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December 31, 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.

**2024**

*a prayer for a new beginning*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
NORTH TAMPA CHURCH OF CHRIST  
DECEMBER 31, 2023  
“O PRAISE THE LORD!”**

**OPENING SONG – “O PRAISE THE LORD” #228 – JAN BLACKWELL  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH (SONG BY JASON GRANTHAM)**

**SONG – “HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE FOR US” #362 (All three verses)  
JAN BLACKWELL**

**LORD’S SUPPER/OFFERING – AUSTIN DRAKE**

**SONG – “WE PRAISE THEE, O LORD” #33 (Verses 1, 2 & 4)  
JASON GRANTHAM**

**SHEPHERD’S THOUGHTS – MONTE BETZ  
SCRIPTURE: PSALM 100**

**Psalm 100**

**A psalm. For giving grateful praise.**

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

## **“WHERE WE HAVE BEEN” - MONTE BETZ**

(HISTORY OF CONGREGATION, KEY DATES AND EVENTS, ETC.)

**PRAYER – Monte leads the congregation in prayer**

**SONG OF PRAISE – “HALLELUJAH, PRAISE JEHOVAH” – #2  
(All three verses) – JASON GRANTHAM**

## **SHEPHERD’S THOUGHTS 2 – JOHN WHARTON** **SCRIPTURE: PSALM 92**

**Psalm 92 1-2, 4-15**

**A psalm. A song. For the Sabbath day.**

- <sup>1</sup> It is good to praise the LORD  
and make music to your name, O Most High,
- <sup>2</sup> proclaiming your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night,
- <sup>4</sup> For you make me glad by your deeds, LORD;  
I sing for joy at what your hands have done.
- <sup>5</sup> How great are your works, LORD,  
how profound your thoughts!
- <sup>6</sup> Senseless people do not know,  
fools do not understand,
- <sup>7</sup> that though the wicked spring up like grass  
and all evildoers flourish,  
they will be destroyed forever.
- <sup>8</sup> But you, LORD, are forever exalted.
- <sup>9</sup> For surely your enemies, LORD,  
surely your enemies will perish;  
all evildoers will be scattered.
- <sup>10</sup> You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox;  
fine oils have been poured on me.
- <sup>11</sup> My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries;  
my ears have heard the rout of my wicked foes.

- <sup>12</sup> The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,  
they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;  
<sup>13</sup> planted in the house of the LORD,  
they will flourish in the courts of our God.  
<sup>14</sup> They will still bear fruit in old age,  
they will stay fresh and green,  
<sup>15</sup> proclaiming, “The LORD is upright;  
he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.”

**“WHERE WE ARE” JOHN WHARTON**

**(Examples include ACTIVE MINISTRIES, CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES,  
DYNAMIC YOUTH, LADIES AND MEN’S MINISTRIES, LIFE GROUPS,  
OUTREACH, ADDITION OF AUSTIN DRAKE)**

**PRAYER – John Wharton leads the congregation in prayer**

**SONG OF PRAISE – “PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!” #235  
(Verses 1 & 3) – RICHARD HAMMONDS**

**SHEPHERD’S THOUGHTS 3 – KRIS KENT**

**SCRIPTURE: PSALM 103: 1-6, 20-22**

**Psalm 103 Of David.**

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
<sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—  
<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,  
<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,  
<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.  
<sup>6</sup> The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all the oppressed.

<sup>20</sup> Praise the LORD, you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding,  
who obey his word.

<sup>21</sup> Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,  
you his servants who do his will.

<sup>22</sup> Praise the LORD, all his works  
everywhere in his dominion.

**SHEPHERD’S THOUGHTS 3 – “WHO WE ARE” – KRIS KENT**  
**(WARM, WELCOMING, SERVICE ORIENTED, GENEROUS, SPIRIT-LED,  
UNIFIED)**

**PRAYER – Kris Kent leads the congregation in prayer**

**SONG OF PRAISE – “PRAISE THE LORD” #6**  
**(Verses 1,2 &4) – JAN BLACKWELL**

**SHEPHERD’S THOUGHTS 4 – JOHN SHACKELFORD**

**SCRIPTURE: EPHESIANS 3:20-21**

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

**JOHN SHACKELFORD**

**SHEPHERD’S THOUGHTS 4 – “WHERE WE ARE GOING”**  
**(INCREASING ATTENDANCE, BAPTISMS, SHORT TERM PLANNING  
TEAM, LONG TERM PLANNING TEAM, SERVICE SCHEDULES, BUILDING  
EXPANSION/NEW CONSTRUCTION, CALL FOR ACTION)**

**INVITATION – NEAL PHARR**

**INVITATION SONG: “I AM RESOLVED” #925**  
**(Verses 1 & 3) RICHARD HAMMONDS**

**CLOSING SONG – “WE’RE MARCHING TO ZION” #808**  
**(Verses 1, 2 & 4) – RICHARD HAMMONDS**

**DISMISSAL PRAYER – NATHAN BLACKWELL**

# 2024 Planning Calendar



January 7	New Adult Classes Begin	See Winter Schedule
January 11	Women's Thursday Class resumes	10:00am at Church Building
January 27	Men's Breakfast	Kent's House
February 2 & 3	Young Families Campout	Chatham's House
February 11	Bring A Friend Day Service	No Classes
March 10	New Members Lunch	Church Building
March 30	Easter Family Fun Day	Church Building
March 31	Special Easter Service	No Classes
May 25	Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon	Church Building
September 15	New Members Lunch	Church Building
October 26	Fall Festival	Church Building
October 30	Trunk or Treat	Church Building
December 7	Santa's Workshop	Church Building
December 14	Ladies Ornament Exchange	Church Building
December 16	Ladies Christmas Cookie Exchange	Tina & Ashlyn Stevens Home
3rd Saturday each month	Heart2Heart Card Ministry 10:00 am	The McLaughlin House
3rd Saturday each month	MSG-Mature Singles Group 3:00 pm	Various host houses announced monthly



