



NORTH TAMPA
CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 14, 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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Welcome

New Members

Bruce & Mary Lou Herman



Teachers Appreciation Brunch May 4th at 10:30am

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.

Deadline for RSVP—Sunday, April 21



**Heart 2 Heart Card Ministry
Saturday, April 20th
The McLaughlin House**



Heart2Heart meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00am at the McLaughlin house to send cards and notes of encouragement to those on the weekly bulletin prayer list and others. Cards and stamps are provided; donations of cards are welcome. If you have any questions, please RSVP to Renee McLaughlin via text or email if you will attend.

**Thursday, April 18
MOH Food Truck at North Tampa Church of Christ
Food Distribution 12:00 to 2:30pm**

Volunteers get ready for another great day of community outreach demonstrating the love of Jesus to those in need!



**MSG-Mature Singles Group
Saturday, April 20th
Barbara Nicholson's House
3:00pm**



MSG has their monthly potluck and card party on the 3rd Saturday of each month. This month's gathering will be at Barbara Nicholson's house. She will provide taco meat as an entrée and attendees can bring the taco shells, toppings, or a side dish or dessert of their choice. For planning, respond to the MSG email "reply all" if you will attend and list the dish you're bringing. If you have questions, contact Barbara Nicholson or LaVerne Williams.



For April, 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.

What's Happening?

- 4-18-2024 Messengers of Hope Food Truck Distribution from 12 to 2:30pm
- 4-21-2024 Deadline to RSVP for Teachers Appreciation Brunch
- 4-27-2024 Dynamic Teens Service Project-Cleaning Building 9am to 12:30pm
- 5-4-2024 Teachers Appreciation Brunch at Building 10:30am
- 5-11-2024 Area-Wide Devo@Sugar Shack-8609 Knights Griffin Rd, Plant City
- 5-12-2024 Mother's Day—1 service Sunday
- 5-16-2024 Messengers of Hope Food Truck Distribution from 12 to 2:30pm
- 5-23-2024 Last Thursday 10am Ladies Bible Class before Summer Break
- 5-24-2024 Lock-In for Teens at the building at 6:30pm – 5am
- 5-25-2024 Mt. Dora Dinner & Silent Auction
- 5-26-2024 Class of 2024 Graduation Sunday Service
- 5-26-2024 Last Life Group before Summer Break. Life Groups restart
September, 2024
- 6-2 to 7-21 Sunday Evenings at 5:30pm "The Chosen Season 4" on big screen
- 6-20-2024 Messengers of Hope Food Truck Distribution from 12 to 2:30pm
- 6-22-2024 Baby Shower – Bethany Harris
- 6-23 to 6-29 Central Florida Bible Camp for Teens
- 7 -7-2024 Children "Move Up" to new Bible Classes based on School grades
for Fall 2024
- 7-8 to 7-12 Vacation Bible School 9am to 12noon Monday-Friday
- 7-18-2024 Messengers of Hope Truck Distribution from 12 to 2:30pm
- 8-30 to 9-1 SonQuest Weekend in Orlando—Friday, 8-30 to Sunday, 9-1

Responding to God's Call

Lessons from Noah's Preaching

April 17, 2024

Genesis 6:3, 5-9b (NIV)

³ Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with humans forever...their days will be a hundred and twenty years. ⁵ The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. ⁶ The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. ⁷ So the Lord said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord...⁹ Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.

Since Noah was a Preacher of Righteousness (2 Peter 2:5), what did Noah likely preach about?

- I. **Warning of** _____
- A. God tells us how we will be judged
 1. In Noah's time: A Great Flood (Genesis 6:7, 13, 17)
 2. In Jonah's time: overthrown by enemies (Jonah 3:4)
 - a) Austin's note: not a global catastrophe, but another judgment day nonetheless
 3. In our time: fire (2 Peter 3:7), not water (Genesis 9:13-16)
- B. Countdown to Judgment Day
 1. In Noah's time: 120 years (Genesis 6:3)
 2. In Jonah's time: 40 days (Jonah 3:4)
 3. In our time: *so far*, about 2000 years

- a) We do not know the hour or day (Matthew 24:36)
- b) We do not need to know the time or date (1 Thess. 5:1) in order to be ready (1 Thess. 5:2-11)
- c) On that day, all will understand that Jesus is Lord (Romans 14:10-11)

II. Call to _____ and _____

A. Respond to the call, turn to God

- 1. In Noah's Time: Most did not listen or respond (2 Peter 3:3-7; Matthew 24:35-39). Only seven people listened to Noah's message (Genesis 6:18)

Austin's note: Only Noah was called righteous by God, so the others must've believed Noah's warnings.

- 2. In Jonah's time: Fasting, wearing of sackcloth, called on God, turned away from violence (Jonah 3:7-9)
- 3. In our time: most will not listen (2 Peter 3:3-7)

B. **Righteousness** describes our conduct in relation to others, especially with regards to the rights of others in business, in legal matters, and begins with our relationship to God.

