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March 5, 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.

# **Seven Traits of a Passionate Follower of Jesus Christ**





All Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch, lawn chairs/blankets for your family, and join the North Tampa Church of Christ Children's Ministry for some fellowship and fun to kick-off Spring Break!

Treats will be provided.

When: Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 10:30am to 12:30pm  
Where: Land O'Lakes Recreation Center Complex  
3032 Collier Pkwy, Land O' Lakes, FL 34639  
(playground)

Who: All families are invited!

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**DYNAMIC YOUTH**  
Coming Up...

Hiking  
March 18th, 8am  
Hillsborough River State Park



Invite Someone to Church  
Family, Friends, Neighbors, Co-workers



**Bring a Friend to Join You for  
Easter Service Under the Tent  
Followed by an Egg Hunt  
Sunday, April 9th  
10:00am**



*Thank You!*

Saturday, April 1  
Raise the Big Tent  
Meet at the building at 8:15am  
Coffee & Doughnuts



Saturday, April 15  
Take down the Big Tent  
Meet at the building at 8:15am



Help Provide Freedom to Those in Sexual Bondage. Put your faith into action and ask your friends and relatives to sponsor you in the Buyer Rehabilitation Project's Freedom Walk which will be held Saturday, March 25th 2023 @ 9:00am at the Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center. Become a vital part of this ministry to the women who are being abused by helping the men who are buying sex to permanently stop their behavior. If you are not able to join us on March 25th, you have the option to walk a mile in solidarity with us anywhere or at any time! Every Walker and every pledge make a huge difference. To register to walk or sponsor someone, go to the Freedom Walk display today or go online to <https://buyerrehabilitationproject.org/events>



The March item of the month is spaghetti sauce. Other non-perishable items are also welcome. Monetary donations allow MOH 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 MOH at intervals, depending on the number of donations. Your generosity is very appreciated and vital to providing meals for hungry people in need.

**March 26, 2023 Congregational Update**  
**From**  
**NTCOFC Elders, Deacons, & Minister**

# “Seven Traits of a Passionate Follower of Jesus Christ”

March 5, 2023

## *Prayer*

### **Matthew 15:21–28 (NIV)**

<sup>21</sup> Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

<sup>22</sup> A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

<sup>23</sup> Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

<sup>24</sup> He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

<sup>26</sup> He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

<sup>27</sup> “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

## **Why do we struggle with prayer?**

**God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer**

### **Luke 18:1–8 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. <sup>2</sup>He said: “In a certain town there was a judge

who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. <sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

<sup>4</sup> “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’ ”

<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

### **1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup> pray continually,

## **How do I approach God/dad?**

### **A. *You have to be on* \_\_\_\_\_**

#### **Psalm 66:18 (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished sin in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened;

#### **Isaiah 59:2 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup> But your iniquities have separated  
you from your God;  
your sins have hidden his face from you,  
so that he will not hear.

### **1 John 3:21–22 (NIV)**

<sup>21</sup> Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God <sup>22</sup> and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.

### ***B. It can't always* \_\_\_\_\_**

#### **Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

#### **James 4:3 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

#### **Matthew 6:33 (NIV)**

<sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

### ***C. It has to be a* \_\_\_\_\_**

#### **Ecclesiastes 5:1–2 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong.

<sup>2</sup> Do not be quick with your mouth,  
do not be hasty in your heart  
to utter anything before God.

God is in heaven  
and you are on earth,  
so let your words be few.

**Matthew 11:28–30 (NIV)**

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

**D. Come with \_\_\_\_\_**

**Matthew 6:5–8 (NIV)**

<sup>5</sup> “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <sup>7</sup> And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

**E. The goal is to connect, not to \_\_\_\_\_**

**Isaiah 29:13 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> The Lord says:

“These people come near to me with their mouth  
and honor me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me.  
Their worship of me  
is based on merely human rules they have been taught.



## ***Life Group notes:***

### ***Share:***

- What's the most exciting thing that has happened to you this week?
- What did you pray for this week?

### ***Study:***

- Take a moment and reflect over the sermon notes. Discuss what point or passage of scripture most challenged, confused or caught your attention today and why?

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What rules do you think we teach that are harmful to our walk  
with God?

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rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they  
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so let your words be few.  
What stands out to you in this verse?

### ***Support:***

- How can we encourage each other to be in prayer consistently throughout the day.
- What do we need to pray for as a group?

### ***Serve:***

- How can you serve your group and others through prayer?
- Take time to pray for our Easter Service and those we are inviting?

Don't forget to turn in your attendance to Richard Hammonds each week.



**DAYLIGHT  
SAVING  
TIME INFO**

*SPRING FORWARD*

March 12, 2023  
at 2:00 am

Clock moves an hour ahead

## Statistics

February 26, 2023

Sunday School	109
Worship	176
Contribution	\$6,920
Bldg. Fund	\$154,909

## **TXT2GIVE**

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# THOSE WHO SERVE

<b>Worship Assignment</b>	<b>March 5</b>	<b>March 12</b>	<b>March 19</b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Byron Boyer</b>	<b>Peter Franco</b>	<b>Bob Ray</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Matt Manzi</b>	<b>Logan Pomeranke</b>	<b>Harrison Hammonds</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>Todd Murphy</b>	<b>John Love</b>	<b>Ron Moore</b>
<b>Communion &amp; Offering</b>	<b>Richard Hammonds</b>	<b>Steve Dumas</b>	<b>Bill Collett</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Brian Hassenplug</b>	<b>Will Harris</b>	<b>Brent Byrd</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Kim Byrd Kristi Chatham</b>	<b>Carey Clinton Debbie Collett</b>	<b>Charlotte Kent Sandy Boyer</b>
<b>Coffee Ministry</b>	<b>Vikki Minor</b>	<b>Diane Diaz</b>	<b>Lupe Runions</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Linda Vines Paula Betz</b>	<b>Linda Vines Paula Betz</b>	<b>Linda Vines Paula Betz</b>