

~~~ Those Privileged To Serve ~~~

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| <b>Sunday 1st Service</b>                                                                                                                       | <b>January 4, 10:00 A.M.</b>                                                                                                      | <b>January 11, 10:00 A.M.</b>                                                                                              |
| <b>Welcome ~ Announcements</b><br>Opening Prayer<br>Song Leader<br>Preaching<br>Preside Communion <b>**11:00**</b><br>Serving<br>Closing Prayer | Michael Hollis<br>Joseph White<br>Melvin Griffin<br>Alfred Barnes<br>Randy Harp<br>Jack Denney/William Carter<br>Donnell Robinson | Michael Hollis<br>Greg Harp<br>Melvin Griffin<br>Alfred Barnes<br>Randy Harp<br>Jack Denney/William Carter<br>Willie Green |
| <b>Prepare Communion</b>                                                                                                                        | Caryn McCarver                                                                                                                    | Angela Hollis                                                                                                              |
| <b>Sunday 2nd Service</b>                                                                                                                       | <b>January 4, 11:30 A.M.</b>                                                                                                      | <b>January 11, 11:30 A.M.</b>                                                                                              |
| <b>Welcome ~ Announcements</b><br>Opening Prayer<br>Song Leader<br>Preaching<br>Closing Prayer                                                  | Michael Hollis<br>Michael Hollis<br>Melvin Griffin/Volunteers<br>Alfred Barnes<br>Melvin Griffin                                  | Michael Hollis<br>Michael Hollis<br>Greg Harp<br>Alfred Barnes<br>Levi Madden                                              |
| <b>Bible Study Evening 7:00 P.M.</b>                                                                                                            | <b>January 7, 7:00 P.M.</b>                                                                                                       | <b>January 14, 7:00 P.M.</b>                                                                                               |



**In Search Of The Lord's Way**  
Sundays - Channel 57 - 7:30 AM

01/04/2026—"The Work of the Church"  
01/11/2026—"Do Works Matter"  
01/18/2026—"How Jesus Endured"  
01/25/2026—"Do Not Grow Weary"

~~ Enter to Worship — Leave to Serve ~~

| <b>What Must I Do To Be Saved?</b> |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Realize I am lost                  | Rom. 3:23     |
| Hear the Gospel                    | Acts 15:7     |
| Believe the Gospel                 | Mk. 16:15-16  |
| Repent of sins                     | Acts 17:30    |
| Confess Christ                     | Rom. 10:9-10  |
| Baptized to remit sins             | Acts 2:38     |
| Remain faithful                    | 2 Pet. 1:5-11 |

| <b>Record of Attendance</b> |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| <b>12/28/2025</b>           | <b>Total</b> |
| Sun. Bible Study            | 36           |
| Sun. 1st Worship            | 52           |
| Sun. 2nd Worship            | 35           |
| Wednesday Evening           | 35           |
| Contribution                | \$1,541.00   |

# The Tara Beacon

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The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." Psalm 119:130

**Tara church of Christ**  
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**Sunday**  
Bible Study 9:00 AM  
1st Worship 10:00 AM  
2nd Worship 11:30 AM

**Wednesday**  
Bible Study 7:00 pm

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## New Year Wishes In 2026 Spend Time Wisely, Invest it Eternally!

*"Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time." - Colossians 4:5*

If you had to buy time, would there be any difference in the way you would spend it? Would you use the minutes, hours and days of your life more wisely?

Of course, we can't put a price tag on the minutes and hours we possess. They are given to us freely. But that does not excuse us from using them carefully and wisely. The giver of time is God Himself, and that places a far greater value on our time than any monetary figure could suggest. We must therefore take advantage of the opportunities time provides to serve the Lord and to do His will.

This does not mean that we have to be working every single moment. It is necessary to take a break every so often, to stop and smell the roses along the way, or to enjoy the beauty of a sunset. We use our time wisely when we combine the appropriate "stops" and the proper steps."

According to Solomon, there is a time for all of God's purposes to be accomplished (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Let us be grateful that the Lord does not sell time. He provides it as a gift of His grace. So let us spend our days "redeeming the time," using the opportunities to live for God (Colossians 4:5).

**Time is precious — Let us handle it with care!**

*Richard*

**" The Love of God In '2026 "**

## Prayer Requests

**Jerome Duke**— has been having high blood pressure issues. He is the brother of Carym McCarver.

**Maxine Howell**— a former Tara member, recently suffered a stroke. She is now at home with rehab.

**Keith Fort**— a friend of Jack Denney, suffered a stroke. Prayers are asked for him.

**Maggie and Patrick Brown**— prayers are requested for the Brown family.

**Rosalyn Curseen**— is on floor 5A Room 19 at Grady Hospital due to a fall from the attic to the garage floor. She has many broken ribs and a spine fracture. She can have visits, short periods of 15-20 minutes. Only 2 persons per visit, bring your I.D..

**Michael Curseen**— continues with Infusion Treatments every 3 weeks, for the next 2 years. We need to continue prayers for Michael.

