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December 25, 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.



*May this Christmas  
fill your homes with  
the peace and joy of Christ.  
Merry Christmas!*



**January 8th, 2023**

**Who:** All Life Group Leaders (and spouses)

**Time:** Immediately after Church services

**Purpose:** Leader Training and Planning for 2023

*Lunch will be catered*

### **Life Group Kick-Off Meeting**

**January 15th, 2023, immediately following services**

All Church Members (and Guests) are encouraged to remain after services for a short time to learn more about Life Groups and get to know the Life Group Leaders.



**March 26, 2023 Congregational Update**

**From**

**NTCOFC Elders, Deacons, & Minister**

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## Helping Each Other Become Passionate Followers of Christ in 2023

Through Spirit Filled Worship

Being a Bible Believing and Teaching Church

Being Outwardly Focused "DO-ERS" of the Word

Evangelizing Our Community and Foreign Ones

Building Relationships with Others and Our Community

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**Wednesday Night, December 28, 2022, 7:00pm**  
**A Time of Reflection, Prayer, & Praise**

We look forward to seeing you for our last Wednesday night of 2022. God has bountifully blessed his family at North Tampa Church of Christ and we want you to join us for a time of reflection, prayer, and praises as we thank HIM. You will surely be uplifted and excited that you took the time to join in this wonderful evening of fellowship, praise, and reflection.

# 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 soup for January. 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 Joy”***

*December 25, 2022*

## **Nehemiah 8:10–12 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

<sup>11</sup> The Levites calmed all the people, saying, “Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve.”

<sup>12</sup> Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

JOY is: “the settled assurance that God is in control of every detail in my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything will be all right, and the determined choice to praise God in all things.”

--**CHOOSE JOY**, Kay Warren (2012)

**“Joy” is used \_\_\_\_\_ times surrounding the birth of Jesus**

**Happiness is based on \_\_\_\_\_.**

**It is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

**Joy is based on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

**It is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

# Three things that destroy our joy and how to overcome them...

1. \_\_\_\_\_

**When Mary was \_\_\_\_\_, she \_\_\_\_\_ to trust God and accept \_\_\_\_\_**

## **Luke 1:26–38 (NIV)**

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

<sup>29</sup> Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

<sup>34</sup> “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

<sup>35</sup> The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> For no word from God will ever fail.”

<sup>38</sup> “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

**Luke 1:47 (GW)**

<sup>47</sup> My spirit finds its joy in God, my Savior,

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**When Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_, he offered**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 1:18–21 (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> 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.

<sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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.”

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**When the wise men were \_\_\_\_\_, they**

**\_\_\_\_\_ to follow God \_\_\_\_\_**

### **Matthew 2:1–3 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

### **Matthew 2:8–11 (NIV)**

<sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

<sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

### **Psalm 51:12a (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation



# 40 *days of* Prayer

**November 22, 2022 to January 1, 2023**

**We are in our last full week of our “40 Days of Prayer” which we will conclude with a praise and worship service on January 1st. We have been praying about our commitment to God and others. We have been thinking and praying for God to give us wisdom on how to manage our time wisely. We can now begin the new year with a renewed focus on our relationship with God (R1) and others (R2) in 2023.**



# 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
<b>Children's Ministry</b> -Nursery to 5th Grade	Kristi Chatham
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 Pomerence

## Statistics

December 18, 2022

Sunday School	105
Worship	178
Contribution	\$9,380
Bldg. Fund	\$153,738

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# THOSE WHO SERVE

<b>Worship Assignment</b>	<b>December 25</b>	<b>January 1</b>	<b>January 8</b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Byron Boyer</b>	<b>Byron Boyer</b>	<b>Bob Ray</b>
<b>Usher</b>		<b>Nathan Baker</b>	<b>Logan Pomeranke</b>
<b>Greeting &amp; Announcements</b>	<b>John Shackelford</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Kris Kent</b>
<b>Scripture Reading &amp; Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Lance Baker</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Lance Baker</b>
<b>Communion &amp; Offering</b>	<b>Ron Moore</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>David Tomlinson</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Daniel Dixon</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Nathan Baker</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Charlotte Kent Sandy Boyer</b>	<b>Kristi Chatham Charlotte Kent</b>	<b>Kristi Chatham Charlotte Kent</b>
<b>Coffee Ministry</b>	<b>John Shackelford</b>	<b>Patti Bass</b>	<b>Patti Bass</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Linda Vines Anita Wharton</b>	<b>Linda Vines Lupe Runions</b>	<b>Linda Vines Lupe Runions</b>