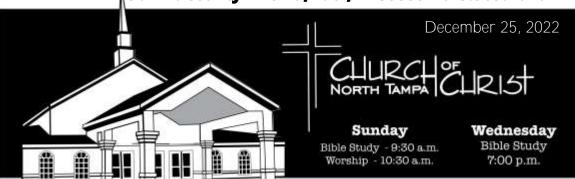
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Welcome Visitors

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.





#### **January 8th, 2023**

Who: All Life Group Leaders (and spouses)

**Time:** Immediately after Church services

**Purpose:** Leader Training and Planning for 2023

Lunch will be catered

# Life Group Kick-Off Meeting January 15th, 2023, immediately following services

All Church Members (and Guests) are encouraged to remain after services for a short time to learn more about Life Groups and get to know the Life Group Leaders.



March 26, 2023 Congregational Update From NTCOFC Elders, Deacons, & Minister

JANUARY



# Helping Each Other Become Passionate Followers of Christ in 2023

Through Spirit Filled Worship

Being a Bible Believing and Teaching Church

Being Outwardly Focused "DO-ERS" of the Word

Evangelizing Our Community and Foreign Ones

Building Relationships with Others and Our Community

# Wednesday Night, December 28, 2022, 7:00pm A Time of Reflection, Prayer, & Praise

We look forward to seeing you for our last Wednesday night of 2022. God has bountifully blessed his family at North Tampa Church of Christ and we want you to join us for a time of reflection, prayer, and praises as we thank HIM. You will surely be uplifted and excited that you took the time to join in this wonderful evening of fellowship, praise, and reflection.

# Children's Ministry Event Open House Sunday, January 8 Following Service

Everyone is invited to see all the new things we've added and are doing in the Children's Ministry. Parents of those in the Children's Ministry are invited to a brief informational meeting following the tour.





Messengers of Hope needs soup for January. Monetary donations allow them to purchase 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 Messengers of Hope at intervals, depending on the number of donations. Your generosity is appreciated and vital to providing meals for hungry people in need.

#### "Christmas Joy"

December 25, 2022

#### Nehemiah 8:10-12 (NIV)

- <sup>10</sup> Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."
- <sup>11</sup>The Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve."
- <sup>12</sup> Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

JOY is: "the settled assurance that God is in control of every detail in my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything will be all right, and the determined choice to praise God in all things."

--CHOOSE JOY, Kay Warren (2012)

Joy" is used times surrounding the birth of Jesus					
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#### Three things that destroy our joy and how to overcome them...

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#### Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

<sup>29</sup> Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup> The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> For no word from God will ever fail."

<sup>38</sup> "I am the Lord's servant," Mary a fulfilled." Then the angel left her.	answered. "May your word to me be
Luke 1:47 (GW)  My spirit finds its joy in God,	, my Savior,
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#### Matthew 2:1-3 (NIV)

- <sup>1</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."
- <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

#### Matthew 2:8-11 (NIV)

- <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."
- <sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

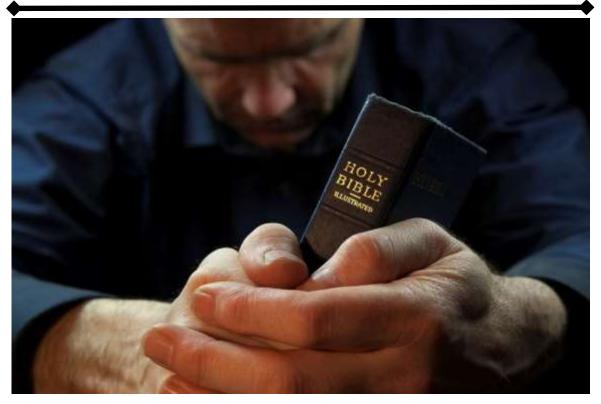
#### Psalm 51:12a (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation

# Prayer

November 22, 2022 to January 1, 2023

We are in our last full week of our "40 Days of Prayer" which we will conclude with a praise and worship service on January 1st. We have been praying about our commitment to God and others. We have been thinking and praying for God to give us wisdom on how to manage our time wisely. We can now begin the new year with a renewed focus on our relationship with God (R1) and others (R2) in 2023.



#### 2022 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

**Children's Ministry**-Nursery to 5th Grade Kristi Chatham

Coffee Ministry Patti Bass

Connections & Involvement Ministry Eric Minor

Financial Ministry Bob Ray

**Greeters' Ministry**Linda Vines

Grounds Ministry Byron Boyer, Stacy McCullough

Life Groups Ministry Richard Hammonds

Local Outreach Kris Ray, Rebecca Heaton, Ruth Hemphill

Mature Singles (MSG) LaVerne Williams

Men's Ministry Lance Baker, Allan Teixeira

Social Outings, Adventures & Recreation

(SOAR)

Women Ministering to Women Steering Committee: Ruth Hemphill, Cindy

Shackelford, Karen Matches, Kris Ray, Charlotte

Kent, Sonya Love (on sabbatical)

Theresa Briggs, Jeannie Murphy

Worship & Praise Ministry Jason Grantham, Brian Hassenplug, Craig

Johnson, Richard Hammonds, Jan Blackwell

Worship Service Coordinators Byron Boyer, Peter Franco, Eric Minor, Brent

Byrd

30 Below (College and young adults) Neal Pharr

Youth Ministry 6th to 12th Grade Kari & Neil Pomerenke

#### **Statistics**

**December 18, 2022** 

Sunday School 105
Worship 178
Contribution \$9,380
Bldg. Fund \$153,738

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## THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Assignment	December 25	January 1	January 8
Coordinator	Byron	Byron	Bob
	Boyer	Boyer	Ray
Usher		Nathan Baker	Logan Pomerenke
Greeting & Announce- ments	John Shackelford	ТВА	Kris Kent
Scripture Reading & Opening Prayer	Lance Baker	ТВА	Lance Baker
Communion & Offering	Ron Moore	ТВА	David Tomlinson
Closing	Daniel	ТВА	Nathan
Prayer	Dixon		Baker
Nursery	Charlotte	Kristi	Kristi
	Kent	Chatham	Chatham
	Sandy	Charlotte	Charlotte
	Boyer	Kent	Kent
Coffee	John	Patti	Patti
Ministry	Shackelford	Bass	Bass
Greeters	Linda Vines	Linda Vines	Linda Vines
	Anita	Lupe	Lupe
	Wharton	Runions	Runions