byron Boyer	Byron Boyer	Bob Ray
Usher	Logan Pomeranke	Harrison Hammonds	John Love
Greeting & Announcements	Kris Kent	Monte Betz	Monte Betz
Scripture Reading & Opening Prayer	Mark Cravens	Jan Blackwell	Lee Chatham
Communion & Offering	Lee Chatham	John Love	Lance Baker
Closing Prayer	Lucas Clinton	Caleb Clinton	Todd Murphy
Nursery	Debbie Collett Valerie Ward	Cindy Shackelford Wendy McCullough	Anita Wharton Bethany Harris
Coffee Ministry	Eric Minor	Mackenzie Tomlinson	Patti Bass
Greeters	Linda Vines Patti Bass	Linda Vines LeeAndra Griffin	Linda Vines LeeAndra Griffin