

# The Renaissance

NORTH TENNEHA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### **“How Hard Can That Be?”**

The gospel of Jesus Christ is to be preached to every person ([Mark 16:15-16](#)). For that reason it must be simple enough for all to understand. The idea that the scheme of redemption is mystified, difficult to understand is not so. The word of God is simple enough to "know" ([John 8:32](#), it is simple enough to "understand" ([Ephesians 3:1-3](#)), it is simple enough to "sanctify" ([John 17:17](#)), it is simple enough to "effectually work" in those that believe ([1 Thessalonians 2:13](#)). The Bible is filled with assurances that the message of God can be not only accurately contemplated, but acted upon as well ([Acts 2:36-38](#)). For instance:

**What the Bible says about faith can be understood.** In the first place, there is no Scripture in all the inspired record which affirms salvation at the point of faith. Secondly, there is not even the slightest hint that faith comes in some mysterious "better-felt-than-told" way. Paul says faith comes by hearing the word of God" ([Romans 10:17](#)). In fact, one could not obey Him in the absence of the information found in His word. Any person who will affirm that his faith came in some different way is mistaken and in need of biblical instruction. Bible belief comes by way of the taught word, and in no other way ([John 20:30-31](#)).

**What the Bible says about baptism can be understood.** The Scriptures say that baptism is for believers ([Mark 16:15-16](#)), a statement, which in the very nature of the case, eliminates babies as fit subjects for it. The Bible says that baptism is a burial ([Romans 6:3-4](#)), and that means that sprinkling is not baptism. The Bible says that baptism is for the remission of sins ([Acts 2:38](#) ; [Acts 22:16](#)), and if that does not mean it is necessary to salvation, then what does it mean? Now, these are not statements that merely set forth "Church of Christ doctrine," nor do they simply represent the views of the present writer. These are statements taken from the book of God, the Bible, and can be read and understood by any person who is truly interested in ascertaining what the Bible teaches on the subject of baptism.

**What the Bible says about the church can be understood.** In [Matthew 16:18](#), the Lord said, "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." In [Acts 2:47](#), we are told, "and the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved." Conclusion? In the first passage, Jesus affirmed that He would build His church. In the Acts passage, people were added to the church. The conclusion is inescapable: He built His church. And when He was finished, to whom does it belong? Was it divided into 250-or more-denominations, each one different from the other? If He promised it and He built it, whose is it? What name should it wear? The church of Christ is His. He promised it, He built it. It belongs to Him. It should wear His name.

In [Ephesians 4:4](#) we are told that there is only one body, or one church (compare [Ephesians 1:22-23](#)). If we used that kind of language today, could we understand it, do you think? Is there more than one Paris, France, more than one Rome, Italy? The Bible says plainly that there is "one" church, "one" body, His church, His body. How many can you get out of "one"?

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**ZONE MEETING** - Zone D is scheduled to meet on Sunday, January 24th in the Mayse Room. All members please mark your calendars and plan now to attend.

**YOUTH NEWS** - LTC practice will be on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Youth please be prepared to stay the entire day on Sunday, January 24th. You may leave after church for lunch, but please return by 1:30 p.m.

All youth will be responsible for reading the entire book of Joshua. The LTC registration fee is \$35 and due by February 14th. Please give your money to Sister Sharon Holman.

#### KARING KITCHEN-NTCC SCHEDULE

February 22, 2016

March 28, 2016

"Manna for Many" volunteers please mark your calendars.

## PRAYERS FOR

### SICK AND SHUT IN

Sis Lurene Evans - Parkdale NC  
Mrs. Oscar Everett  
(Mother of Sister Carol Davis)  
Bro Rueben Richardson  
Sis Mary Burton  
Sis Ruby Clark  
Sis Ruby Mackey  
Sister Jeraldine Russell  
Bro Billy Mosley  
Bro Harold Robinson  
Ms. Tiffany Robinson  
Ms. Dorothy Champion  
Bro Dominic Boykin  
Sis Judith Johnson  
Sis Barbara Hayes  
Mrs. Dorothy Curry  
Sis Elsie Carter  
Bro Ray Guthrie  
Sis Lucinda Walker  
Sis Linda Boykins  
Sis Brenda Brown  
Bro. Darrius Holman

**DIAMONDAIRE NEWS** - Church Children please continue to make regular contact with your assigned Diamondaire.



The NTCC Marriage Ministry is planning their Annual Sweetheart Banquet on Saturday, February 13th. The program will consist of seminars that are designed to strengthen the Christian marriage, as well as, a night filled with a rekindling of romance! If you are newly engaged or married and would like to participate, please contact Brother Jerry Jackson.

