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December 10, 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.

**Major Messages  
From  
The Minor Prophets**

THE BOOK OF

**HAGGAI**



**8th Annual Christmas Cookies  
Exchange  
Monday, December 11 at 6:30pm  
Home of Tina & Ashlyn Stevens**

All ladies are invited! Each lady is asked to bring 4 dozen cookies. Dinner is provided. You are welcome to participate in both parts or just the dinner. Please sign up on the bulletin board and note either cookies & dinner or just dinner so we can have a number for dinner.



**Heart 2 Heart Card Ministry  
Saturday, December 16 10:00am  
The McLaughlin House**



Heart2Heart meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10am at the McLaughlin house to send cards and encouraging notes to those on the weekly bulletin prayer list and others. Cards and stamps are provided; donations of cards are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Renee McLaughlin via text or email. Please RSVP to Renee if you will attend.



**MSG-Mature Singles Group  
Saturday, December 16 3:00pm  
Patti Bass's House**



MSG's monthly potluck and card party gathering is at Patti Bass's house. The entrée is ham. Attendees can bring the side dish or dessert of their choice. For planning, please respond to the MSG email "reply all" if you will attend and list the dish you are bringing. If you have questions, contact Patti Bass or LaVerne Williams.



North Tampa Church of Christ

**Annual Adult Christmas Party  
Friday, December 15th, 2023**

**Mingling / Appetizers 5:30pm  
Dinner 7:00pm**

**RSVP by November 30th  
by turning in your card in the  
collection boxes at front or back of  
sanctuary or in the basket on table in  
foyer. Additional sign-up cards are on  
the foyer table if you did not get one  
last Sunday.**

**Any questions, see Charlotte  
Kent (RSVPs), Caroline Dumas  
(Decorate a Table) or Renee  
McLaughlin (Desserts)**

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**Looking for**

**Middle School Teacher**

**Please see Bill Hemphill or Neil Pomeranke  
if you are interested in teaching beginning  
in January.**



Sunday, December 24

All Bible classes are cancelled.

Congregational Fellowship Time 9:30 to 10:15am  
Coffee & Donuts

Children's Church will meet during worship.



Sunday, December 31

The auditorium Bible class will meet. All other Bible classes are cancelled.

For this 5th Sunday worship, we will have a time of Praises, Prayers, Communion, and Elders' Reflection.

Children's Church will meet during this time.

# Haggai

## Major Messages from the Minor Prophets

*December 10, 2023*

### **Haggai 1:2–11 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup> This is what the LORD Almighty says: “These people say, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the LORD’s house.’ ”

<sup>3</sup> Then the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: <sup>4</sup> “Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?”

<sup>5</sup> Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. <sup>6</sup> You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”

<sup>7</sup> This is what the LORD Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. <sup>8</sup> Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the LORD. <sup>9</sup> “You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?” declares the LORD Almighty. “Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. <sup>11</sup> I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the olive oil and everything else the ground produces, on people and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands.”

## Background:

- A. These were \_\_\_\_\_ people.
- B. Their \_\_\_\_\_ was a total mess.
- C. They didn't know what \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Once they knew, they immediately \_\_\_\_\_.

### Haggai 1:13–15 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup>Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, gave this message of the LORD to the people: "I am with you," declares the LORD. <sup>14</sup>So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the LORD Almighty, their God, <sup>15</sup>on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month.

### Haggai 1:6 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup>You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."

### Haggai 2:6–9 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup>"This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. <sup>7</sup>I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty. <sup>8</sup>'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD Almighty.

<sup>9</sup> ‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the LORD Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the LORD Almighty.”

## Principles for changing your economic situation:

### 1. Put God’s \_\_\_\_\_

**Proverbs 3:9–10 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> Honor the LORD with your wealth,  
with the firstfruits of all your crops;  
<sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled to overflowing,  
and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Honor God with your \_\_\_\_\_, not your \_\_\_\_\_

A. We \_\_\_\_\_ God

B. We \_\_\_\_\_ Him

C. We \_\_\_\_\_ Him

### 2. Stop \_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_

**Proverbs 22:7 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> The rich rule over the poor,  
and the borrower is slave to the lender.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ trap

**Proverbs 12:9 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> Better to be a nobody and yet have a servant  
than pretend to be somebody and have no food.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ trap

**Proverbs 21:17 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup>Whoever loves pleasure will become poor;  
whoever loves wine and olive oil will never be rich.

