

**3611 E. County Line Rd, Lutz, FL 33559 - 813.909.4646**

November 14, 2021



**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.

~~**Surviving**~~

**THRIVING IN BABYLON**

**<sup>2</sup> Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.**

**Romans 12:2 (NIV)**



Children's Ministry



Kindergarten through Fifth Grade




10:45am  
3 years old through Kindergarten



## Ladies Annual Christmas Ornament Exchange Party

Saturday, December 4, 2021 10:30am to 1:00pm

Church Auditorium



Please mark your calendar early for the Ladies Annual Christmas Ornament Exchange Party on December 4, from 10:30am-1:00pm in the auditorium.

Let's make this the biggest party ever! All our ladies, teenage girls, family members, and friends are invited to come and enjoy the fun.

Rules are simple. Bring your favorite brunch dish and an ornament valued at \$5.00 minimum. We promise that it will be your most fun Christmas party this year and it's a wonderful opportunity to get better acquainted with each other.

# Area-Wide Devotional

Saturday, Dec. 4th, 2021  
4-7pm 6th-12th grade

WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN THE YOUTH GROUPS FROM NORTH TAMPA CHURCH OF CHRIST AND BAY AREA CHURCH OF CHRIST FOR GAMES AND DEVOTIONAL, FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS AND SINGING BY THE FIRE AT SUNSET.

PLEASE USE THE QR CODE TO REGISTER TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO PLAN APPROPRIATELY FOR REFRESHMENTS.



LOCATION:  
NORTH TAMPA CHURCH  
OF CHRIST



# *Santa's* **WORKSHOP**

**Come to Santa's Workshop**



**Decorating Cookies  
Christmas Crafts  
Free photo with Santa**

**11:00am - 1:00pm  
December 11, 2021**

**North Tampa Church of Christ  
3611 County Line Rd E Lutz, Fl**

**Kristi Chatham and Linda Neighbors are looking for lots of volunteers to help set up Santa's Workshop and staff the activity tables during the event. There will be lots of games, excitement, fun, and activities including taking a free photo with Santa. Don't delay. Please text or email Kristi or Linda that you are eager to serve in making children feel the love and joy of the season. Sign-up sheet will be in the hallway.**

# ***“Surviving Thriving in Babylon”***

*November 14, 2021*

## **Daniel 6:10 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

## **How to pray like Daniel**

**1. Seek first to \_\_\_\_\_, and then to  
be \_\_\_\_\_**

### **Daniel 9:1-2 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom-- <sup>2</sup> in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.

### **Jeremiah 29:10-12 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

**2.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daniel 9:3a (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him...

**Daniel 9:3 (NASB)**

<sup>3</sup> So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek *Him*...

**3.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daniel 9:3a (TLB)**

<sup>3</sup> So I earnestly pleaded with the Lord God...

**Daniel 9:4a (MSG)**

<sup>4</sup> I poured out my heart, baring my soul to GOD...

**4.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daniel 9:3 (NCV)**

<sup>3</sup> Then I turned to the Lord God and prayed and asked him for help. I did not eat any food. To show my sadness, I put on rough cloth and sat in ashes.

**5. Thank God for** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daniel 9:4 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup> I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments,

**Daniel 9:9 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him;

## 6.

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### **Daniel 9:5-6 (NCV)**

<sup>5</sup> “But we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and turned against you, your commands, and your laws. <sup>6</sup> We did not listen to your servants, the prophets, who spoke for you to our kings, our leaders, our ancestors, and all the people of the land.

### **Daniel 9:7-8 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> ...but this day we are covered with shame--...because of our unfaithfulness to you. <sup>8</sup> O LORD, we and our kings, our princes and our fathers are covered with shame because we have sinned against you.

### **Daniel 9:10 (MSG)**

<sup>10</sup> We paid no attention to you when you told us how to live, the clear teaching that came through your servants the prophets.

### **Daniel 9:13-14 (MSG)**

<sup>13</sup> " 'Just as written in God's revelation to Moses, the catastrophe was total. Nothing was held back. We kept at our sinning, never giving you a second thought, oblivious to your clear warning, <sup>14</sup> and so you had no choice but to let the disaster loose on us in full force. You, our GOD, had a perfect right to do this since we persistently and defiantly ignored you.

### **Daniel 9:18 (NLT2)**

<sup>18</sup> “O my God, lean down and listen to me. Open your eyes and see our despair. See how your city—the city that bears your name—lies in ruins. We make this plea, not because we deserve help, but because of your mercy.

7.

**Daniel 9:20-23a (TLB)**

<sup>20</sup> Even while I was praying and confessing my sin and the sins of my people, desperately pleading with the Lord my God for Jerusalem, his holy mountain, <sup>21</sup> Gabriel, whom I had seen in the earlier vision, flew swiftly to me at the time of the evening sacrifice <sup>22</sup> and said to me, "Daniel, I am here to help you understand God's plans.

<sup>23</sup> The moment you began praying a command was given. I am here to tell you what it was, for God loves you very much.



Annual Cookie Exchange  
Monday, December 6 at 6:30pm  
1007 Stella Vara Drive  
Lutz, FL 33548



All Ladies are invited. Hostess: Tina Stevens  
Each lady is asked to bring 4 dozen cookies  
Dinner will be provided.

You can participate in the cookie exchange or just the  
**dinner. (You don't have to bake.)**

Sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board and mark  
either exchange, dinner, or both.



## Life Group Discussion

### **Share**

This is the last lesson from the series “Thriving in Babylon”. Take a moment and share with each other how the series and the group has helped you.

Take turns thanking others in the group for their contribution to the group. Thank your host, your leader, and contributions of each group member. Make sure everyone is affirmed.

