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September 3, 2023



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.

Navigating Life's Tempest by Serving, Triumphant, and Trusting God Together



*Set your minds on things above,
not on earthly things.*

Colossians 3:2



Love. Grow. Serve.

MAGI BOX PROJECT

It's time to pack a Shoebox with Love...

MAGI Box Project 2023 collection efforts have begun. Our goal this year is to fill 80 plastic boxes with supplies and small gift items for a variety of ages (1 year to 14 years) for children of the Dominican Republic associated with Manna Global Missions. Listed below are project guidelines.

1. Pickup the MAGI Gift Box you wish to fill based on the age of the child listed on the box. THANK YOU ALL!! Please take only the number of boxes you can completely fill.
2. Please bring the completed gift box to church on Sunday, September 24, and place your boxes on the pulpit stage.
3. If you would like to contribute toward this project financially, please place your donation check made payable to North Tampa Church of Christ in the metal boxes with **MAGI 2023** in the note section of the check. Your donations will be used to purchase gift/supply items and pay for shipping expenses. We cannot overstate how grateful we are for the constant outpouring of love and support from this church family for the kids in Bobita Dominican Republic at the Manna Children's Home.
4. Thank you for your heart of service through this effort. Please join us in praying over the children that will be receiving these gifts and the workers that distribute them in December 2023.



Life Group Recess Opportunity
Viewing of ***The Chosen*** at the Building
5:00pm-7:00pm
No showing of *The Chosen* this Sunday



Do you have new or gently used shoes to donate to Messengers of Hope during the Shoe Ministry Drive? Some less fortunate families desperately need shoes for daily use, school, or work. Shoes of all sizes are requested to meet the needs of children, teens, and adults. To have comfortable, well fitting footwear is a luxury many kids and adults do not have. Let's make a difference with our donations!

Deadline for donations: Wednesday, September 13
Shoe sorting and prep day:
Saturday, September 16th from 9:00-11:00am
Join with Messengers of Hope to distribute shoes:
Sunday, September 17th 12:30-2:00pm
Leave donations in the foyer collection box



Hosted by Bob & Kris Ray
Kick-Off for Life Groups



Everyone invited to
enjoy good Christian
fellowship & a movie
Saturday, September 16
6:00pm
Church Building



Resuming
September 17
More to come!

Richard Hammonds,
Deacon
Life Group Ministry



Women Ministering to Women
Ladies Day
North Tampa Church of Christ
September 9, 2023
Time: 8:30AM to 2:00PM

Finding Joy in Jesus!

"These things I have spoken
to you, that My joy may remain
in you, and that your joy
may be full."

John 15:11

Please register here!



bit.ly/findingjoy2023 or
ntcofcladiesday@gmail.com



Sermon Notes

September 3, 2023

Scripture Reading

James 1:2-3 in The Message translation

"Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors."

And here's another New Testament verse that exemplifies a similar message of enduring trials and challenges:

Romans 5:3-4 NIV

"We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."

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I. _____ in God's Sovereignty; God is in _____

- Psalm 102:27 assures us, "But you remain the same, and your years will never end."
 - ◇ Trust in His wisdom, goodness, and faithfulness, knowing that He is in control regardless of our circumstances. Remember, God's Got This.

- **Jeremiah 29:11** reminds us, "For I know the plans I have for you... plans to prosper you and not to harm you." Even in the midst of trials, God's purpose remains.
 - ◇ *Embrace His plan and serve Him faithfully.* Serving God in a world of challenges means finding peace in His plans.

ii. **II. _____ your anchor in _____ and _____.**
 Hold firm to your faith.

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- **Hebrews 11:1** defines faith as "confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."
 - ◇ *Let your faith be your anchor,* It can sustain you through the darkest times. *Be in the Word of God. It will enable you to continue serving God with determination.*
- **Romans 12:12** encourages us to "be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."
 - ◇ *Nurture a Hope-Filled Perspective.* Allow the hope of eternity and God's promises to guide you through difficulties, motivating you to serve Him even in the face of loss.

III. Find Strength in _____ and _____

- **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10** reminds us of the strength in unity: "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up."
 - ◇ *Connect with Fellow Believers.* Serving God in challenging times is made easier through connections with fellow believers. Lean on your Church family for support and encouragement.
- **Galatians 6:2** instructs. "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
 - ◇ *Minister to others together.* Use your collective experiences to uplift, encourage, and serve those who are also struggling, showing them the love of Christ.

IV. _____ your _____

- **James 1:12** reminds us, "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him."
 - ◇ *Persist with Steadfastness.* We must make a commitment to God that we will strive to example Christ-follower lifestyles. We must trust in God's guidance and the belief that perseverance in faith leads to spiritual growth and transformation.

- **Colossians 3:2** advises, "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. "*Subpoint 2: Setting Your Mind on Things Above*
 - ◇ *Set our minds on things above.* By focusing our thoughts on heavenly matters rather than on the concerns of this world, we gain a perspective that helps better navigate challenges while still serving God with passion and purpose.

NOTES:

1. Examples of how to trust in God's sovereignty; how to persist in steadfastness:
2. Examples of how to anchor yourself to Faith & Hope
3. Examples of how to find strength in Unity & your church family community
4. Examples of how to keep your focus on the Lord God



For September, boxes of dessert items such as cake, cookie, brownie, or pudding mixes, Jello, pie crusts or cans of frosting are requested. Other non-perishable items are also welcome. Monetary donations allow MOH to 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.



Messengers of Hope Service Day

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Meeting Time 12:45pm

14426 Black Lake Road

Odessa, FL 33556

813-404-2300

See Bob or Kris Ray if you have questions.



2023 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
Children's Ministry -Nursery to 5th Grade	Kristi Chatham & Vikki Minor
Coffee Ministry	Patti Bass
Connections & Involvement Ministry	Eric Minor
Family Life Ministry	Lee Chatham
Financial Ministry	Bob Ray
Greeters' Ministry	Linda Vines
Grounds Ministry	Byron Boyer, Stacy McCullough
Heart 2 Heart Card Ministry	Renee & Ken McLaughlin
Life Groups Ministry	Richard Hammonds
Local Outreach	Kris Ray, Rebecca Heaton, Ruth Hemphill
Mature Singles (MSG)	LaVerne Williams
Men's Ministry	Lance Baker, Allan Teixeira, Will Harris
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, John Wharton
Youth Ministry 6th to 12th Grade	Neil Pomeranke, Neal Pharr, Matt & Addie Manzi, Bill Hemphill, Jan Blackwell, Kari Pomeranke

Statistics

August 27, 2023

Sunday School	123
Worship	215
Contribution	\$4,820
Bldg. Fund	\$157,308

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NorthTampaGuest**

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www.northtampa.church**

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

THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Assignment	September 3	September 10	September 17
Coordinator	Peter Franco	Bob Ray	Peter Franco
Usher	Matt Manzi	Nathan Baker	Logan Pomeranke
Greeting & Announcements	John Wharton	John Wharton	John Wharton
Scripture Reading & Opening Prayer	Todd Murphy	Stacy Meyers	Neil Pomeranke
Communion & Offering	Jan Blackwell	Jason Smith	John Love
Closing Prayer	Daniel Dixon	Carl House	Stacy McCullough
Nursery	Cheryl Riley Valerie Ward	Connie Eckstine Mary Sayago	Kristi Chatham Vickie Green
Coffee Ministry	Diane Diaz	Susie Moore	Lupe Runions
Greeters	Linda Vines Agnes Paras	Linda Vines Agnes Paras	Linda Vines Agnes Paras