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December 18, 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.

God *wants a*
relationship
with **YOU**

A photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the water and sky. In the foreground, a heart is drawn in the sand on a beach. The text "God wants a relationship with YOU" is overlaid on the image in a mix of white serif and cursive fonts. An arrow points from the word "relationship" towards the word "YOU".

North Tampa Church of Christ Adult Education Plan - Winter 2023

Date	Topic	Teacher	Classroom/ Audience
Sunday			
The Book of James			
4-Dec	Introduction: Persecution of the Church/ Scattering of 12 Tribes		Auditorium/ All Adults
11-Dec	Perseverance in Trials - James 1:1-11		
18-Dec	Enduring Testing vs. Avoiding Temptation - James 1:12-18		
25-Dec	--- No Class Today ---		
1-Jan	Having the Right Attitude - Pt 1 - James 1:19-2:13		
8-Jan	Putting Your Faith into Action - James 2:5-13		
15-Jan	Three Kinds of Faith: Dead, Dormant, or Deeds! - James 2:14-26		
22-Jan	Taming the Tongue - Watch What You Say and Think! - JA 3:1-12		
29-Jan	Being Wise in God's Eyes (Not the World) - James 3:13-18		
5-Feb	Submitting Your Will to God's Will - James 4:1-10		
12-Feb	Having the Right Attitude - Pt 2 - James 4:11-5:12		
19-Feb	The Incredible Power of Prayer - James 5:13-18		
26-Feb	Restoring a Straying Christian - James 5:19-20, Gal 6:1-5		
Good and Evil			
4-Dec	God is Good and All He Made is Good	John Wharton	Small Classroom/ Advanced – Deep Dive
11-Dec	Good and Evil - In the Beginning (Before the Garden)		
18-Dec	Good and Evil - In the Garden		
25-Dec	--- No Class Today ---		
1-Jan	Is There Balance Between Good and Evil?		
8-Jan	The Relationship between Evil and Free Will		
15-Jan	Where Does Temptation Come From?		
22-Jan	Why Does God Test Me?		
29-Jan	The Battle Within Us		
5-Feb	No Condemnation in Christ		
12-Feb	Why Does God Allow Evil to Exist?		
19-Feb	Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?		
26-Feb	The Final Battle		
Becoming a Woman of Excellence			
8-Jan	Excellence: A Goal Worth Pursuing	Ruth Hemphill, Karen Matches, Bette Brown, Paula Betz, Taylor Ray	Small Classroom/ Women
15-Jan	God's Character/ Becoming Like Christ		
22-Jan	Rooted In Surrender/ Exemplified by Obedience		
29-Jan	Molded By Discipline/ Guarded by Discretion		
5-Feb	Made Precious by a Gentle and Quiet Spirit		
12-Feb	Perfected by Purity		
19-Feb	Proclaimed by Wisdom		
26-Feb	Excellence Portrayed in the Life of a Godly Woman		

North Tampa Church of Christ
Adult Education Plan - Winter 2023

Date	Topic	Teacher	Classroom/ Audience
Sunday			
	Christian Communication		
4-Dec	The Complex Process of Communication	Stacy Myers	Kitchen/ Under 30 – Young Adults
11-Dec	Self-Concept/Self-Esteem		
18-Dec	Developing our "Picture of Self"		
25-Dec	-- No Class Today --		
1-Jan	Protecting our Self-Concept		
8-Jan	Perception and Communication (Physical)		
15-Jan	Perception and Communication (Personal)		
22-Jan	Listening		
29-Jan	Non-Verbal Communication - Part 1		
5-Feb	Non-Verbal Communication - Part 2		
12-Feb	Semantics and the Impact of Language		
19-Feb	Personal Conflict		
26-Feb	Conflict Resolution		
Wednesday			
	Parables of Jesus		
7-Dec	Parables of Jesus	Guest Speaker Neal Pharr	Auditorium/ Everyone
14-Dec	Parables of Jesus		
21-Dec	Singing Night	J. Shackleford Neal Pharr Neal Pharr	
28-Dec	Devotional for the New Year		
4-Jan	Parables of Jesus		
11-Jan	Parables of Jesus	Neal Pharr Neal Pharr Neal Pharr	
18-Jan	Parables of Jesus		
25-Jan	Singing Night		
1-Feb	Parables of Jesus		
8-Feb	Parables of Jesus		
15-Feb	Parables of Jesus		
22-Feb	Singing Night		



