

~~~ Those Privileged To Serve ~~~

|                                      |                           |                            |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Service</b> | <b>August 9, 10:00 AM</b> | <b>August 16, 10:00 AM</b> |
| <b>Welcome - Announcements</b>       | Michael Hollis            | Michael Hollis             |
| <b>Opening Prayer</b>                | Richard Harp              | Bob White                  |
| <b>Song Leader</b>                   | Melvyn Griffin            | Russ Baker                 |
| <b>Preaching</b>                     | Alfred Barnes             | Alfred Barnes              |
| <b>Preside Communion *11:00</b>      | Randy Harp                | Randy Harp                 |
| <b>Serving</b>                       | Levi Madden/Dylan Madden  | Levi Madden/Dylan Madden   |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>                | Joe White                 | Russ Baker                 |
| <b>Prepare Communion</b>             | Katie Kirkland            | Katie Kirkland             |
| <b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Service</b> | <b>August 9, 11:30 AM</b> | <b>August 16, 11:30 AM</b> |
| <b>Welcome - Announcements</b>       | Randy Harp                | Randy Harp                 |
| <b>Opening Prayer</b>                | Patrick Brown             | Randy Harp                 |
| <b>Song Leader</b>                   | Randy Harp                | Greg Harp                  |
| <b>Preaching</b>                     | Michael Hollis            | Michael Hollis             |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>                | Levi Madden               | Dylan Madden               |
| <b>Wednesday Evening</b>             | <b>August 8, 7:00 PM</b>  | <b>August 19, 7:00 PM</b>  |



**In Search of the Lord's Way**  
Sundays - Channel 57 - 7:30 AM

08/09 "The Sacrifice"  
08/16 "Enduring the Cross"  
08/23 "Membership in the Church"  
08/30 "Why am I a Member"



**Welcome Visitors!**

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. If you're looking for a home church, look no further!

**What Must I Do To Be Saved?**

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Realize I am lost              | Romans 3:23    |
| Hear the Gospel                | Acts 15:7      |
| Believe the Gospel             | Mark 16:15-16  |
| Repent of sins                 | Acts 17:30     |
| Confess Christ                 | Romans 10:9-10 |
| Baptized for remission of sins | Acts 2:38      |
| Remain faithful                | 2 Peter 1:5-11 |

**Record of Attendance**

**August 2, 2026**

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Sunday Bible Study    | 30         |
| Sunday First Worship  | 47         |
| Sunday Second Worship | 0          |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 22         |
| Contribution          | \$8,073.00 |

Tara Church of Christ  
1820 Highway 138  
P. O. Box 1145  
Jonesboro, GA 30237



Volume 50 Issue 32

August 09, 2026

"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" Psalm 119:30

**SUNDAY**

Bible Study 9:00 AM  
