

~~~ Those Privileged To Serve ~~~		
<u>Sunday 1st Service</u>	<u>May 18, 9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>May 25, 9:00 A.M.</u>
Welcome ~ Announcements Scripture / Prayer Song Leader	Michael Hollis Nathan Bell Russ Baker	Michael Hollis Michael Curseen Russ Baker
Preside Communion Serving Preaching Closing Prayer	Donnell Robison Randy Harp/Greg Harp Alfred Barnes Russ Baker	Donnell Robison Randy Harp/Greg Harp Alfred Barnes Willie Green
Prepare Communion	Donna Williams	Donna Williams
<u>Sunday 2nd Service</u>	<u>May 18, 11:30 A.M.</u>	<u>May 25, 11:30 A.M.</u>
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<u>Bible Study Evening 7:00 P.M.</u>	<u>May 21, 7:00 P.M.</u>	<u>May 28, 7:00 P.M.</u>

	<b>In Search Of The Lord's Way</b> Sundays - Channel 57 - 7:30 AM	<b>Weekly Assembly Schedule</b>  9:00 AM - 10:00 AM - Worship 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM - Bible Classes 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM - Worship Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 PM (Some variation may be necessary)
	05/18/2025—"We Must Know God" 05/25/2025—"What God Has Done"	

~~ Enter to Worship — Leave to Serve ~~		
<u>What Must I Do To Be Saved?</u>		
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	
<u>Record of Attendance</u>		
	<u>05/11/2025</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Sun. 1st Worship	33
	Sun. Bible Study	35
	Sun. 2nd Worship	32
	Wednesday Evening	
	Contribution	\$4,067.00

# The Tara Beacon

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

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## SUNDAY

1st Worship 9:00 am  
Bible Class 10:30 am  
2nd Worship 11:30 am

## WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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## Sins That Cripple the Church



**ABSENTEEISM** "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves . . ." Hebrews 10:25

**INDIFFERENCE** "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot . . ." Revelation 3:15

**WORLDLINESS** "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world . . ." 1 John 2:15

**UNFAITHFULNESS** "...Thou hast left thy first love . . ." Revelation 2:4

**SELFISHNESS** "Not looking each of you to his own things, but to the things of others . . ." Philippians 2:4

**NEGLECT** "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation . . ." Hebrews 2:3

**COMPROMISE** "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord . . ." II Corinthians 6:17

**CONTENTION** "...That you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you . . ." 1 Corinthians 1:10

**IGNORANCE** "and the times of this ignorance God winked; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent . . ." Acts 17:30

“ CHRIST ALIVE IN '25 ”

## PRAYER REQUEST

**Henrietta Murphy Jones**— is doing better but still has a long recovery ahead. She would love calls from our church family and visits, but please call before you visit, she may be at doctors. Cards, notes and emails would be of encouragement to her. Continue to keep Henrietta in your prayers

**Roslyn Curseen**— her surgery has been moved to September. It is great to hear the meds are helping her and pray the meds keep working in her favor. Keep Roslyn and Michael in your prayers.

**Bush Denney**— the brother of Jack Denney is battling pancreatic cancer. He has been able to have his chemo treatments every 2 weeks. Continue to keep Bush and family in your prayers.

**James Pollard**—is having some issues with his eyes and spent the night at Spalding Hospital having tests run. Keep him in your prayers as he visits with doctors to discuss the findings of his test.

**Donna Williams**— has been suffering with bad headaches. Keep her in your prayers.

**Continued Prayer List:** Donna Taylor, Brenda Millsap, Merile Lockhart, Steve Smith, Bernice Harris, Jerome Dukes, Jim and Maxine Howell, Vernetta Jones, Josiah, nephew of Maylene Lamy and her friends Pauline Noel and Leshon Cheely, Don Cheek, Doris Pate, Mozelle Jones, Quenton Hogan, 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 Ervin Lee

~~ Send A Card ~ Make A Call ~  
~~ Let's Encourage One Another ~~

## Elders' Comments

How important to you is your faithful attendance in the regular worship assemblies of the church? Do you believe the church would die if the members did not come together to worship God? Do you believe you would die spiritually if you stopped assembling with God's people for fellowship and worship? No member should want the church to be weakened or die because of unfaithfulness. Every member should sense the personal strength, as well as congregational strength, that comes from faithfully assembling together. "Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some ...." (Heb.10:24,25).