Children's Ministry Event Open House Sunday, January 8 Following Service

Everyone is invited to see all the new things we've added and are doing in the Children's Ministry. Parents of those in the Children's Ministry are invited to a brief informational meeting following the tour.



Messengers of Hope needs all food items, especially canned vegetables. Monetary donations allow them to purchase 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 Messengers of Hope at intervals, depending on the number of donations. Your generosity is appreciated and vital to providing meals for hungry people in need.

“Christmas”

December 18, 2022

Matthew 1:18–25 (NIV)

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Christmas is not a _____

_____ “The most wonderful time of the year”

Luke 2:8–14 (NIV)

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Luke 2:25–30 (NIV)

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

- **The reason for the season is _____**

- **The purpose of Christmas was _____...
to get _____**

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Psalms 32:3–5 (NIV)

³ When I kept silent,
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ For day and night
your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped
as in the heat of summer.

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess
my transgressions to the LORD."
And you forgave
the guilt of my sin.

- **The result of Christmas is a _____
with God, based on _____ and _____**

Christmas always leaves us with a decision to make



40 *days of* Prayer

November 22, 2022 to January 1, 2023

This week you prayed for three people who you want to be with you in heaven every day. You picked three new people you haven't prayed for before so you could watch God open doors of opportunity to build relationships where you can share Christ with them. Look for next week's instruction via email.





Holiday Schedule Changes

Wednesday Night
December 21

Singing
We'll sing Christmas
songs.

Jason Grantham

Sunday Morning
December 25
There will be no classes
or Children's Church.
Children will stay with
their parents in the
auditorium. There will be
a staffed nursery.
We will have a little
activity page for kiddos.

Christmas Day
We will have breakfast
items and fellowship
beginning at 9:00am to
10:20am

Congregation

Wednesday Night
December 28

Praise/Prayer
Devotional
There will be no classes
but a singing due to the
holidays.

John Shackelford



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, Jason Grantham
Children's Ministry -Nursery to 5th Grade	Kristi Chatham
Coffee Ministry	Patti Bass
Connections & Involvement Ministry	Eric Minor
Financial Ministry	Bob Ray
Greeters' Ministry	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
Men's Ministry	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 Pomerence

Statistics

December 11, 2022

Sunday School	107
Worship	166
Contribution	\$5,804
Bldg. Fund	\$153,417

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David Love
On Sabbatical

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251-533-2924

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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
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813-500-9170

Administrator
Sandy West
813-909-4646

Audio Visual Tech
Joel Ellis
813-333-3578



THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Assignment	December 18	December 25	January 1
Coordinator	Peter Franco	Byron Boyer	Byron Boyer
Usher			Nathan Baker
Greeting & Announcements	Bill Hemphill	Bill Hemphill	TBA
Scripture Reading & Opening Prayer	Lucas Clinton	Lance Baker	TBA
Communion & Offering	Monte Betz	Ron Moore	TBA
Closing Prayer	Carl House	Daniel Dixon	TBA
Nursery	Charlotte Kent Connie Eckstine	Vickie Green Sandy Boyer	Kristi Chatham Charlotte Kent
Coffee Ministry	Lupe Runions	John Shackelford	Patti Bass
Greeters	Linda Vines Anita Wharton	Linda Vines Anita Wharton	Linda Vines Lupe Runions