**AND THE LORD ADDED....** We want to welcome to the North Tenneha Family SISTER RAEVYN GREENHOUSE, BROTHER KAYLON DOUGLAS and BROTHER WILLIE KELLUM who were baptized on last Lord's Day. Let's do all we can to encourage them and pray for their continued growth in the Lord.

**OVERCOMERS MINISTRY** - The next Overcomers meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Mayse Room. Please come & share with us.

**COLLEGE BOUND** - Parents & College Bound Students interested in learning more about Historically Black Colleges & Universities should see Sister Greta Moore-Dixon for more information. Five lucky young scholars will be selected to attend a luncheon sponsored by the local chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. on January 30th. Sign-up sheets are in the foyers.

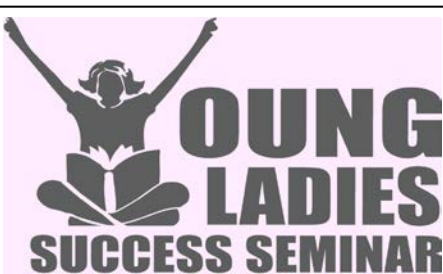
### UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

**40TH ANNUAL LAUDERDALE LECTURES AND MINISTER'S INSTITUTE CONFERENCE** - Hosted by the New Golden Hts. Church of Christ in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. January 16 - 21st with the theme "The Case for the Bible." There will be workshops, lectures, seminars and gospel preaching. Mark your calendars.

**FAMILY & FRIENDS - HWY 69 - ALTO** Sunday, January 24th with Brother Douglas Howie as the speaker. Afternoon services will begin at 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be served and singing groups are invited.

**FAMILY & FRIENDS - MLK - Sulphur Springs** Sunday, January 24th with Brother Delante Jackson. Lunch will be served following worship.

**LADIES PROGRAM - Grand Way - Marshall** Saturday, February 6th at the Marshall Visual Arts Center 208 E. Burlison St. with breakfast and registration at 8 a.m. The program begins at 9 a.m. The theme is "Forgetting Those Things Which are Behind Me, I'm Stepping into New Things!" Speaker is Sister Joie Rasberry. Lunch will be served following the program.



The Young Ladies Success Summit is scheduled for Saturday, February 6th from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Blinn College Student Center in Bryan, Texas. The theme is "Building a Strong Foundation." The guest speaker is Donna Spann, CEO of Capstone College & Career Advising. The registration fee is \$25 and you may register online at [www.yl-success.com](http://www.yl-success.com). For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Renaissance Hallway or see Sister Tricia Billington.

**Today's Message**

"Why we Worship"  
Hebrews 10:25-26

**Next Week's Message**

"A Chloe in the Church"  
I Cor. 1:10-11

FOR THE RECORD	01/17/16	GOALS
10:15 A.M. WORSHIP	759	450
6:00 P.M. WORSHIP	174	250
MIDWEEK RESPONSES	16	200
BAPTISM YTD	3	

**JANUARY 24, 2016**  
Greeters

<u>Front Foyer</u>	<u>South Foyer</u>
Carol Abraham	Carla Broyles
Kim Christopher	Na'Tasha Horn
LaKetha Alexander	Patience Edwards
Gwendolyn Smith	Te'Juan Hewitt
Ruby Kendrick	

*Blood Pressure Volunteers*  
Gwen Holman                      Alphane McKinney

*Baptism Committee*  
Wanda Johnson                      Tricia Billington

*Transportation Volunteer*  
Charlie Harris                      597-4606

*Please call on Saturday if you need a ride.*

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**What the Bible says about falling from grace can be understood.** Most of today's denominational world subscribes to the Calvinistic doctrine that once a man has been saved, he cannot so sin as to be lost again. In other words, he can't fall from grace. The word of God states emphatically that the grace of God can be received in vain (II Corinthians 6:1; it can be turned to lasciviousness (Jude 4); that it can be frustrated, made void (Galatians 2:21); and that one can fall from it (Galatians 5:4). So who will you believe, what someone tells you or what the Bible says?

