

# **NORTH TAMPA**

CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 24, 2024

HELPING BUILD PASSIONATE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

# SUNDAY

1st Worship Service - 8:30 am Bible Study - 10:00 am 2nd Worship Service - 11:00 am

# WEDNESDAY

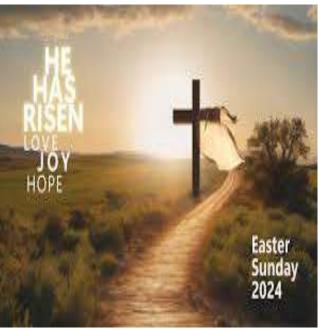
Bible Study - 7:00 pm

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Thank you to our wonderful Quarter 1 2024 teachers!

Teacher workday for Quarter 2 will be April 6th starting at 9:00am. Breakfast provided. All are welcome!

# Teachers Appreciation Brunch May 4th at 10:30am Church Building

In 2023 did you ????

Teach or Assist in the Children's classes or Children's Worship

Teach or Assist in the Dynamic Youth Classes

Teach or Assist in the Young Adult Classes

Teach or Assist in any adult class-auditorium, deep dive, men's bible study, women's bible study

Then the Teachers Appreciation Brunch includes you...Please RSVP attendance by texting or emailing Charlotte Kent.

What do teachers make?

A Difference





Under the Big Tent March 31st 10:00am doughnuts, coffee and fellowship 10:30am Worship

Mark your calendar to invite your friends and family.









For March, Mac & Cheese, pasta and pasta sauce (only in cans or plastic jars) 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. You can show part of your donation to go to NTCOFC for purchasing items needed for Blessing Bags (BB), such as \$20 MOH; \$20 BB. We will send a check from the church to MOH at intervals, depending on the number of donations. Your generosity is appreciated and vital to providing meals for hungry people in need.

# 40 Days of Following the Way of Love

March 24, 2024 (Week 6)

# 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (God's Word Translation)

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient. Love is kind. Love isn't jealous. It doesn't sing its own praises. It isn't arrogant. <sup>5</sup> It isn't rude. It doesn't think about itself. It isn't irritable. It doesn't keep track of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> It isn't happy when injustice is done, but it is happy with the truth. <sup>7</sup>, Love never stops being patient, never stops believing, never stops hoping, never gives up.

The D's that destroy relationships: Difficulties, Disagreements, Differences, Discord, Disappointment, Defeat, Dead-ends, Depression, Delay, Doubt, Distance, Death, Debt, Demands, Difficulties.

# How do we make love last?

1. Lasting love gives	<b>_•</b>
"Love never stops being patient"	
1 Corinthians 13:7 (MSG) Puts up with anything,	
The Greek word is "	n

	1 Corinthians 13:7a (NCV) <sup>7</sup> Love patiently accepts all things.
	Why is grace so important to our relationships?
	Romans 3:10 (NIV)  10 As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;
	Romans 3:23 (NIV) <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
	Romans 15:7 (NIV)  Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.
2.	Lasting love chooses to  "never stops believing"
	1 Corinthians 13:7 (NIV)  7 always trusts,
	1 Corinthians 13:7 (NLT)  7 never loses faith,

# True or false \_\_\_\_\_ Trusting people tend to be more gullible. \_\_\_\_ Trusting people tend to have a lower IQ. \_\_\_\_ Trusting people live happier lives. \_\_\_\_ "Gullible" is not in the dictionary.

<sup>6</sup> ... The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

# What do I do when I don't feel like I can trust anybody?

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# Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV)

- 8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.
- <sup>9</sup> "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

# 3. Lasting love is \_\_\_\_\_\_ towards others.

"never stops hoping"

# 1 Corinthians 13:7 (The Living Bible, Paraphrased)

<sup>7</sup>If you love someone, ... always expect the best of him...

# 1 Corinthians 13:7 (MSG)

Always looks for the best,

# 4. Lasting love refuses to \_\_\_\_\_\_

"never gives up"

# 1 Corinthians 13:7 (NLT)

<sup>7</sup> ... endures through every circumstance.

## 1 Corinthians 13:7 (MSG)

... Never looks back, but keeps going to the end.

# 1 Corinthians 13:7 (MSG)

always perseveres.

# Learning to love is one of our greatest

challenges and our biggest \_\_\_\_\_\_.

# Philippians 2:5 (NIV)

# Life Group notes:

# Share:

- Is there a relationship that you would like to show more love to, but can't?
- How often during your day do you think about loving others, or following the way of love?

# 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?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

- Read Isaiah 55:8-9 and discuss any insights you might have from this passage.
- What other verses discussed in the sermon stuck out to you and why?
- Why do you think it is difficult to love others the way that is described in I Corinthians 13:7?

# Support:

- Of the four ways that we can make love last, which do you think is the most difficult?
- Looking at today's lesson, what steps do you think you need to take to make your relationships last?
- Take a moment and pray as a group for the many marriages in the church, asking God to hold them together?

# Serve:

• If you participated in the food distribution in any way last week, share with the group your thoughts and feelings.

Don't forget to turn in your attendance to Jason Smith each week.









# North Tampa Church of Christ (NTCOFC) and Messengers of Hope (MOH) Partnership

Thanks to all the volunteers who made our first **monthly "Third Thursday" Food Truck Distribution**Day a great success! Together with Messengers of Hope, we are making a big difference in the lives of people in need in our community by providing for their daily needs and sharing the good news of our Savior.



# **Statistics**

March 17, 2024

Sunday School 130

Worship 1st 63 - 2nd 160

Contribution \$7,656

Bldg.Fund \$181,558

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# THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Assignment	March 24 1st Service	March 24 2nd Service	Easter Sunday	March 31 Tent Service
Coordinator	John Love	Peter Franco		Byron Boyer
Usher	Harrison Hammonds	Mike McLane		
Greeting & Announcements	Kris Kent	Kris Kent	March 11,3024 EASTER +	Kris Kent
Scripture Reading Opening Prayer	Steve Dumas	Neil Pomerenke	SUNDAY	John Shackelford
Communion & Offering	Jan Blackwell	Jan Blackwell		Monte Betz
Closing Prayer	Craig Johnson	Logan Pomerenke		John Wharton
Nursery	Evelyn Davila Carla Hernando	Vikki Minor Karen Matches		N/A
Children's Church	Brent & Kim Byrd	Brent & Kim Byrd		N/A
Coffee Ministry	Charlotte Kent	Charlotte Kent		Patti Bass
Greeters	Nancy Pharr Anita Wharton	Nancy Pharr Anita Wharton	Ø?	Greeter Team