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October 1, 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.

Please welcome our
Guest Preacher

Austin
Drake

**North Tampa
Church of Christ
October 25
6:00 pm**



2023

**With
Inflatable
Slides**



Make sure decorated trucks and costumes are not scary and are appropriate for young children.

**Join us for a Friendsgiving Dinner
for Families with Children (all ages)**

**November 11 at 5pm
Lee & Kristi Chatham's Home
32212 Gosselin Rd.
Dade City, FL 33525**

**Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side
or dessert. The main course of
turkey and ham will be provided.**

RSVP to Lee or Kristi Chatham.

**HAPPY
Friendsgiving**



Register by 10/20/23 at 12:00 pm.
No walk-ins please.

Must be 18+ unless attending with a parent.

Registration: \$299.00
Additional Family: \$149.00

This continuous event includes six meals, two overnights, church service, and a variety of fun activities!



Register here!



2023 Men's Integrity Weekend

Join us for an **educational and fun-filled weekend** for concerned men or those dealing with online pornography. Designed both for **single-attendance** and as a **father-and-son event**, the material presented on this weekend will strengthen families and their churches — equipping them to fight back against our fallen, perverted culture.

Track #1 *Sexual Integrity 101* Education for concerned friends, family & church leaders.

- What are the root causes of **sexual brokenness**?
- What role does **shame and secrets** play in this dilemma?
- What is the effective pathway to **recovery**?
- How can I **protect my family** from the scourge of online pornography and child predators?



Track #2 *Conquer Series* For men who want help stopping their consumption of pornography.

- Learn the pathway to **recovery**
- Discover **there is hope and healing**
- Connect with **other Christian men**
- Strengthen **sexual integrity**
- Improve **intimacy**



WHEN

November 3-5, 2023

Check-in begins: 4:00 pm Friday
Dinner and Mixer: 5:30 pm Friday
Program starts: 7:00 pm Friday
Ending by 3:00 pm Sunday 11/5

WHERE

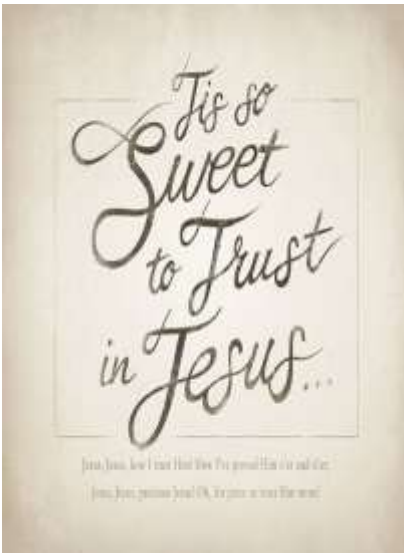
Word of Life Bible Institute

13247 Word of Life Drive
Hudson Florida 34669

The Buyer Rehabilitation Project's annual Men's Integrity Weekend will be taking place from Friday, November 3rd @ 4:00 pm through Sunday, November 5th @ 2:00 pm at the Word of Life Bible Institute in Hudson, FL. This year's program is for those concerned about the problem of pornography consumption in our churches and communities, as well as for anyone looking to start their own recovery. Please join us for this fun filled and highly education event to learn both the causes and the solution to this serious problem. Please visit the 2023 Men's Integrity Weekend display to learn more and to register for this great event.

Life Group Notes

This week we focus on an old hymn many of us have known all our lives. We will discuss how putting our trust in Jesus brings a comfort like nothing this world can offer.



**'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise;
Just to know, Thus saith the Lord.**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him,
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er,
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more.**

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me,
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood.**

**Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life, and rest, and joy, and peace.**

**I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.**



Scripture Reading

October 1, 2023

Proverbs 27:10

Do not forsake your friend and the friend of your father,
and do not go to your brother's house
when disaster strikes you —
better a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.

The Friends in Our Lives

a Sermon

by: Austin Drake

Who are the friends in our lives?

- I. _____ - the friend that loved you before you were conceived
- ◇ **Jeremiah 1:5a**: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you..."
 - ◇ **Psalm 139:16** - "You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed" (*NLT*).
 - Listen closely to what God says. After all, He literally knows the best decisions for us to make.
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- II. _____ - friends that you're born with
- ◇ **2 Timothy 1:5**: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well" (*ESV*).