# Winter Quarter 2024 Adult Education Plan



Auditorium Class (All Adults)	The Gospel According to Matthew	January-Jan Blackwell February-John Wharton March-John Shackelford
Advanced Deep Dive Class Classroom 8	A Study of Philipians	Richard Hammonds & Kris Kent
Women's Class Classroom 1	Women Who Made A Difference	Ruth Hemphill, Karen Matches, Bettie Brown, Paula Betz, Taylor Ray
Under 30-Young Adults Classroom—Kitchen	Christian History Made Easy (A Study of Church Growth, Division, and Challenging Issues)	Will Harris, Lee Chatham, Ian Jennings

## Adult Wednesday Night Class

Auditorium/Everyone	Joseph: From Punk to Prince	Neal Pharr
Songs & Praises	January 31 February 28 March 27	various



# **WEDNESDAY** *Night Live*

**January 3, 2024 — A Night of Prayer**

**There is no better way to start the New Year than with prayer. Join us Wednesday night, January 3rd at 7:00pm. Dynamic Youth and Children's Ministry will join the adults for this night of Prayer.**

**January 10, 2024 — "Ancient Chinese Secrets"  
Austin Drake is teaching our auditorium class at  
7:00pm**

**January 17, 2024—New Lesson Series**

**"How to go from 'Punk to Prince' in 22 years!"**

**Join us Wednesday night, January 17th at 7:00pm as we study the life of Joseph. (Genesis 37 & 38)**



*Invite  
Your  
Friends  
and  
Neighbors*



*February 11,  
2024*

*Tent Service  
10:00am*



## **Introducing a new Sunday Lesson Series**

# **40 Days of Following the Way of Love**



For the New Year, any canned vegetables, meats, and soups are requested. Other non-perishable items are also welcome. Monetary donations allow MOH to buy 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 MOH at intervals, depending on the number of donations. Your generosity is very appreciated and vital to providing meals for hungry people in need.

# 2024 Current Ministries Leaders

Administration Ministry	Sandy West
Adult Education	John Wharton, Jan Blackwell
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 & Vikki Minor
Coffee Ministry	Patti Bass
Connections & Involvement Ministry	Richard Hammonds
Family Life Ministry	Will Harris
Financial Ministry	Bob Ray
<b>Greeters' Ministry</b>	Linda Vines
Grounds Ministry	Byron Boyer, Michael McLane, Stacy McCullough
Heart 2 Heart Card Ministry	Renee & Ken McLaughlin
Life Groups Ministry	Jason Smith
Local Outreach	Kris Ray, Rebecca Heaton, Ruth Hemphill
Mature Singles (MSG)	LaVerne Williams
<b>Men's Ministry</b>	Eric Minor, Will Harris, Lance Baker, Allan Teixeira
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, Lee Chatham, Ian Jennings
Youth Ministry 6th to 12th Grade	Austin Drake, Neil & Kari Pomerence, Bill Hemphill

# Statistics

December 24, 2023

Sunday School No classes

Worship 192

Contribution \$7,495

Bldg. Fund \$181,108

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## Elders

**Monte Betz**  
615-306-5090

**Kris Kent**  
239-287-0390

**John Shackelford**  
703-798-8632

**John Wharton**  
865-599-6571

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

**The church WiFi**  
password  
NorthTampaGuest

**Office Email:**  
[churchoffice@ntcofc.org](mailto:churchoffice@ntcofc.org)  
**Website:**  
[www.norhtampa.church](http://www.norhtampa.church)

## Deacons

**Jan Blackwell**  
615-775-0387

**Lee Chatham**  
251-533-2924

**Richard Hammonds**  
813-924-6717

**Will Harris**  
931-237-3636

**Paul Matches**  
813-390-0787

**Neil Pomeranke**  
813-500-1779

**Bob Ray**  
440-223-9357

**Jason Smith**  
850-708-4636

## Staff

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

**Associate Minister**  
**Austin Drake**  
706-512-0863

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

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

**Children's Ministry**  
**Co-Leaders**  
**Kristi Chatham**  
251-533-2851

**Vikki Minor**  
210-601-6220

# THOSE WHO SERVE

<b>Worship Assignment</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<b>January 7</b>	<b>January 14</b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Peter Franco</b>	<b>Byron Boyer</b>	<b>Byron Boyer</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Logan Pomeranke</b>	<b>Michael McLane</b>	<b>Harrison Hammonds</b>
<b>Greeting &amp; Announcements</b>	<b>Monte Betz</b>	<b>John Wharton</b>	<b>John Wharton</b>
<b>Scripture Reading &amp; Opening Prayer</b>	<b>The Elders</b>	<b>Lance Baker</b>	<b>Jan Blackwell</b>
<b>Communion &amp; Offering</b>	<b>Austin Drake</b>	<b>Jason Smith</b>	<b>Bob Ray</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Nathan Blackwell</b>	<b>Todd Murphy</b>	<b>Steve Dumas</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Diane Diaz Valerie Ward</b>	<b>Sandy Boyer Evelyn Davila</b>	<b>Caroline Dumas Cheryl Riley</b>
<b>Coffee Ministry</b>	<b>Patti Bass</b>	<b>Patti Bass</b>	<b>Patti Bass</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Linda Vines LeeAndra Griffin</b>	<b>Linda Vines Terri Franco</b>	<b>Linda Vines Terri Franco</b>