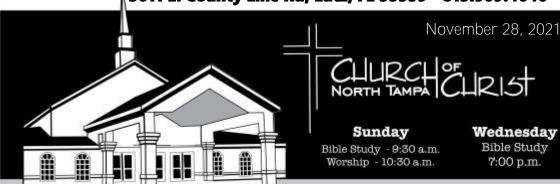
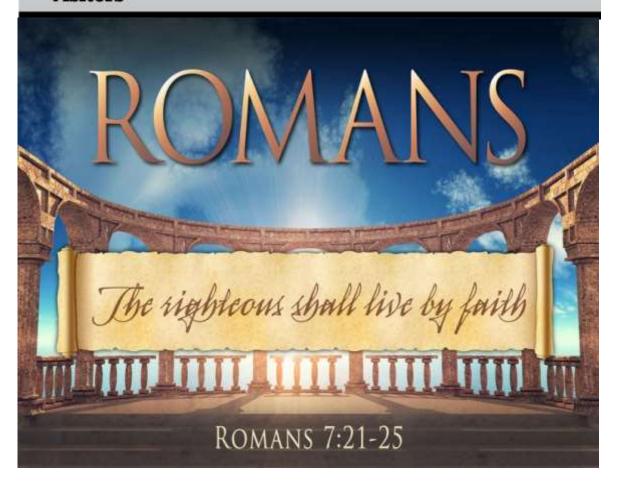
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Welcome Visitors

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.



## 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.



#### 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.

# 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 SIGING BY THE FIRE AT SUNSET.

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



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# Santa's WORKSHOP



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.

# "The Battle Within"

November 28, 2021

#### **Romans 7:21-25 (NIV)**

<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. <sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

<sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God--through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

#### There are 3 Battles I Face:

1. The Battle with	h (Romans 12:2)
2. The Battle witl	h (1 Peter 5:8)
3. The Battle with	h (Romans 7:7-25)
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#### How do I win the Battle with myself?

#### 1. Remember what

#### **Romans 8:1-4 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

#### 2. Ask for the \_\_\_\_

#### **Romans 8:5-8 (NIV)**

<sup>5</sup> Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup> The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; <sup>7</sup> the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup> Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

#### 3. Realize that

#### "No"

#### Romans 8:9 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

#### **Romans 8:12 (TLB)**

<sup>12</sup> So, dear brothers, you have no obligations whatever to your old sinful nature to do what it begs you to do.

#### 4. Let God lead

#### **Romans 8:14-16 (TEV)**

<sup>14</sup> Those who are led by God's Spirit are God's children. <sup>15</sup> For the Spirit that God has given you does not make you slaves and cause you to be afraid; instead, the Spirit makes you God's children, and by the Spirit's power we cry out to God, "Father! my Father!" <sup>16</sup> God's Spirit joins himself to our spirits to declare that we are God's children.

#### 5. Keep \_\_\_

#### **Romans 8:17-18 (TEV)**

Since we are his children, we will possess the blessings he keeps for his people, and we will also possess with Christ what God has kept for him; for if we share Christ's suffering, we will also share his glory. <sup>18</sup> I consider that what we suffer at this present time cannot be compared at all with the glory that is going to be revealed to us.

## 6. Remember that God \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_

#### **Romans 8:26-28 (TEV)**

In the same way the Spirit also comes to help us, weak as we are. For we do not know how we ought to pray; the Spirit himself pleads with God for us in groans that words cannot express. <sup>27</sup> And God, who sees into our hearts, knows what the thought of the Spirit is; because the Spirit pleads with God on behalf of his people and in accordance with his will. <sup>28</sup> We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose.

#### **Romans 8:31-32 (NLT2)**

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? <sup>32</sup> Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?

#### 7. Trust that God's

#### **Romans 8:31-35 (NIV)**

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

#### **Romans 8:37-39 (NIV)**

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### 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** 



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





# Christmas Food Donations Deadline: Wednesday, December 16 for weekend distribution



# Focus Items Macaroni & Cheese Canned Corn Monetary Donations for Hams



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 hams or perishable items.

# **Statistics**

November 21, 2021

Sunday School 83

Worship 138

Contribution \$8,071

Bldg. Fund \$138,120

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Worship Assignment	November 28	December 5	December 12
Coordinator	Byron Boyer	Jeff Stephenson	Jeff Stephenson
Greeting & Announce- ments	Bill Hemphill	Kris Kent	Kris Kent
Scripture Reading & Opening Prayer	Timothy Jones, Jr	Steve Dumas	Lee Chatham
Communion & Offering	Bob Ray	Bill Collett	Ron Moore
Closing Prayer	Jeff Stephenson	Todd Murphy	Stacy Myers
Nursery	Caroline Dumas Charlotte Kent	Sonya Love Sandra Cozart	Kristi Chatham Kim Byrd
Coffee Ministry	Jackie Wenz	Lupe Runions	Patti Bass
Greeters	Linda Vines Terri Franco	Linda Vines Terri Franco	Linda Vines Terri Franco

<sup>&</sup>lt;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