1<sup>st</sup> Worship 10:00 AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Worship 11:30 PM

**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Ministers

Alfred Barnes  
678.593.6657  
Michael Hollis  
404.210.3578

Elders

Alfred Barnes  
678.593.6657  
Richard Harp  
470.507.0451

Secretary

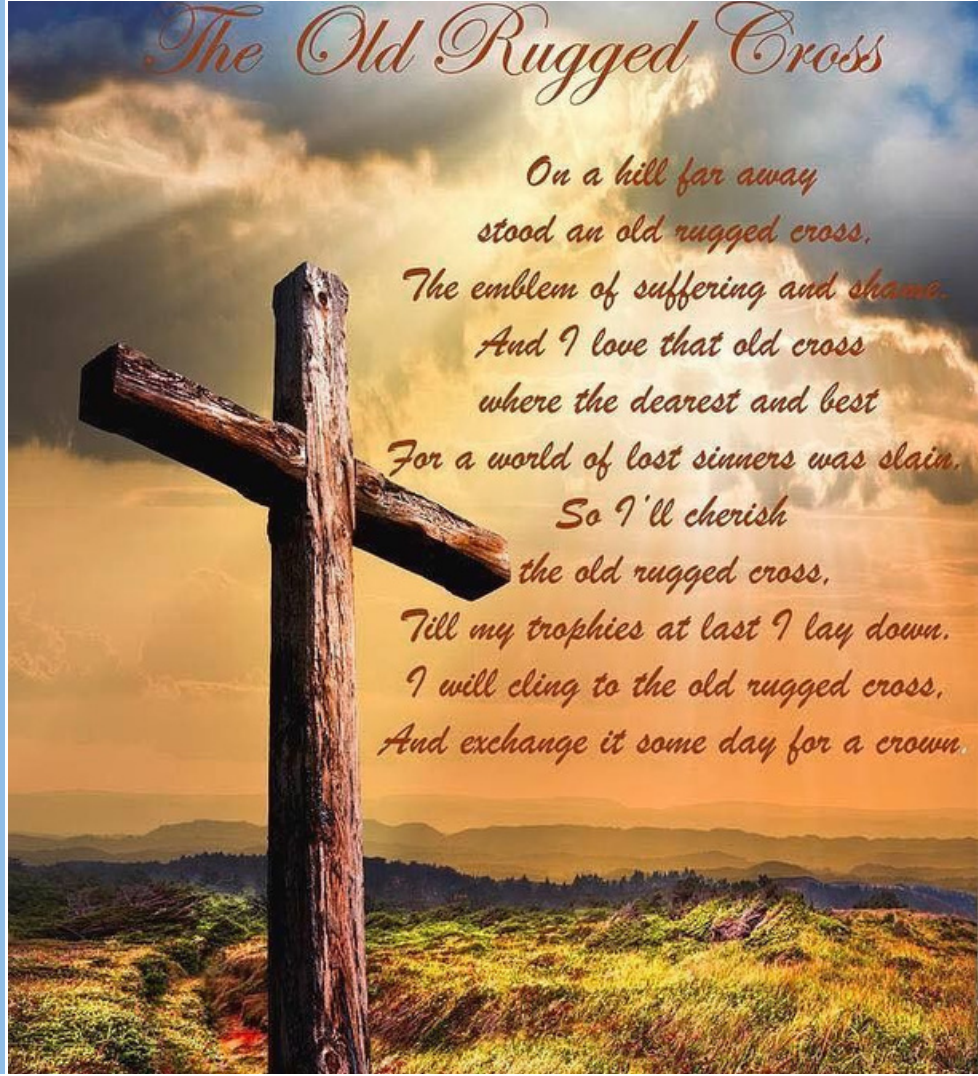
Robin Wilson  
404.213.0736

770-471-7300

Email:  
taracoc@outlook.com

Website:  
tarachurchofchrist.com





*The Old Rugged Cross*

On a hill far away  
stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame.  
And I love that old cross  
where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.  
So I'll cherish  
the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down.  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

The Love of God in 2026"

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Brande Victorian** - needs prayers as her stepfather, Wayne Henderson passed. He served with the Glass City Church of Christ in Toledo, Ohio. She is the daughter of Rossi McCarver.

**Peggy Shook** - is now home from the hospital and requires home health care. She is the mother of Karen White. Keep her in your prayers.

**Loyal Williams** - brother of Meirle Lockhart, is still in the hospital in Texas with health issues. Prayers are requested for Loyal, Meirle and the family.

**Ronnie Holt** - Richard Harp's nephew, is home now trying to recover from brain tumor surgery. He continues to need our prayers.

**Henrietta Murphy Jones** - is pursuing other treatments options for her cancer. She needs continued prayers and encouragement.

**Rosalyn Curseen** - results from her CT scan on her brain came back negative. She will have a biopsy from the MRI when the results are given. Her surgery is cancelled until her biopsy is done. She needs continued prayers as well as her husband, **Michael Curseen**. He continues with Infusion Treatments every 3 weeks for the next year and a half.

**Continued Prayer List:** Katie Kirkland, Havana Goebel, Mary Sistrunk, Nicole Evans, Courtney Matthews, Jim and Maxine Howell, Jimmy Denney, Bernice Harris, Brenda Millsap, Billie Pouncy, Christian and Cory Curseen, Marcia Woodbury, Vernetta Jones, Don Cheek, Doris Pate, Mozelle Jones, Mary Woodbury, Willie Mae Brown (Carla Robisons mother), Alfred and Lenior Barnes (parents of Alfred Barnes), Erika Lee Nepal (Havanna Goebels daughter), Erika Lees father, Ervin Lee, Vera Pollard

### Elder's Comments

There is no greater work on earth than the work of the Lord. We are in the soul business - soul winning, soul saving and soul edifying. You may have a little part in bringing a soul to Christ, such as showing your love and interest in them when they visit, or praying that they will be receptive to the truth. Every positive thing we can do as God's family is important in winning that soul to Christ. We all can have a part in it, not only the teacher. The same goes for helping the person grow in the Christian life. Look around, be alert. There just may be someone who needs you as a friend, whether it be a new Christian, or someone who is older in the faith. Everyone is needed. Let's all take the work of the Lord seriously.

