

~~~ Those Privileged To Serve ~~~

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| <b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Service</b> | <b>August 16, 10:00 AM</b> | <b>August 23, 10:00 AM</b> |
| <b>Welcome - Announcements</b>       | Michael Hollis             | Michael Hollis             |
| <b>Opening Prayer</b>                | Bob White                  | Michael Curseen            |
| <b>Song Leader</b>                   | Russ Baker                 | Melvin Griffin             |
| <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>                | Russ Baker                 | Melvin Griffin             |
| <b>Prepare Communion</b>             | Katie Kirkland             | Katie Kirkland             |
| <b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Service</b> | <b>August 16, 11:30 AM</b> | <b>August 23, 11:30 AM</b> |
| <b>Welcome - Announcements</b>       | Michael Hollis             | Michael Hollis             |
| <b>Opening Prayer</b>                | Michael Hollis             | Michael Hollis             |
| <b>Song Leader</b>                   | Greg Harp                  | Eugene Sherman             |
| <b>Preaching</b>                     | Alfred Barnes              | Alfred Barnes              |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>                | Dylan Madden               | Steve Pollard              |
| <b>Wednesday Evening</b>             | <b>August 19, 7:00 PM</b>  | <b>August 26, 7:00 PM</b>  |



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

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



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 9, 2026

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Sunday Bible Study    | 37         |
| Sunday First Worship  | 55         |
| Sunday Second Worship | 36         |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 28         |
| Contribution          | \$2,357.00 |

Enter to Worship - Leave to Serve

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*"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

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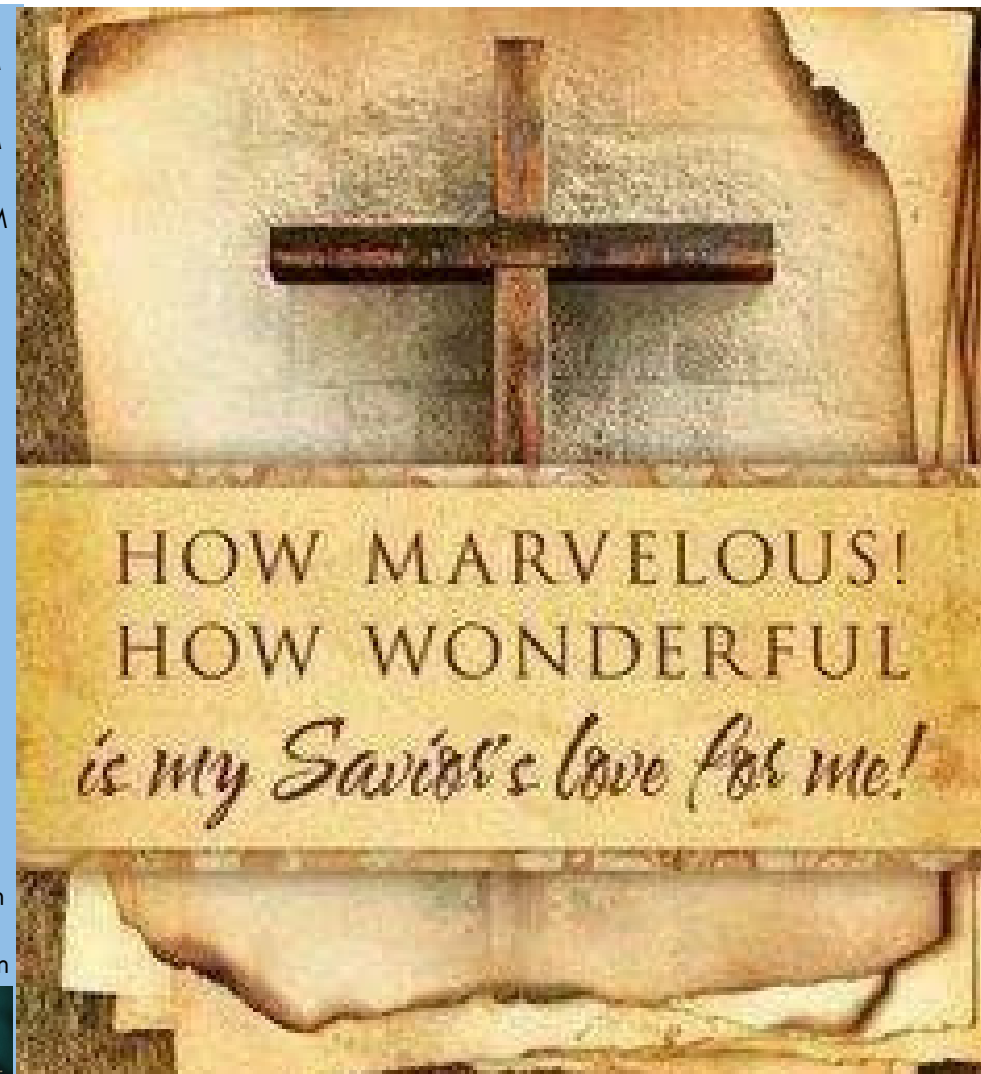
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*The Love of God in 2026"*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**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, and the MRI both came back negative. We rejoice with her. She had a biopsy Friday, and praying for good results. Her surgery has been cancelled for now. 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. He received results that the treatments are showing much improvement. We are elated with the great news.

