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October 17, 2021



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.

The 
Beattitudes

Blessed 
are:

the poor in spirit **the meek** *the*
they that mourn **merciful**
they which do hunger & thirst after righteousness
the pure in heart
they which **the peacemakers**
are persecuted for righteousness' sake

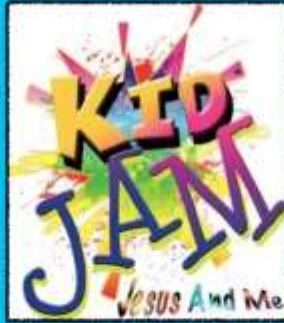
Rejoice! & be exceeding **GLAD,**
for **GREAT** is
your reward in Heaven.

~Matthew 5~



Birth through 5 years old
Little L.A.M.B.S.
"Living As My Bible Says"

Kindergarten through Fifth Grade



10:45am
3 years old through Kindergarten



October 27th, Wednesday @ 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.



Group Leaders/Contacts: Theresa Reed and Jeannie Murphy

- **New church group for all adults to grow friendships and spend time together with shared interests.**
- **One organized event per month—times and activities will vary**
- **Private Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/ntcofcsoar**
 - ◇ **To join, go to Facebook link and request to join.**
 - ◇ **Members can post activity plans and invite others to join**
 - ◇ **Members can suggest future group events to be planned**
 - ◇ **Take Facebook survey to select activities of interest**



First Event: Thursday, October 21st "Painting with a Twist" 7 to 9pm
Reservations are open at <https://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/wesley-chapel/event/2874380/>



CULTIVATING
*the Fruit of
the Spirit*

Galatians 5:22-23

Sat, October 30, 2021 9:00 AM – 12:30

Join us for a day of fellowship amongst women of faith as we cultivate the fruit of the spirit inside each one of us.

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TO WOMEN



Scripture Reading

October 17, 2021

Matthew 5: 3-12 (NIV)

³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the poor in heart, for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Happiness is a Gift from _____

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 12 I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. 13 That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.

What has Jesus promised us?

- As Christians, we are not promised all the material things that makes the world “happy”
- 1 Timothy 6:8 “And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.”

The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:3: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is _____.”

- Not referring to despondent or cowardly.
- Refers to those who are *humble*.
- Recognize their insignificance compared to God.

Matthew 5:4: “Blessed are those who mourn, for they _____.”

- ⁹ Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. ¹⁰ For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; *but the sorrow of the world produces death.*” (2 Corinthians 7: 9-10)

Matthew 5:5 “Blessed are the meek for they will _____.”

- Definition: Meekness is the opposite of self-absorption... it is not occupied with self. Meekness is a willingness to take wrong patiently
- ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.” (2Peter 2:20)

Matthew 5:6:

- “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they _____.”

Matthew 5:7:” Blessed are the merciful, for they _____.”

- If we are merciful to others, we too will obtain mercy from God (Matthew 6:14-15)

Matthew 5:8: “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they _____.”

- “So God, who knows the heart... made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith” (Acts 15:8-9).

Matthew 5:9: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

- “If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.” (Romans 12:18)

Matthew 5:10: “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs _____.”

- “Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter” (1 Peter 4:16).

Matthew 5:11-12: ¹¹Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you”

Life Group Discussion

Share:

Describe what “blessedness” or “complete happiness” looks like in the eyes of the world? How have you pursued happiness apart from God? How does the world’s idea of happiness compare to Jesus’ idea of happiness (or *blessedness*)?

Study/Support:

- Those who are *Poor in Spirit* are those who have come to the end of themselves and look to God alone for their hope and help.
 - ◊ Why do you think we have to come to the end of ourselves before we can truly follow God?
 - ◊ Has God brought you to the end of yourself? If so, how?
- We are called to *hunger and thirst for righteousness*. Our ultimate satisfaction should be found in seeking righteousness.
 - ◊ Describe other things in this world that you have sought to fulfill you?
 - ◊ Why did it fail to deliver true satisfaction?
- According to Jesus, the Merciful will be shown mercy.
 - ◊ Describe the difficulty of showing mercy to people who have wronged us?
 - ◊ Why does Jesus teach that we must show mercy to even the worst of sinners?
- *The Pure in Heart* are those who are devoted to Jesus Christ.
 - ◊ What competes for our affections and attention and distracts us from devotion to Jesus?

- Jesus calls Christians to be peacemakers.
 - ◊ Describe the message it sends to the world when Christians can't get along with each other?
 - ◊ What can you do to pursue peacemaking in your life?
- According to Jesus, those who follow him should expect to be persecuted.
 - ◊ What does it mean to be persecuted?
 - ◊ How have you experienced persecution in your life?
 - ◊ How did you respond to it?

Serve:

- How can we assist others in living up to the behaviors Jesus describes in the Beatitudes?



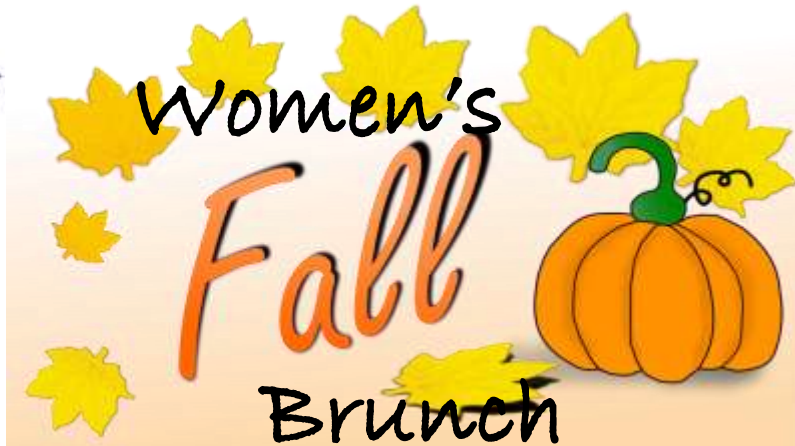
**Come Light Up
The Night
@
PGR's
Bonfire Singing**

**Nov 7th @ 6pm
Desnee's Barn
26245 Atlantis Ln.
Brooksville, Fl.,
34601**

 CHURCH OF CHRIST
NORTH FLORIDA



*You're
Invited!*



Friday, November 12 at 10:00am

Ruth Hemphill's House

All women are invited to come.

Bring a brunch dish to share
and enjoy a time of fellowship.

DYNAMIC YOUTH

November 13th

**Join us for a tree-top hike at
Myakka River State Park!**

*Meet at the building at 8am to
caravan to the park.

*Bring plenty of water and snacks.

Sign up here!



Statistics

October 10, 2021

Sunday School	107
Worship	136
Contribution	\$7,497
Bldg. Fund	\$137,035

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Assignment	October 17	October 24	October 31
Coordinator	Peter Franco	Peter Franco	Peter Franco
Greeting & Announcements	David Love	David Love	David Love
Scripture Reading & Opening Prayer	Timothy Jones, Jr.	Todd Murphy	Steve Dumas
Communion & Offering	Ron Moore	John Shackelford	Kris Kent
Closing Prayer	Stacy Myers	Bryce Reed	Jeff Stephenson
Nursery	Kris Ray Anita Wharton	Charlotte Kent Vikki Minor	Kristi Chatham Kim Byrd
Coffee Ministry	Caroline Dumas	Lee Chatham	Vikki Minor
Greeters	Linda Vines Paula Betz	Linda Vines Paula Betz	Linda Vines Paula Betz

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