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October 2, 2022



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.

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"Rejoice with
me; for I have
found my sheep
which was lost!"
— Luke 15:6





Ladies BUNCO Game Night on Friday, October 7th!

Ladies, join us for a fun-filled night in the home of Charlotte Kent at 6:00 p.m. Light Dinner and Refreshments served. Rides can be provided, if needed. To RSVP: Sign Up sheet in back Hallway!

Any questions, please see Caroline Dumas, Kim Byrd, Rebecca Heaton, or Lisa Hammonds.



Carla Hernando Baby Shower Sunday, October 9 2:00pm in Auditorium



Theme: Noah's Ark

Registered at Target and Amazon

Preferred Gifts: Books and Gift Cards

Group Gift—Give money to Caroline Dumas
if you would like to contribute for the large gift



Children's Ministry Friendsgiving November 12, 2022 at 5pm

The Kent's House

For Families with young children
(birth through 5th grade)



**IT'S NEVER TOO LATE
TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE.**



**Join a Life Group-Sign up on
the hallway bulletin board or
online without delay.**



**Wednesday, October 26th @ 6pm
Come one, Come ALL**

**Decorate a trunk, Costumes optional, Bring
Candy, and be ready to have fun and fellowship.
There will even be a bounce house.**



**Messengers of Hope
Sunday, October 16th at 12:30pm**



**Join the group going to serve the homeless with MOH.
Everyone is welcome! Direct questions to Bob or Kris Ray.**

DYNAMIC YOUTH

Coming Up...

Wesley Chapel High School
October 6, 5:30pm



SPIRIT SQUAD!

Nora



Donation Item
Month of October
Boxes of Stuffing

“Rejoicing Over Finding What Was Lost”

October 2, 2022

Luke 15:1-10 (ESV)

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.

² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable:

⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?

⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’

⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?

⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’

¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Lessons we learn about the father of the prodigal son ... Luke 15:11-32

1. The father gave his son the property he requested and allowed him to leave. v.12-13

God gives us _____.

Joshua 24:15 (ESV) - And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Deuteronomy 30:19 (ESV) - I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live.

But we must accept the _____ of the choices we make.

Matthew 7:13 (ESV) - Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.

Galatians 5:19-21 (ESV) - Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I

2. Everything good the son had was in his father's house. v.17

Our blessings are found in our _____ - _____.

James 1:17 (ESV) - Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Ephesians 1:3 (ESV) - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

Following God's word is required to _____ our _____ with Him.

2 John 1:9 (ESV) - Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

3. His father had compassion and returned him to his place in the household. v.20-24

God restores us _____ into full fellowship when we return to him.

Acts 3:19 (ESV) - Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out.

Joel 2:13 (ESV) - And rend your heart and not your garments. Now return to the Lord your God, For He is gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness, and relenting of evil.

Returning to God requires _____ .

1 John 1:9 (ESV) - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

4. The father encouraged his older brother to rejoice in his return. v.31-32

God wants all Christians to _____ when a wayward sinner returns.

Luke 15:7 (ESV) - I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Psalms 35:9 (ESV) - And my soul shall rejoice in the Lord; It shall exult in His salvation.

Faithfulness will be _____ .

James 1:12 (ESV) - Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

Life Groups

Our focus for Life Groups is on Discipleship, which we define as helping others to be followers of Christ. We typically think of two ways to do this - encouraging fellow Christians and sharing the gospel with non-Christians. But another group of people who need our discipleship is that large number of Christians who have turned away from Christ and have become unfaithful, or “prodigal” as our sermon focused on this morning.

Think of someone you know who is no longer faithful to the Lord as we discuss the following points.

- ◆ Without mentioning specific information about this person, what are some reasons you think some Christians turn away from God?
- ◆ What does the Bible say about how we should react when a brother or sister goes astray? Consider the following verses:

Galatians 6:1-2

James 5:19-20

2 Thessalonians 3:14-15

- ◆ Suggest some ideas about how you might be able to reach out to someone you know who is unfaithful. (Note: it is very likely that some of these people are just waiting for someone to come and ask them to come back.)
- ◆ One idea for reaching out to wayward Christians might be to invite them to a Life Group meeting. How can we encourage each other within our group to push ourselves to take this step and actually contact a wayward member?



Please make plans to attend our Ladies Day on
Saturday, November 5th

Time: 9am – 2pm!

We are excited to share our 2022 Theme:

F.R.O.G.

Fully Rely on God

Our BOBO: *Be One Bring One* registration
cards are available on the back table in the
foyer!



2022 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
Children's Ministry -Nursery to 5th Grade	Kristi Chatham, Linda Neighbors
Coffee Ministry	Patti Bass
Connections & Involvement Ministry	Eric Minor
Financial Ministry	Bob Ray
Greeters' Ministry	Linda Vines
Grounds Ministry	Byron Boyer, Stacy McCullough
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
Social Outings, Adventures & Recreation (SOAR)	Theresa Briggs, Jeannie Murphy
Women Ministering to Women	Steering Committee: Ruth Hemphill, Cindy Shackelford, Karen Matches, Kris Ray, Sonya Love (on sabbatical)
Worship & Praise Ministry	Jason Grantham, Brian Hassenplug, Craig Johnson, Richard Hammonds, Jan Blackwell
Worship Service Coordinators	Byron Boyer, Peter Franco, Eric Minor, Brent Byrd
30 Below (College and young adults)	Neal Pharr
Youth Ministry 6th to 12th Grade	Kari & Neil Pomeranke

Statistics

September 25, 2022

Sunday School	93
Worship	147
Contribution	\$4,356
Bldg. Fund	\$151,157

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Assignment	October 2	October 9	October 16
Coordinator	Peter Franco	Bob Ray	Byron Boyer
Greeting & Announcements	Kris Kent	Kris Kent	Kris Kent
Scripture Reading & Opening Prayer	Lee Chatham	Monte Betz	Steve Dumas
Communion & Offering	Byron Boyer	Stacy Myers	Bob Ray
Closing Prayer	Stacy McCullough	Todd Murphy	Richard Hammonds
Nursery	Sandy Boyer Taylor Ray	Wendy McCullough Jackie Wenz	Nancy Pharr Charlotte Kent
Coffee Ministry	Wendy McCullough	Vikki Minor	Vikki Minor
Greeters	Anita Wharton Lupe Runions	Linda Vines Jeannie Murphy	Linda Vines Jeannie Murphy

¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Matthew 23:11-12