

~~~ Those Privileged To Serve ~~~

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| <b>Sunday 1st Service</b><br>Welcome/ Announcements<br>Prayer<br>Song Leader<br><br>Preside Communion<br>Serving<br>Preaching<br>Closing Prayer<br><br>Prepare Communion | <b>February 19, 9:00 A.M.</b><br>Alfred Barnes<br>Alfred Barnes<br>Russ Baker<br><br>Larry Richardson<br>Greg Harp/ Randy Harp<br>Scott Richards<br>Bob Boykins<br><br>Louise Johnson | <b>February 26, 9:00 A.M.</b><br>Alfred Barnes<br>Alfred Barnes<br>Russ Baker<br><br>Larry Richardson<br>Greg Harp/ Randy Harp<br>Scott Richards<br>Patrick Brown<br><br>Louise Johnson |
| <b>Sunday 2nd Service</b><br>Welcome/ Announcements<br>Prayer<br>Song Leader<br>Preside Communion<br>Serving<br>Preaching<br>Closing Prayer                              | <b>February 19, 11:30 A.M.</b><br>Alfred Barnes<br>Alfred Barnes<br>Russ Baker<br>Larry Richardson<br>Greg Harp/ Randy Harp<br>Scott Richards<br>Bob Boykins                          | <b>February 26, 11:30 A.M.</b><br>Alfred Barnes<br>Alfred Barnes<br>Russ Baker<br>Larry Richardson<br>Greg Harp/ Randy Harp<br>Scott Richards<br>Patrick Brown                          |
| <b>Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM</b>                                                                                                                                         | <b>February 22, 2022 7:00 P.M.</b>                                                                                                                                                    | <b>February 15, 7:00 P.M.</b>                                                                                                                                                           |

Weekly Assembly Schedule  
 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)

***"To God Be True In 2022"***

| <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>02/12/ 2023</u>          | <u>Total</u> |
| Sun. Bible Study            | 37           |
| Sun. 1st Worship            | 43           |
| Sun. 2nd Worship            | 34           |
| Wednesday Evening           | 15           |
| Contribution                | \$2,071.00   |



# 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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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**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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## To Live Or Die

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a local newspaper and complained that it made no sense for him to continue to go to church every Sunday.

"I've gone for thirty years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard about 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I cannot remember a single one of them. So I think that I'm wasting my time, and the preachers are all wasting their time."

This started a real controversy for the next week in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor.

Finally, one simple letter to the editor stopped the controversy ~

"I have been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals, but, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this — they nourished me and gave me strength. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church, I would be spiritually dead today. Let us thank God for our physical and spiritual nourishment.

"... Give us this day our daily bread."

**In Christ Be Free**

**In 2023**

## Our Prayer List

**Farron Whisenant**– is sick at home. He has been sick for a few weeks and taking antibiotics.

**Vera Hannah**, is getting over RSV. She is better and at home now. She still has a bad cough.

**Jill Richards**, daughter-in-law of Scott Richards, was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Keep this family in your prayers.

**Maggie Mills**, wife of Don Mills ( the minister of Eatonton COC), Maggie has covid. She is home now.

**Henrietta Jones**, is having some health issues from a fall. Keep her in your prayers.

**Ron Brinkley**-He had a pick line put in his heart. He is getting IV antibiotics to keep his infection under control. He is getting better.

**Havanna Goebel**-is still experiencing pain.

**Don Cheek**– is having some health issues.

**Bob Taylor**– is having more health issues with his thyroid. He is blind in one eye and is having leg problems.

**Frank Johnson**, is having back and neck issues.

**Continued Prayer List**– Eyvonne King, cousin of Angela Hollis, Terrance Hannah, Donna Taylor, Bernice Harris, Ivan Gonzales, Myrna McKenzie, mother of Marilyn Valentine, Willie Thomas , father of Chere Slocumb, Doris Pate, Mozelle Jones, Shannon Deleon, niece of Scott Richards, Qution Hogan, family of Richard Harp, Willie Mae Brown - Carla Robison's mother, Alfred and Lenora Barnes, parents of Alfred Barnes, **Send Cards, Make Calls, Show your Love and Care!**

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## Activities And Events