- 1. The Bible describes the righteous person as just or right, holding to God and trusting in Him (Psalm 33:1, 18-22).
- 2. We must be righteous (Proverbs 21:3; Psalm 106:3)
Righteousness and justice go hand in hand
- 3. The opposite of righteousness: violence and corruption
 - a) Both were a major sin problem in the antediluvian world and in Nineveh (Genesis 6:11-12; Jonah 3:8; Nahum 3:1-3)
 - b) God hates violence (Psalm 11:5) and unethical practices towards others (Malachi 3:5; Proverbs 11:1)

c) Violence, dishonest conduct and abuse of power are still sins the world struggles with today

d) All sin ultimately leads down this path

(1) Hate leads to violence (Matthew 5:21-22)

(2) Lies lead to corruption (Proverbs 29:12)

4. Blameless in our generation (Genesis 6:9)

a) Not about being merely “better” than others, but striving to be like God Himself (1 Peter 1:16)

b) We are to be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1)

c) We should not look like the world (Romans 12:2)

5. Walk with God (Genesis 6:9; 2 Chronicles 6:14)

a) A personal relationship with the Lord

b) We are to do so with all our hearts

III. Building the Ark as a _____ of _____

A. It takes faith to obey God

1. Noah’s example: **Hebrews 11:7 (ESV)** By Faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

2. Following Noah’s example: we learn by “doing” our faith

a) Studying about fire vs. building a fire

b) Studying about taking care of orphans and widows vs. taking care of them (James 1:27)

c) Noah probably understood more and more God’s purpose the more he built the ark. He could’ve spent his time studying the blueprints, but God’s plan probably made much more sense once he started building.

B. Trust God's wisdom even when it doesn't make sense by the world's standards (Hebrews 11:1)

IV. Offer of _____

A. The Good News

1. In Noah's time: God will save all who enter the ark
 - a) Eight souls were saved (1 Peter 3:20)
 - b) How we can know God would've saved others

2 Chronicles 30:9 (NKJV)

"God is gracious and merciful and will not turn his face away from you, if you return to him."

2. In Jonah's time: God saves Nineveh from destruction

Jonah 3:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

3. In our time: God will save those in the Church

- a) God gives everyone the time they need for salvation, even when we wish it would happen sooner.

Revelation 6:10 (NIV) "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until you judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

Austin's Note: God could have miraculously saved Noah and his family and bypassed the ark altogether, but He didn't. And I believe this passage shows us why God waits before executing judgement.

B. God values faithful obedience over works

1. God saves the way He always has: by grace through faith.

Ephesians 2:8 (NIV) For by grace you have been saved through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

- a) This is how Noah found grace (Hebrews 11:7).
- b) Noah trusted in God and did whatever God commanded him by faith. (Genesis 6:22, 7:5)

2. Works in and of themselves do not save apart from God.
(Ephesians 2:9)

- a) Any sized boat would not have saved you in a global flood. But an ark built by faith? Nothing short of God Himself could destroy that boat.
- b) Fasting and wearing sackcloth does not stop one's nation from being overturned (Jonah 4:7-9). But a nation who did these things by faith? No nation on earth could tear them down!
- c) Dunking an unbeliever underneath water would not save their soul. But an ark built by faith? Nothing short of God Himself could destroy that boat.

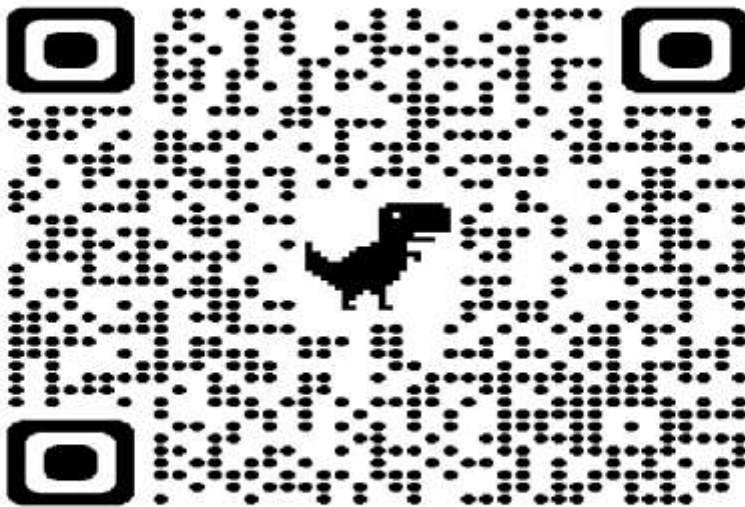
Conclusion: Just as God saved Noah and his family from global destruction. He can save you, your family, your friends, and everyone else from the upcoming Judgment Day if you come to Him in faith.

Life Groups “Return to Disciple Making”

Lesson 1

Using your phone camera, focus on the QR code below. Click yellow wording “Right Now Media.” Click “Open” or “Group” and see study guide for Lesson 1.

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Statistics

April 7, 2024

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| Sunday | 111 |
| Worship 1st 71 | 2nd 140 |
| Contribution | \$9,545 |
| Bldg. Fund | \$181,558 |

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| Worship Assignment | April 14 1st Service | April 14 2nd Service | April 21 1st Service | April 21 2nd Service |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Coordinator | Bob Ray | Byron Boyer | John Love | Peter Franco |
| Usher | Nick Spishock | Mark Cravens | Harrison Hammonds | Mike McLane |
| Greeting & Announcements | John Shackelford | Monte Betz | John Shackelford | Monte Betz |
| Scripture Reading Opening Prayer | Mike Stone | Todd Murphy | Capell Griffin | Steve Dumas |
| Communion & Offering | Lee Chatham | Ron Moore | Austin Drake | Jason Smith |
| Closing Prayer | Dennis Briggs | Brian Cravens | Daniel Dixon | Alan Teixeira |
| Nursery | Anita Wharton Wendy McCullough | TBD Mackenzie Tomlinson | TBD | Caroline Dumas TBD |
| Children's Church | Chatham/ Kent | Chatham/ Kent | Matthew & Addy Manzi | Matthew & Addy Manzi |
| Coffee Ministry | Anita Wharton | Marian Pirtle | Lupe Runions | Natalie Matches |
| Greeters | Linda Vines LeeAndra Griffin | Linda Vines Mark Cravens | Linda Vines LeeAndra Griffin | Linda Vines Mark Cravens |