

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

December 12, 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.

Come to me, all
you who labor
and are heavily
burdened, and
I will give you
rest. Take my
yoke upon you,
and learn from
me, for I am
gentle and humble
in heart; and
you will find rest
for your souls.
For my yoke is
easy, and my
burden is light.
Matthew 11:28-30



Free Gift Wrapping

Wednesday, December 15th

Dropoff: 5:30-6pm

Pickup: 7:30-8pm



DYNAMIC YOUTH will wrap and tag all your gifts for free!



DYNAMIC YOUTH Coming Up...

Dec. 19, 5pm

Caroling and Cocoa



Jan. 2, 5pm

Welcome Back Bonfire

**Thursday
December
16**



10:00 am

**Hostess: Patti Bass
Location:
4613 Pointe O Woods
Drive**

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.

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

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.

“The Gift That Only You Can Give Yourself”

December 12, 2021

Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

“Everything Happens for a Reason”

- 1. We live _____**
- 2. God is _____**
- 3. God is doing something _____**
- 4. We make _____**

Margin: The space between our _____ and our

The Big Three: _____, _____, and

Three observations from the scriptures

A. God doesn't _____

John 10:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Matthew 11: 29-30

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

B. In most cases margin is _____

Exodus 16:4 (NIV)

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.

C. The secret of margin _____

1 Peter 5:6-7 (NIV)

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

The Grinches that steal our margin:

1. _____ : The Grinch that steals
our _____

Philippians 2:3-5 (NIV)

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Proverbs 29:25 (MSG)

²⁵ The fear of human opinion disables; trusting in GOD protects you from that.

1 Thessalonians 2:4 (RSV)

⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please men, but to please God who tests our hearts.

2. _____ : The Grinch that steals
our _____

Proverbs 12:9 (MSG)

⁹ Better to be ordinary and work for a living than act important and starve in the process.

Proverbs 21:20 (NIV)

²⁰ In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.

**3. _____: The Grinch that
steals our _____**

Ecclesiastes 4:4 (TLB)

⁴ Then I observed that the basic motive for success is the driving force of envy and jealousy! But this, too, is foolishness, chasing the wind.

Mark 2:27 (NIV)

²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.

Proverbs 17:1 (NIV)

¹ Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife.





**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.



**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.



**Christmas Food Donations
Deadline: Wednesday, December 15**



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

December 5, 2021

Sunday School	110
Worship	149
Contribution	\$9,429
Bldg. Fund	\$138,530

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**The church WiFi
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THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Assignment	December 12	December 19	December 26
Coordinator	Jeff Stephenson	Jeff Stephenson	Peter Franco
Greeting & Announcements	Kris Kent	Kris Kent	Kris Kent
Scripture Reading & Opening Prayer	Lee Chatham	Bob Ray	Bill Collett
Communion & Offering	Ron Moore	John Shackelford	David Love
Closing Prayer	Stacy Myers	Brian Hassenplug	Todd Murphy
Nursery	Kristi Chatham Kim Byrd	Charlotte Kent Caroline Dumas	Anita Wharton Linda Ours
Coffee Ministry	Patti Bass	Charlotte Kent	Lee Chatham
Greeters	Linda Vines Jeannie Murphy	Lupe Runions Terri Franco	Lupe Runions Terri Franco

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