- ◇ **Deuteronomy 6:6-7:** "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up" (*NIV*).
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III. _____ - the family that you choose

- ◇ The Bible often refers to our friends as our family.
 - **Psalm 133:1:** "Behold! how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!"
 - **Proverbs 18:24:** "Friends come and friends go, but a true friend sticks by you like family" (*MSG*).
 - "My brother Jonathan, you have been very pleasant to me. Your love to me was extraordinary, surpassing the love of women." (**2 Samuel 1:26**)
 - ◆ Have you told your friends that you're thankful for them lately? Have you told God how thankful you are for them? If not, then do so.
- ◇ For different reasons, not everyone has any family members. But everyone can and needs to have friends.
 - **Proverbs 27:10:** "Do not forsake your friend or a friend of your family, and do not go to your relative's house when disaster strikes you—better a neighbor nearby than a relative far away."

- ◇ The reverse applies to us. We need to be the friend that God has called us to be.
 - **Job 6:14** - "Anyone who withholds kindness from a friend forsakes the fear of the Almighty."
 - **Proverbs 17:9** - "One who forgives an affront fosters friendship, but one who dwells on disputes will alienate a friend."
 - **Job 42:10** - "When Job prayed for his friends, Jehovah restored his fortunes, giving him twice as much as before."
 - ◆ Never underestimate the power of prayer and forgiveness.
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IV. _____ - the family that you're "born again" into

- ◇ We don't get to pick and choose who God adds to the church. Once He adds them to the church, they are our brothers and sisters
 - "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (**Acts 2:47b, NKJV**).
 - ◇ **1 Timothy 5:1-2** - "Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity."
 - ◆ This is not a mere suggestion, but a statement of fact of what our roles are to be in the church.
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V. _____ - the best friend a Christian has

- ◇ God is our Father
 - **1 John 3:1** - "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" How? Galatians 3:26 says: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (*KJV*).

◇ God is our Brother

- Jesus said that "whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother" (**Mark 3:35**, *ESV*). Of course Jesus' physical family is important. But His spiritual family is even more important to Him.
- **Hebrews 2:11** - "Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters."
 - ◆ Coffman says: "That Christ is 'not ashamed to call them brethren' is a most instructive thought. That the sinless and perfect Saviour should not be ashamed of vile and sinful man, and through his great love for them, should consent to partake of all their sufferings, even death, and should even go so far as to receive them as his spiritual body and make of them his bride - that must be hailed as an attitude of loving grace that beggars all description."
- Christ will never be ashamed of his brethren but will confess them before God and his holy angels (**Mark 8:38**).

◇ God is our Companion

- **Acts 2:38** - Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
 - ◆ Peter did not say that you might or could, he said that you WILL receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- **1 Corinthians 3:16** - "Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"
- **John 14:23** - "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home [or "dwelling place", see *KJV* and *NASB*] with him" (*ESV*).



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.



Mark Your Calendar Future Events



Children's Ministry	October 25	Trunk or Treat
Young Family Ministry	November 11 December 2 February 2	Friend's Giving Santa's Workshop Family Campout
Women's Ministry	December 9 December 11	Ornament Exchange Cookie Exchange
Adult Christmas Party	December 15	Church Building
Men's Ministry	January 27	Men's Breakfast



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, Michael McLane, 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

September 24, 2023

Sunday School	121
Worship	207
Contribution	\$6,183
Bldg. Fund	\$158,508

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

THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Assignment	October 1	October 8	October 15
Coordinator	Byron Boyer	Bob Ray	Byron Boyer
Usher	John Love	Matt Manzi	Nathan Baker
Greeting & Announcements	Monte Betz	John Shackelford	John Shackelford
Scripture Reading & Opening Prayer	Stacy Myers	Richard Hammonds	Jason Smith
Communion & Offering	Craig Johnson	Stacy Myers	Todd Murphy
Closing Prayer	Jan Blackwell	Daniel Dickson	John Love
Nursery	Sandy Boyer Carey Clinton	Kris Ray Taylor Ray	Wendy McCullough Karen Matches
Coffee Ministry	Charlotte Kent	Paula Betz	Susie Moore
Greeters	Lupe Runions Lupe Runions	Linda Vines Lupe Runions	Linda Vines Lupe Runions