*The Elders*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tara Project Outreach** - "The Unity of the Bible" tracts are available on the Security Desk for outreach. There are many other tracts and helpful books; Spiritual Sword, etc. for your reading and to give to others.

**OUTREACH** - There is list on the bulletin board for things still needed. Michael Hollis is overseeing this outreach program.

**August 17th** - On the (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays) at 7:00 PM, began a new study; The Bible: A Portrait of Redemption. It is at the home of Henrietta Murphy Jones. Her address is in the Tara Directory.

**Aug. 15th** - Every (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday) of the month at 10 AM, the ladies will meet for prayer and fellowship. This is held at the fellowship hall. See Mitzi for details.

**September 19<sup>th</sup>** - Fayetteville CoC will have Ladies Day. The topic is "A Recipe for a Pure Heart," with Juli Gilbert speaking. More info is on the bulletin board.

**Member Directory Update:** I am needing your help to check your information on the directory at the Security Desk. Make any changes if you need to, and place a check mark by it to let me know its correct.

**Christian Curseen**, son of Michael and Roslyn Curseen, just made the most important decision of his life in obeying the gospel. We rejoice with him and his family (Romans 12:15) and welcome him to the church at Tara. And we are confident that Christian, like his parents, will grow in the faith and be a good example for all who know him.

## INFLATION AND SALVATION

In 1945 a loaf of bread cost 9 cents, a gallon of gas 15 cents, a new car \$1000, and a new house \$4600. These prices doubled by 1955. Today, over seventy years later, these items cost more than twenty times as much. Everyone is concerned about inflation. It affects most everything of value, except what is the most valuable. Air is free. We pay to filter it, cool or heat it, but air is free. Water is free. We pay to filter it and have it piped to our house, but the water is free. In fact, all of God's creation is free to mankind. These are natural resources. So, what causes inflation? Man's carelessness and greed are two causes. Man is his own worst enemy when considering inflation, disease, or sin.

**Inflation does not affect the price paid for salvation.** It costs no more today than it did in the time of Adam, Noah or Paul. The reason is that salvation is a gift of God. (Rom.6:23) The Son of God had to die to provide it for all who have ever lived, or who will ever live. (Rom.3:23-26) The price he paid was his own precious blood. (1 Pet.1:18,19). This was a supreme price. All the gold and silver in the world could not purchase the salvation of a single soul. Our salvation costs no more than it cost 2000 or 4000 years ago. And the value of our soul is no greater than the value of Adam's.

**Inflation does not affect the requirement of man to obtain salvation.** The price we must pay is no more today than it has ever been. God always has required faith and obedience. A careful study of Hebrews, chapter eleven, will show this to be true. Thousands of years ago, without faith, it was impossible to please Him, for he that came to God had to believe and obey him. By faith, they obeyed whatever God told them to do. That has not changed. It will never change. By faith, we must obey what God has told us to do. In the first century the lost were required to believe in Christ, repent of their sins, and be baptized for the remission of sins in order to be saved. (Mark 16:16; Luke 24:47) Nothing has ever been added or subtracted. God's second law of pardon does not require any more today than it required in the first century. Unfaithful Christians were required to repent, confess their sins, and pray that God would forgive them. (Acts 8:22; James 5:16; 1 John 1:9). No other requirement has been placed upon us with the passing of time.

**Inflation does not affect the Christian's life and duty.** Believers had to live faithfully. (Rev. 2:10) So must we, and no more. They had to observe all things the Lord and his apostles commanded them. (Matt. 28:20) So must we, and no more. The cost of discipleship has never been inflated because, from the beginning, all that man had was required. (Luke 14:25-33) They needed to count the cost. So must we. They had to love the Lord supremely, more than any human being. So must we. They had to take up their own cross and follow Jesus. So must we. No greater burden is placed upon us than was placed upon them. Physically, our lives are much more comfortable, and most are blessed far more materially; however, they enjoyed the very same spiritual blessings that we do. Inflation will never affect salvation. Let us be thankful that it is as free as it has always been to those who come to Jesus on his terms. (Matt. 11:28-30)

*Richard*