**Henrietta Murphy Jones**— continues to need our prayers for her.

**Continued Prayer List:** Brenda Millsap, Billie Pouncey, Archie Robinson, Jimmy Denney, Christian and Cory Curseen, Anthony Newman, Paul Pacchioli, Bill Jones, Havanna Goebel, Marcia Woodbury, Steve Smith, Bernice Harris, Jim and Maxine Howell, Vernetta Jones, Don Cheek, Doris Pate, Mozelle Jones, Vera Pollard, Willie Mae Brown, Carla Robison's mother, Alfred and Lenora Barnes, parents of Alfred Barnes, Erika Lee Havanna's daughter, Erika Lee's father

~ May We All Encourage One Another ~

## Activities And Events

**Today— 9:00 A.M.** Bible Study

**Today— 10:00 A.M.** 1st Worship Service

**Today— 11:30 A.M.** 2nd Worship Service

**Wednesday Night Bible Class— 7:00 P.M.**

**January 11th**— Our L.I.G.H.T Fellowship meal will be at the white house following our 2nd Worship Service. There is a menu on the bulletin board for you to view. Please join with us, great food and fellowship!!

**Project Outreach**— The new tracts are available, "The Unity of the Bible." They are available for you at the security desk.

**2026 CALENDARS** ~ The church provides wall calendars for our members and guests. They are available in the foyer for your taking and use. Use them to mark your personal and congregational appointments for the coming new year. We also have new Tara pens for you, if you haven't got one, they are at the security desk.

**March 2026**—We need to bring in Items for the homeless bags that we will be putting together. There will be a list on the bulletin board for items needed. We will continue to do this quarterly. Michael Hollis is overseeing this outreach program.

Make a Joyful noise  
unto the Lord  
PSALM 100:1

## Elders' Comments

Growing churches make changes when changes are needed or expected. As we begin a new year, some changes are planned for our Bible classes. Different teachers will be directing our thoughts for both adults and teens. Some of these changes are temporary.

**Sunday Adult Class - Dale Findley**

**Sunday Teen Class - Randy Harp**

**Wednesday Adult Class - Bob White**

**Wednesday Teens - Join the adults in the auditorium.**

**Younger ages (Sunday and Wednesday)**

**Teachers: Vicki Baker, Susan Wellman, Mitzi Barnes**

The elders appreciate all of our teachers for their ability and willingness to teach whenever needed. Our ongoing purpose as a congregation is to work together for the edification and growth of God's kingdom. As God continues blessing us, let's all be willing to do whatever we can for Him.

The Elders

## LESSONS LEARNED WITH TIME

Have you noticed? You are getting older; so is everybody else. Time is winding down. Just like a clock...sooner or later, time will stop...for me, for you, for everybody...even for this world. The time comes when time is no more. At the end of an old year and the beginning of a new one, we often think of how quickly time is passing. Birthdays and anniversaries cause us to pause and think about it. So do weddings and funerals. Time is precious! Job 32:7 says that the multitude of years should teach wisdom. What are some lessons we learn with the passing of time? Four are suggested here.

**The brevity of life** - Life can be compared to one brief summer, and man is a flower. *"All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls away..."* (I Pet. 1:24) How long is a vapor, or a mist on a mirror, or a fog when the sun appears? *"For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away".* (Ja.4:14) It was Moses who wrote, *"The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years...it is soon cut off and we fly away....So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom".* (Ps.90:10,12)

**The uncertainty of life** - How many times a year are we reminded of this? If we think about it, reminders come daily with the news reports of sudden deaths on the highways, heart attacks, strokes, killings, etc. Life is uncertain! Solomon wrote, *"Do not boast about tomorrow; for you do not know what a day may bring forth".* (Prov.27:1) Surely, part of the wisdom we gain as we grow older is to live one day at a time. Is that not what we tell people who face severe trials? But this is good advice for anybody, regardless of our situation in life. Today is all we have for sure.

**The essence of life** - What is really important in life? Not money and material things. Jesus said, *"Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses".* (Luke 12:15) Things are temporal, whatever they are; therefore we should think of the eternal. We should hold to God's unchanging hand and never turn it loose. We must build our hope on things eternal. *"...while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal".* (II Cor.4:18) That's good advice. What is really important is not the material, or even the physical. We will lose it all...and soon! What is really important is the spiritual, the eternal.

**The dangers of life** - It seems that living each day is getting more dangerous with the passing of time. Do you ever think of the dangers you face? Of course, we should not become paranoid, or worry about it, but we have to be aware of it. And in view of the daily dangers we face, the brevity and uncertainty of life, what is the most dangerous way to live? As a Christian, or as an unbeliever? Leaving this world today, Tuesday, or ten years from now prepared to meet God, or unprepared? Living to serve God, or living with good intentions to someday serve Him? Which is the most dangerous, with eternity in view? In the beginning of this new year, let's start thinking more seriously about the time we have...or the time we may not have. If we must make some changes for the better, let's not wait until tomorrow.

Richard

Please remember to turn off your cell phone during Bible study and Worship!