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December 3, 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**

**ZEPHANIAH**

HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU  
WITH SINGING.



**The Teen White Elephant Christmas Party**  
**Friday, December 8th**  
**6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Building**

**Bring your friends and a white elephant gift to exchange. Food and refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Neal Pharr by Sunday, December 3 if you plan to attend and how many friends will attend with you.**



**Ladies Annual Christmas Ornament Exchange**

Saturday, December 9 10:30am to 1:30pm at church building

Bring your favorite brunch dish to share and an ornament valued at \$5 or more. Invite your female friends and family.

Sign up on the bulletin board or on Ladies Facebook page with number attending. Party hosted by Tina & Ashlyn Stevens & Linda Vines



**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.



**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.

# Zephaniah

## Major Messages from the Minor Prophets

*December 3, 2023*

### **Zephaniah 1:2–9 (NIV)**

“When I destroy all mankind on the face of the earth,”  
declares the LORD,

<sup>4</sup> “I will stretch out my hand against Judah and against all who live in  
Jerusalem.

I will destroy every remnant of Baal worship in this place, the very  
names of the idolatrous priests—

<sup>5</sup> those who bow down on the roofs to worship the starry host,  
those who bow down and swear by the LORD and who also swear by  
Molek,

<sup>6</sup> those who turn back from following the LORD and neither seek the  
LORD nor inquire of him.”

<sup>7</sup> Be silent before the Sovereign LORD, for the day of the LORD is near.  
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has  
invited.

<sup>8</sup> “On the day of the LORD’s sacrifice I will punish the officials  
and the king’s sons and all those clad in foreign clothes.

<sup>9</sup> On that day I will punish all who avoid stepping on the threshold,  
who fill the temple of their gods with violence and deceit.

## **Overview of Zeph**

### **Zephaniah 2:1–3 (NIV)**

- <sup>1</sup> Gather together, gather yourselves together, you shameful nation,  
<sup>2</sup> before the decree takes effect and that day passes like windblown chaff, before the LORD's fierce anger comes upon you, before the day of the LORD's wrath comes upon you.  
<sup>3</sup> Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger.

### **Zephaniah 3:1–2 (NIV)**

- <sup>1</sup> Woe to the city of oppressors, rebellious and defiled!  
<sup>2</sup> She obeys no one, she accepts no correction. She does not trust in the LORD, she does not draw near to her God.

### **Zephaniah 3:7–8 (NIV)**

- <sup>7</sup> Of Jerusalem I thought, 'Surely you will fear me and accept correction!' Then her place of refuge would not be destroyed, nor all my punishments come upon her. But they were still eager to act corruptly in all they did.  
<sup>8</sup> Therefore wait for me," declares the LORD, "for the day I will stand up to testify. I have decided to assemble the nations, to gather the kingdoms and to pour out my wrath on them— all my fierce anger. The whole world will be consumed by the fire of my jealous anger.

### **Zephaniah 3:17 (NIV)**

- <sup>17</sup> The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

## Why Zephaniah?

1. Our Father in Heaven knows we need to hear \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. God's actions depend on \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.
3. The Israelites weren't...
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Accepting \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ God
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_ with God

## A king that got it right

### 2 Kings 22:1–2 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. His mother's name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah; she was from Bozkath. <sup>2</sup> He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and followed completely the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

### 2 Kings 22:11 & 13 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes. <sup>13</sup> "Go and inquire of the LORD for me and for the people and for all Judah about what is written in this book that has been found.

Great is the LORD's anger that burns against us because those who have gone before us have not obeyed the words of this book; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written there concerning us."

### **2 Kings 22:18–20 (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup> Tell the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, 'This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says concerning the words you heard: <sup>19</sup> Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I have spoken against this place and its people—that they would become a curse and be laid waste—and because you tore your robes and wept in my presence, I also have heard you, declares the LORD. <sup>20</sup> Therefore I will gather you to your ancestors, and you will be buried in peace. Your eyes will not see all the disaster I am going to bring on this place.' "

So they took her answer back to the king.

**1. To avoid Judgement, he starts with \_\_\_\_\_ and starts \_\_\_\_\_.**

### **Zephaniah 2:3 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands.

Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger.

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ cleaning the house.**

### **2 Kings 23:24–25 (NIV)**

<sup>24</sup> Furthermore, Josiah got rid of the mediums and spiritists, the household gods, the idols and all the other detestable things seen in



Judah and Jerusalem. This he did to fulfill the requirements of the law written in the book that Hilkiah the priest had discovered in the temple of the LORD.<sup>25</sup> Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the LORD as he did—with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses.

## Lessons from the kings and prophets:

1. **Worship without \_\_\_\_\_.**
2. **Fight to keep good things from becoming \_\_\_\_\_.**
3. **Just \_\_\_\_\_ off gets you far from where you want to be.**

### Zephaniah 1:5–6 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> those who bow down on the roofs  
to worship the starry host,  
those who bow down and swear by the LORD  
and who also swear by Molek,  
<sup>6</sup> those who turn back from following the LORD  
and neither seek the LORD nor inquire of him.”

**Parents: Focus more on \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.**

# 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

November 26, 2023

Sunday School	111
Worship	173
Contribution	\$8,563
Bldg. Fund	\$181,008

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**Co-Leaders**  
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www.northtampa.church**

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

# THOSE WHO SERVE

<b>Worship Assignment</b>	<b>December 3</b>	<b>December 10</b>	<b>December 17</b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Byron Boyer</b>	<b>Bob Ray</b>	<b>Peter Franco</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Harrison Hammonds</b>	<b>John Love</b>	<b>Matt Manzi</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>Jan Blackwell</b>	<b>Lee Chatham</b>	<b>Brent Byrd</b>
<b>Communion &amp; Offering</b>	<b>John Love</b>	<b>Lance Baker</b>	<b>Jan Blackwell</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>David Tomlinson</b>	<b>Todd Murphy</b>	<b>Brian Hassenplug</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Cindy Shackelford Wendy McCullough</b>	<b>Anita Wharton Bethany Harris</b>	<b>Alexis Jennings Kathy Blackwell</b>
<b>Coffee Ministry</b>	<b>Mackenzie Tomlinson</b>	<b>Diane Diaz</b>	<b>Mackenzie Tomlinson</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Linda Vines LeeAndra Griffin</b>	<b>Linda Vines LeeAndra Griffin</b>	<b>Linda Vines LeeAndra Griffin</b>