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

**Proverbs 21:20 (NIV)**

<sup>20</sup>The wise store up choice food and olive oil,  
but fools gulp theirs down.

**Proverbs 13:11 (NIV)**

<sup>11</sup>Dishonest money dwindles away,  
but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow.

**The 80/20 rule**

\_\_\_\_\_ for God, \_\_\_\_\_ for Saving, \_\_\_\_\_ to live on

**1 Timothy 6:17–19 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup>Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

<sup>18</sup>Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup>In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.





For December, any canned vegetables and boxes of stuffing are requested. Other non-perishable items are also welcome. Monetary donations allow MOH to buy 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.

## END OF THE YEAR TO-DO LIST:

### **Check the Digital Church Directory**

- ◆ **Is your contact and address information up to date and accurate?**  
Please email [churchoffice@ntcofc.org](mailto:churchoffice@ntcofc.org) with your updated information so the directory can be updated and your 2023 Tax Record of Donations can be mailed to you by the end of January.
- ◆ **Is your church family photo current? Do you need an update?**  
Contact Connie Eckstine to have your photo taken on Sunday.

### **Check bank statements for accuracy of automated donations**

- ◆ **Are church donations properly appearing on your bank statements?**  
If you give via the Website or Txt2Give, check your bank statements regularly to verify that donations are being deducted as you directed. Errors can occur in these automated systems that may end your deductions without warning. A good rule of thumb is to monitor your statements for any change you did not request.

# 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
<b>Children's Ministry</b> -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
<b>Greeters' Ministry</b>	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
<b>Men's Ministry</b>	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 Pomerence, Neal Pharr, Matt & Addie Manzi, Bill Hemphill, Jan Blackwell, Kari Pomerence

# Statistics

December 3, 2023

Sunday School	128
Worship	205
Contribution	\$34,820
Bldg. Fund	\$181,008

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## **Elders**

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**Kris Kent**  
239-287-0390

**John Shackelford**  
703-798-8632

**John Wharton**  
865-599-6571

## **Deacons**

**Lee Chatham**  
251-533-2924

**Richard Hammonds**  
813-924-6717

**Paul Matches**  
813-390-0787

**Neil Pomeranke**  
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**Bob Ray**  
440-223-9357

## **Staff**

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

**Associate Minister**  
**Austin Drake**  
706-512-0863

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

**Audio Visual Tech**  
Joel Ellis  
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**Children's Ministry**  
**Co-Leaders**  
**Kristi Chatham**  
251-533-2851

**Vikki Minor**  
210-601-6220

**The church WiFi  
password  
NorthTampaGuest**

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

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

# THOSE WHO SERVE

<b>Worship Assignment</b>	<b>December 10</b>	<b>December 17</b>	<b>December 24</b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Bob Ray</b>	<b>Peter Franco</b>	<b>Peter Franco</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>John Love</b>	<b>Matt Manzi</b>	<b>Nathan Baker</b>
<b>Greeting &amp; Announcements</b>	<b>Monte Betz</b>	<b>Monte Betz</b>	<b>Monte Betz</b>
<b>Scripture Reading &amp; Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Austin Drake</b>	<b>Brent Byrd</b>	<b>Steve Dumas</b>
<b>Communion &amp; Offering</b>	<b>Lance Baker</b>	<b>Jan Blackwell</b>	<b>David Tomlinson</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Todd Murphy</b>	<b>Brian Hassenplug</b>	<b>John Wharton</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Anita Wharton Bethany Harris</b>	<b>Alexis Jennings Kathy Blackwell</b>	<b>Vickie Green Sandy Boyer</b>
<b>Coffee Ministry</b>	<b>Diane Diaz</b>	<b>Mackenzie Tomlinson</b>	<b>John Shackelford</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Linda Vines LeeAndra Griffin</b>	<b>Linda Vines LeeAndra Griffin</b>	<b>Linda Vines LeeAndra Griffin</b>