*The Elders*

## Activities And Events

**Today— 9:00 A.M.** 1st Morning Worship Service.

**Today— 10:30 A.M.** Sunday Morning Bible Class.

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

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

**Today— Funds for Michael Curseen's Family** If you want to contribute to the Curseen family, make your check to Tara Church of Christ and note for the Curseen family. Give it to Alfred today. He will see the family receives the money.

**LADIES**— On September 20, 2025, Tara will host Ladies' Day. The theme will be "A Woman's Power." Save the date, add it to your calendar, and pitch in to make this a memorable one for Tara! See Mitzi Barnes to volunteer to help on one or more of the committees.

## BIBLE+

### EMERGENCY HOTLINE

STRESSED MATTHEW 11:25-30

WORRIED MATTHEW 6:19-24

LONELY PSALM 23

BITTER 1 CORINTHIANS:13

LOSING HOPE PSALM:139

SAD JOHN:14

SINNED PSALM:51

IN DANGER PSALM:91

BETRAYED PSALM:27

SICK PSALM:41

HURT JOHN:15

GET HELP.TOLL FREE-24 HOURS

For the Lord is  
good; his  
mercy is  
everlasting;  
and his truth  
endureth to all  
generations.

Psalm 100:5 KJV



*From the Pen of Richard*

## CONFIDENTIAL CHRISTIANITY



A preacher received a request for a character reference from a financial institution about one of his church members. He was asked about the man's character and financial responsibility. The preacher then wrote, "He seldom attends church here. He says it's the only day he has off and normally uses it to catch up on his sleep. To my knowledge, he has made little, if any, financial contributions to the church since I have been here, so I cannot really speak of his financial responsibility".

The preacher did not send the reply to the bank, but instead, he sent it to the man with the comment that this was the only letter he could honestly write. And was that man ever burned up! The preacher really got told off. One remark was, "any preacher should know that a man's relationship to the church and his financial contributions are of a confidential nature". The preacher then wrote a second letter that stated, "All I know of the gentleman in question is of a confidential nature, and he explicitly requested that I not tell it".

Our Christian life is not a confidential matter. Though we do not go around vainly boasting that we are a Christian, or how much we give to the church, or how often we attend, yet the world is to know who we are. And how do they know it? By the fruit we bear, by the life we live. Jesus taught that we are known by our fruits. "*do men gather grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Therefore by their fruits you shall know them*". (Matt. 7:16-20)

One's personal financial support of the church may not be known generally, but those who do know have the ability to determine whether it is generous or not. And one who seldom gives, or he gives very little in consideration of his prosperity, and he is not conscientious about making up his contribution when he is away, is not generous in his giving. It is apparent that supporting the work of the church is not important to him. The same reasoning applies to his attendance and involvement in the activities of the church. One who is committed can be counted on. He is dependable and trustworthy. He is missed when absent, and he is a blessing to others when present. He regards himself as a member instead of a visitor. When something goes wrong he is concerned and sorrowful, when things go right he rejoices and is partly responsible for them going right. It is a joy and privilege to fill out a character reference questionnaire for such a person.

Do people where you work know you are a Christian? Do your neighbors know? Do other members of the church consider you to be faithful? Jesus emphasized the importance of letting our light shine before men. (Matt. 5:16) The Holy spirit exhorts, "...*having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles (the world), that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God...*" (I Pet. 2:12) Every Christian is to "*be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity*". (I Tim. 4:12) Then, and only then, will we be "*epistles... known and read by all men*". (II Cor. 3:2)

*Richard*

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