

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

December 5, 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.

*Welcome*  
*New Members*

Ian & Alexis Jennings  
and daughter  
Sophia







**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.**

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**Thursday  
December  
16**



**10:00 am**

**Hostess: Patti Bass  
Location:  
4613 Pointe O Woods Drive  
Wesley Chapel FL 33543**

**All women are invited to come and bring a brunch dish to  
share and a \$10 gift to exchange. Join in a time of fun and  
fellowship with your Christian sisters.**



# CHRISTMAS

## fun

Let the North Tampa Church of Christ help you make this the most stress-free and fun Christmas EVER!



## Christmas Babysitting

Friday, December 10th

5:30-8pm (ages 2+)

Finish your shopping, grab some dinner, or just take a break! Let Dynamic Youth take care of your kids and get them in the Christmas spirit!



## Santa's Workshop

Saturday, December 11th

11am-1pm



Cookie decorating, crafts, and a FREE PHOTO WITH SANTA!

Join us at Santa's Workshop for a memorable Christmas experience that the whole family will love!



## Free Gift Wrapping

Bring your presents Wednesday, December 15th

Dropoff: 5:30-6pm

to get them wrapped for FREE!! Dynamic Youth will wrap and tag all your gifts!



Pickup: 7:30-8pm



# *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 Secret of Prayer”***

*December 5, 2021*

## **Mark 1:29-39 (NIV)**

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. <sup>30</sup> Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. <sup>31</sup> So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed.

<sup>33</sup> The whole town gathered at the door, <sup>34</sup> and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

<sup>35</sup> Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

<sup>36</sup> Simon and his companions went to look for him, <sup>37</sup> and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

<sup>38</sup> Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else--to the nearby villages--so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." <sup>39</sup> So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

## **Land mines in our journey:**

**1. Doing religion can keep us \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. We seek miracles, not \_\_\_\_\_**

**3. We seek God for success, \_\_\_\_\_**



**The secret of prayer is \_\_\_\_\_**

**Prayer is...**

**A. Not something we do, it's \_\_\_\_\_**

**B. Not about getting what we want, but \_\_\_\_\_**

**C. \_\_\_\_\_**

**D. The key to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_

**E. Letting God change our heart, not \_\_\_\_\_**

**Observations:**

**1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is more important than ministry**

**2. If we are coming to God only to get what we want, He**

\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Prayerlessness may be our greatest sin because it shows**

\_\_\_\_\_

***“If you’re not hungry for God, you’re probably full of yourself”***



# Winter Quarter Adult Bible Classes

## December 2021—February 2022

The North Tampa Church of Christ Shepherds offer our personal invitation to attend and participate in several options on Sunday AM this winter quarter and a series of Wednesday night Bible classes.

### Sunday Morning

Auditorium Class "Foundations of Our Faith"

Taught by Richard Hammonds and Stacy Myers

Starts December 12th

Room 1 "Getting to Know the Holy Spirit"

Taught by John Wharton

Room 8 "Book of James-Growing in Wisdom & Faith"

Women's Bible Class

Taught by selected teachers (see Karen Matches for more details)

### Wednesday Night

Various Timely Bible Topics

Taught by NTcofC Shepherds (and a couple of guest teachers)

Each month, we will also have a night of congregational praise and prayer time focused on learning new songs. The December church praise and prayer night will be Wednesday night, December 22. We need your prayers, participation, and presence as we seek to improve mid-week fellowship and encouragement.





**Heart 2 Heart Card Ministry  
December 18, 2021 at 10:00am  
McLaughlin's House**



**If you are interested in sending cards to those that need encouragement, please come be a part of the Heart 2 Heart card ministry. This group meets at Renee McLaughlin's house on the third Saturday of each month to address cards to those on our prayer list and others that are coping with illness, death, or other challenges of life to let them know someone is praying for them and cares about their situation. Please RSVP to Renee McLaughlin either by text or email to let her know you will be there or if you have any questions about the ministry.**



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**Mature Singles Group (MSG)  
Saturday, December 18, 2021  
Patti Bass' House  
5:00pm**



**MSG has their monthly potluck and card party on the 3rd Saturday of each month at a designated host's house. This month's gathering will be at Patti Bass' house. Patti will provide a chicken entrée and each person can bring a side dish or dessert of your choice. Check your email for more details and respond to that email if you plan to attend and what dish you can bring.**



Song  
Announcements  
Children's song

Special Message from Neal Pharr, preacher



**3 years old through Kindergarten**



Children's church is for children during our service to train them for worship time. They will transition out of the nursery at the age of 3 years old. We will have them come into the auditorium following Sunday school and join worship at 10:30am. They will participate in a song, hear announcements, sing a Children's song then be invited to the front by our preacher, Neal Pharr. Following a short lesson, our teachers will bring them to the Children's church room at the end of the kids hallway on the left side of the building.

Thanks, Kristi Chatham and Linda Neighbors,  
Children's ministry leaders





## **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.**



**Check Your Email for Your Survey**



**We need your help to plan for 2022 and beyond! Please complete the brief survey sent via email on Tuesday. We ask for your heartfelt and spirit led input on the survey. Please complete and respond before December 8, 2021. Thank you!**



## Statistics

November 28, 2021

Sunday School	92
Worship	129
Contribution	\$5,298
Bldg. Fund	\$138,270

## **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

***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>December 5</b>	<b>December 12</b>	<b>December 19</b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Jeff Stephenson</b>	<b>Jeff Stephenson</b>	<b>Jeff Stephenson</b>
<b>Greeting &amp; Announcements</b>	<b>Kris Kent</b>	<b>Kris Kent</b>	<b>Kris Kent</b>
<b>Scripture Reading &amp; Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Steve Dumas</b>	<b>Lee Chatham</b>	<b>Bob Ray</b>
<b>Communion &amp; Offering</b>	<b>Bill Collett</b>	<b>Ron Moore</b>	<b>John Shackelford</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Todd Murphy</b>	<b>Stacy Myers</b>	<b>Brian Hassenplug</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Sonya Love Sandra Cozart</b>	<b>Kristi Chatham Kim Byrd</b>	<b>Charlotte Kent Caroline Dumas</b>
<b>Coffee Ministry</b>	<b>Lupe Runions</b>	<b>Patti Bass</b>	<b>Charlotte Kent</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Linda Vines Terri Franco</b>	<b>Linda Vines Jeannie Murphy</b>	<b>Lupe Runions Terri Franco</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