The Bible is admittedly difficult in some places. However, one who is a Marine Biologist never started out with the most technically difficult thing in that field of learning. You learn. You progress. Even so, the Bible must be contemplated, learned through an honest effort to know what it says. We are fitted for the use of information with which to make our God-given choices. Only as we study (II Timothy 2:15-16) His word can we know how to make ourselves "approved of God."  
-- **SELECTED--**

**NTCC LIBRARY BIBLE TRIVIA... "VIOLENT PEOPLE AND THINGS"**

**What paranoid king ordered the execution of infants in Bethlehem?**

Answer for previous question: Herodias and her daughter (Mark 6: 25, 27)

**BRETHREN TO SERVE**  
Sunday, January 31, 2016

10:15 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

**Call to Worship Prayer**  
**Song Leader**

**Prayer**  
**Scripture**  
**Offering**  
**Communion**  
**Announcements**  
**Dismissal Prayer**

K. Edwards  
D. Brown  
D. McKellar  
L. Rowell  
M. Everett  
R. Billington  
T. Williams  
R. Carter

B. Brown  
L. Rowell  
T. Banks  
K. Beed  
T. Williams  
C. Clark  
T. Williams  
B. Johnson

**North: B. Johnson, M. Sinville, G. Austin, H. Brown, E. McKnight**  
**South: K. Christopher, J. Clark, B. Johnson, C. Simpson, M. White**

**USHERS TO SERVE JANUARY 24TH**

10:15 A.M.	Arthur Henry T. O Murphy Charlie Harris Carver Cobbins Clyde Smith	Leamon Caldwell Carl Runnels Larry Johnson Gerry Austin Adolphus Stafford
6:00 P.M.	Gerry Austin Charlie Harris Eric Broughton	Henry Brown Leonardo Brown Ray Guthrie

**A New Chance**

**A New Challenge**

*He is worthy to be praised*

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

BIBLE SCHOOL—9 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP—10:15 A.M.

EVENING WORSHIP—6 P.M.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR—6 P.M.

MONDAY

OVERCOMERS—7 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

BIBLE CLASSES—7 P.M.

WEBSITE ADDRESS:

[www.ntcconline.org](http://www.ntcconline.org)

**Brethren to Serve**

Sunday, January 24, 2016

Call to Worship Prayer  
Song Leader  
Prayer  
Scripture  
Offering  
Communion  
Announcements  
Dismissal Prayer

10:15 a.m.

K. Edwards  
R. Carter  
D. Brown  
E. Abraham  
J. Alexander  
L. Rowell  
T. Williams  
K. Beed

6:00 p.m.

J. Jackson  
K. Christopher  
L. Morgan  
W. Mitchell  
D. Gross  
J. Christopher  
T. Williams  
T. Tilley

North: C. Clark, D. Gross, K. Beed, J. Christopher, A. Timms

South: P. Easton, C. Harris, J. Clark, H. Brown, J. Newsome

(Please notify Brother Tonny Williams if you are unable to work)

THE NTCC MARRIAGE MINISTRY  
PRESENTS

THE <sup>2016</sup> *Marriage*  
*Conference & Banquet*

**HOW TO KEEP  
A HEALTHY MARRIAGE**

Genesis 2:18-25

**February 13th & 14th**

The North Tenneha Church of Christ  
1701 N. Tenneha Ave.  
Tyler, Tx 75701

Registration Fee: \$45.00 | Includes Seminar (NTCC) & Banquet@  
Camp Drawhorne

Session Speakers:

Bro. & Sis. Shelton Gibbs III

Greenville Avenue  
Church of Christ



Saturday, Feb 13th Schedule:

8:00 am Registration

Continental Breakfast provided

Seminar Events 9:00am —1:30pm

Banquet Events 6:00pm —9:30pm

@ Camp Drawhorn

Registration Deadline: February 10, 2016

For More info, Please contact the church

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