### **Study**

Today’s lesson focused on prayer. Look over the notes from today’s message and discuss the following:

*“So I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him. . .” Daniel 9:3a*

Ask group members to briefly speak about a current trouble in their life. How could seeking God provide an answer to the situation? List some ways to focus more intently on God when you come to him in prayer.

*“And I began pleading with God earnestly in prayer. . .” Daniel 9:3b*

Discuss how it makes you feel knowing God gets very emotional about you. Why is it important that we return that emotion when we pray? How does strong emotion convey the seriousness of the prayer?

*“Then my people will join together in tears to seek the Lord. And they will ask the way to Jerusalem and they will start back home again.”* Jeremiah

50:4b-5a

If each group member feels comfortable, ask them to describe a time in the past when they sought the Lord in tears. Why is it important we pray together as a community of believers? What are some benefits to praying with fellow Christians?

*“And I started fasting and went without food. To show my sadness I put on rough clothes and sat in ashes.”* Daniel 9:3c

List what actions you can take when you are crying out in prayer to show God how serious you are about your request. What is the modern-day equivalent of putting on sackcloth and ashes? Have you ever fasted? Why or why not? How did God answer your prayer(s) when you fasted?

## ***Support***

*How can you as a group support each other with prayer?*

## ***Serve***

*How did you serve others last week and how will you serve this week?*



**Heart 2 Heart Card Ministry**  
**Saturday, November 20**  
**The McLaughlin House**  
**10:00am**



H2H meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00am to send cards and notes of encouragement to those that are on the weekly bulletin prayer list and others. Cards and stamps are provided. Donations of cards are welcome. This ministry needs your help! If you have any questions or would like to participate, please feel free to contact Renee McLaughlin.



**MSG—Mature Singles Group**  
**Saturday, November 20**  
**Barbara Nicholson's House**  
**5:00pm**



MSG has a monthly potluck and card party on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 5:00pm at a designated host's house. This month's gathering will be at Barbara Nicholson's house. Barbara will provide barbeque brisket and attendees can bring the side dish of their choice. If you have any questions, please see Barbara Nicholson for more information.

**Location: 3867 Lake Joyce Drive**  
**Land O' Lakes, FL 34639**

**Attention: “Cruise for Christ” Participants**  
February 27, 2022 to March 6, 2022  
**Royal Caribbean’s Explorer of the Seas**



Pre-Cruise Luncheon  
Sunday, December 5, 2021  
**Bob & Kris Ray’s Home**  
12:30 to 2:30pm

The Rays are hosting a get together at their home to discuss the upcoming cruise for the North Tampa Church of Christ sailing in February. Please join your fellow cruisers for a time of fellowship and planning. Lunch will be provided; just bring a dessert to share.

Location: 1621 Abyss Dr., Odessa, FL 33556

Please text 440-867-8270 so the Rays will know how many to plan on for lunch.



Song  
Announcements  
Children's song

Special Message from Neal Pharr, preacher



3 years old through Kindergarten





**Last Call for Thanksgiving Food Donations**  
**Deadline: Wednesday, November 17**  
**for weekend distribution**

**Focus Items**  
**Boxes of Stuffing**  
**Canned Corn**  
**Monetary Donations for Turkey**

**If you would like to write a check, make it payable to *North Tampa Church of Christ* and in the note line-Messengers of Hope-so we can identify those donations and send a combined check from the church for purchase of turkeys or perishable items.**

## Statistics

November 7, 2021

Sunday School	112
Worship	162
Contribution	\$8,050
Bldg. Fund	\$137,825

## **TXT2GIVE**

**Quick & Easy  
Mobile Giving**

Text **GIVE** and the **AMOUNT**

**813-642-7288**

### **Elders**

**Bill Hemphill**  
813-504-2523

**Kris Kent**  
239-287-0390

**David Love**  
615-598-2885

**John Shackelford**  
703-798-8632

**Gary Stevens**  
817-680-5899

### **Deacons**

**Paul Matches**  
813-390-0787

**Bob Ray**  
440-223-9357

### **Staff**

***Pulpit Minister***  
**Neal Pharr**  
813-220-3073

***Associate Minister***  
**Timothy Jones**  
813-445-0499

***Youth Services  
Coordinator***  
**Kari Pomerence**  
813-500-9170

***Administrator***  
**Sandy West**  
813-909-4646



**The church WiFi  
password  
NorthTampaGuest**



**Office Email:  
churchoffice@ntcofc.org  
Website:  
www.ntcofc.org**

# THOSE WHO SERVE

<b>Worship Assignment</b>	<b>November 14</b>	<b>November 21</b>	<b>November 28</b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Byron Boyer</b>	<b>Byron Boyer</b>	<b>Byron Boyer</b>
<b>Greeting &amp; Announcements</b>	<b>Bill Hemphill</b>	<b>Bill Hemphill</b>	<b>Bill Hemphill</b>
<b>Scripture Reading &amp; Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Bill Collett</b>	<b>Daniel Dixon</b>	<b>Timothy Jones, Jr</b>
<b>Communion &amp; Offering</b>	<b>Bob Ray</b>	<b>Richard Hammonds</b>	<b>Bob Ray</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Todd Murphy</b>	<b>Carl House</b>	<b>Jeff Stephenson</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Sonya Love Anita Wharton</b>	<b>Vikki Minor Karen Matches</b>	<b>Kris Ray Charlotte Kent</b>
<b>Coffee Ministry</b>	<b>Vickie Green</b>	<b>David Love</b>	<b>Jackie Wenz</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Linda Vines Shelly Wallace</b>	<b>Linda Vines Jeannie Murphy</b>	<b>Linda Vines Jeannie Murphy</b>

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