**The Hollis Family** - Keep this family in prayers in the loss of their relative this past week.

**The Ivey Family** - Keep Jack, Jesse, and Janice Ivey and family in prayers as they deal with the loss of Jack & Jesse's Dad, Jack William Ivey, this past week.

**Continued Prayer List:** Brande Victorian, Peggy Shook, 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

Upcoming  
EVENTS  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Tara Project Outreach** - "The Unity of the Bible" tracts are available on the Security Desk for outreach. There are many other tracks 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 17<sup>th</sup>** - 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.

**September 6<sup>th</sup>** - We will have the L.I.G.H.T Fellowship dinner on the hill following the first worship service.

**September 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>** - 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.

**September 19<sup>th</sup>** - Ladies Prayer Meeting will be at 10:00 AM at the fellowship hall.

**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.

**Our Sympathy and Condolences ...** Sister Mary Woodbury's brother, Sam, passed on Aug 12<sup>th</sup>. The funeral services will be in Miami, Fla.. Keep the family in your prayers.

**Christian Curseen's** information for the Member Directory is: 1923 Spivey Village Lane, Stockbridge, Ga 30281 Phone # is 470.389.2724 Email: mr.christiancurseene@gmail.com

### Elder's Comments

If we expect to grow as a congregation, as well as individually, it is absolutely essential that we take an honest look at ourselves in consideration of our efforts to grow. We have both men and women who could do more to build Tara back to what it has been in the past. God wants the church to assemble together for worship on the Lord's day. All members should be present if possible. Are you? Do you make sure you welcome our visitors? Do you reach out to encourage the members who do not come? Do you often invite non-members? Are you growing in your own spiritual life? Is there a needed work you could do? Let's all open our eyes and ears for what needs to be done to help this church grow, and then be willing to do what we can to make it happen.

*The Elders*

## Helpers Of The Truth

In John's third epistle he commended Gaius for helping traveling brethren, such as providing lodging and helping them on their journey, saying. *"We therefore ought to receive such that we might be fellow helpers to the truth"* (III John 8) KJV/ The NKJV uses the term *"fellow worker."* Of course, the truth does not need our help to make it better, or more complete and sufficient, or more acceptable to man. (II Tim. 3:16,17) But it does need our help for other reasons.

**It needs our help in our obedience to it.** The truth must be received, believed and obeyed. *"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized..."* (Acts 2:41) The people of Berea received the word with all readiness of mind ... *"therefore many of them believed."* (Acts 17:11,12) God never forces the truth on anyone. He has provided it, and we must accept and obey it. It is helpless without our positive response to it.

**It needs our help in getting it to the lost.** Beginning with the apostles, God's people have been charged with a *"Great Commission."* (Matt. 28: 18-20; Mark 16:15-16) It's not enough just to pass out Bibles. People must be taught. We are to *"speak the truth in love."* (Eph. 4:15) We must teach the things we have learned to *"faithful men who will be able to teach others also."* (II Tim. 2:2) The complete message is in need of messengers. The lost need preachers, and preachers must be sent. (Rom. 10:14,15) Otherwise, the truth is helpless. Gaius was a *"fellow helper to the truth"* in helping those who were teaching it. If we support the teaching with our money, such as missionaries, or simply accompany a teacher in a study, or provide a place for the study, etc. we are helpers of the truth.

**It needs our help in defending it.** The religious world twists and perverts the truth. (II Pet. 3:16; Gal. 1:6-9) People even believe that you can prove anything by the Bible, and many try to do it. They take passages out of their original context, basing their belief on one or two passages, rather than considering all the Bible says about the subject. They often take literal language to be figurative, and figurative or symbolic as literal. They do not *"rightly divide the word of truth."* (II Tim 2:15) They often apply today that which was meant for those who were under the law, or for the miraculous age of the church. The truth needs defending or else, error results. (Phil. 1:17; Jude 3)

**It needs our help in supporting it.** We support it with our time, money, prayers and encouragement. When we attend the Bible classes provided by the church, we are helping the truth. When we support the preaching of the gospel by being present to hear it and encouraging others to hear it, we are helping the truth. Attending gospel meetings, Bible lectureships, etc. is helping the truth. Giving out tracts, recommending good tapes and books, and supporting the training of preachers are just a few ways the truth needs our help. Are you a modern day Gaius in being a *"fellow helper to the truth?"*

*Richard*