**Today**- 9:00 A.M. 1st morning service.

**Today**- Sunday Morning Bible Classes at 10:30 A.M.

**Today**-11:30 A.M. 2nd service

**Today**– Ladies there is a new list to sign up to fill communion trays in 2023

**Wednesday night Bible class**– 7:00 P.M.

**Feb.26th through Mar. 2nd**-Southside Progressive Meeting.

**Apr. 30th** Family & Friends Day

## Continued Pray List

**Richard & Dixie Harp**, continue to pray as they both are dealing with some health issues. They both set great examples with positive attitudes.

**Maria Martin**, daughter of Robert & Mary, is at home and taking physical therapy.

**Vera Pollard**, daughter-in-law of Paul Pollard, has liver cancer.

**Maggie Miller**-is better. She is still having a few headaches.

*Let's worship the one and only  
true and Living God!*

*Remember He is Our Audience!*

*He Knows our hearts!*

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

2/26/23 "I Surrender All"

In Search  
of  
THE  
LORD'S  
WAY

# WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES?

All of us have priorities in our lives. Whatever receives the greater attention and emphasis in thought, time and action become our personal priorities. Three general categories of priorities would be the material, physical and spiritual. A worldly individual seeks the material and physical to the neglect of the spiritual. The Christian's primary emphasis is always the spiritual, with the material and physical kept in their proper perspective. Because of worldly influences, sometimes we allow conflicts to develop in our priorities creating a need to evaluate them again. Personal examination is important. (II Corinthians 13:5)

**GOD IS FIRST!** In all our pursuits, He takes first place. According to Jesus, He is first in our love (Mark 12:30). All others - family, friends, brethren, and self are loved properly when we love Him with our heart, soul, mind and strength. Loving God first is the only way to keep other relationships right. Loving anybody else first involves misplaced priorities. (Matthew 10:37) In becoming a Christian everyone and everything else takes second place. God is always to be first.

Very often material pursuits or physical pleasures choke out the word and hinders our spiritual growth. In the parable of the Sower, Jesus explained the meaning of the seed which fell among the thorns. *"Now he who received the seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful"*. (Matthew 13:22) Riches can deceive us whether we have them or not. The cares of this world distract us, but we must not allow them to choke us

Do you allow television, or other forms of entertainment, to choke the word in your heart? What about making money so you can buy more or save more? These things are not wrong within themselves, but when they are allowed to hinder our spiritual growth they become wrong. The sin is in pursuing the material or physical to the neglect of the spiritual. Jesus said, *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you"*. (Matthew 6:33) This is a test of faith which many Christians fail. The time spent in Bible study, worship and actively serving the Lord, compared with the time spent in physical and material pursuits is often very minimal. Some things are important for physical life, but they must never have first place in our lives.

Christianity involves a new life, not a new pastime. It must be based on commitment, not convenience. Living right is far more important than living well. Food for the soul must have priority over food for the body. (Matthew 4:4) Godliness is of greater value than physical exercise. (I Timothy 4:8) The one who gains the world and loses his soul cheats himself. (Matthew 16:26) We all need to search our hearts with regard to this question - **WHAT ARE MY PRIORITIES?**

*Richard*

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

## ELDERS' COMMENTS'

Last week we encouraged us all to support the upcoming Progressive Gospel Meeting February 26 - March 2, noting that this event begins with a "P". Another "P" for us to consider regarding it is "Promote". We need everyone personally promoting it, as well as planning to attend. Can we count on you? Will you promote it in your family and among your friends? Personal promotion and invitations are the best kind one can receive. It means that you plan to be there, and you believe they would benefit in attending. Again, the theme for the week will be "The Things of Christ", taken from Philippians 2:19-21. Be present, and bring others to hear about the things of our Lord. What could be more important?