

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

December 24, 2023



**CHURCH OF  
NORTH TAMPA CHRIST**

**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.

For unto us a  
*Child*  
is  
*Born*  
Isaiah 9:6

# Introducing in January

**A New Sunday Lesson Series**

**40 Days of Following the Way of Love**



# Beginning in the New Year

**WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT  
LIVE**

**January 3, 2024 — A Night of Prayer**

**There is no better way to start the New Year than with prayer. Join us Wednesday night, January 3rd at 7:00pm. Dynamic Youth and Children's Ministry will join the adults for this night of Prayer.**

**January 10, 2024 — "Ancient Chinese Secrets"  
Austin Drake is teaching our auditorium class at  
7:00pm**

**January 17, 2024—New Lesson Series**

**"How to go from 'Punk to Prince' in 22 years!"  
Join us Wednesday night, January 17th at 7:00pm as  
we study the life of Joseph. (Genesis 37 & 38)**

**With Neal Pharr**



Sunday, December 24

All Bible classes are cancelled.

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

Children's Church will not gather today. Parents and their children will worship together today.



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.

# A Child is Born

*December 24, 2023*

## **Isaiah 9:6–7 (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty  
will accomplish this.

**There are two sides to the Christmas story:**

\_\_\_\_\_ side = "a child is born"

\_\_\_\_\_ side = "a son is given"

## He will be known as...

Wonderful Counselor = \_\_\_\_\_

Mighty God = \_\_\_\_\_

Everlasting Father = \_\_\_\_\_

Prince of Peace = \_\_\_\_\_

## The best present ever:

We can be personally \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
by our Creator.

We have two choices: \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
the gift.



# Winter Quarter 2024 Adult Education Plan



Auditorium Class (All Adults)	The Gospel According to Matthew	January-Jan Blackwell February-John Wharton March-John Shackelford
Advanced Deep Dive Class Classroom 8	A Study of Philipians	Richard Hammonds & Kris Kent
Women's Class Classroom 1	Women Who Made A Difference	Ruth Hemphill, Karen Matches, Bettie Brown, Paula Betz, Taylor Ray
Under 30-Young Adults Classroom—Kitchen	Christian History Made Easy (A Study of Church Growth, Division, and Challenging Issues)	Will Harris, Lee Chatham, Ian Jennings

## Adult Wednesday Night Class

Auditorium/Everyone	Joseph: From Punk to Prince	Neal Pharr
Songs & Praises	January 31 February 28 March 27	various



# 2024 Planning Calendar



January 7	New Adult Classes Begin	See Winter Schedule
January 11	Women's Thursday Class resumes	10:00am at Church Building
January 27	Men's Breakfast	Kent's House
February 2 & 3	Young Families Campout	Chatham's House
February 11	Bring A Friend Day Service	No Classes
March 10	New Members Lunch	Church Building
March 31	Special Easter Service	No Classes
May 25	Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon	Church Building
September 15	New Members Lunch	Church Building
October 26	Fall Festival	Church Building
October 30	Trunk or Treat	Church Building
December 7	Santa's Workshop	Church Building
December 14	Ladies Ornament Exchange	Church Building
December 16	Ladies Christmas Cookie Exchange	Tina & Ashlyn Stevens Home



3rd Saturday each month	Heart2Heart Card Ministry 10:00 am	The McLaughlin House
3rd Saturday each month	MSG-Mature Singles Group 3:00 pm	Various host houses announced monthly



# 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.



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.

# 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 17, 2023

Sunday School	124
Worship	208
Contribution	\$12,743
Bldg. Fund	\$181,108

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**813-642-7288**

## Elders

**Monte Betz**  
615-306-5090

**Kris Kent**  
239-287-0390

**John Shackelford**  
703-798-8632

**John Wharton**  
865-599-6571

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

The church WiFi  
password  
NorthTampaGuest

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

## Deacons

**Jan Blackwell**  
615-775-0387

**Lee Chatham**  
251-533-2924

**Richard Hammonds**  
813-924-6717

**Will Harris**  
931-237-3636

**Paul Matches**  
813-390-0787

**Neil Pomeranke**  
813-500-1779

**Bob Ray**  
440-223-9357

**Jason Smith**  
850-708-4636

## 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  
813-333-3578

**Children's Ministry**  
**Co-Leaders**  
**Kristi Chatham**  
251-533-2851

**Vikki Minor**  
210-601-6220

# THOSE WHO SERVE

<b>Worship Assignment</b>	<b>December 24</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<b>January 7</b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Peter Franco</b>	<b>Peter Franco</b>	<b>Byron Boyer</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Nathan Baker</b>	<b>Logan Pomerence</b>	<b>Nathan Baker</b>
<b>Greeting &amp; Announcements</b>	<b>Monte Betz</b>	<b>Monte Betz</b>	<b>John Wharton</b>
<b>Scripture Reading &amp; Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Steve Dumas</b>	<b>The Elders</b>	<b>Lance Baker</b>
<b>Communion &amp; Offering</b>	<b>David Tomlinson</b>	<b>Austin Drake</b>	<b>Jason Smith</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>John Wharton</b>	<b>Nathan Blackwell</b>	<b>Nathan Blackwell</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Vickie Green Sandy Boyer</b>	<b>Diane Diaz Valerie Ward</b>	<b>Sandy Boyer Evelyn Davila</b>
<b>Coffee Ministry</b>	<b>John Shackelford</b>	<b>Patti Bass</b>	<b>Patti Bass</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Linda Vines LeeAndra Griffin</b>	<b>Linda Vines LeeAndra Griffin</b>	<b>Linda Vines Terri Franco</b>