

~~~~ 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>June 25, 9:00 A.M.</b><br>Michael Hollis<br>Michael Hollis<br>Russ Baker<br><br>Randy Harp<br>Dylan Madden / Levi Madden<br>Nathaniel Ferguson<br>Dylan Madden<br><br>Mozelle Jones | <b>July 2, 9:00 A.M.</b><br>Randy Harp<br>Randy Harp<br>Russ Baker<br><br>Greg Harp<br>Farron Whisenant/ Willie Green<br>Michael Hollis<br>Larry Richardson<br><br>Mozelle Jones |
| <b>Sunday 2nd Service</b><br>Welcome/ Announcements<br>Prayer<br>Song Leader<br>Preside Communion<br>Serving<br>Preaching<br>Closing Prayer                              | <b>June 25, 11:30 A.M.</b><br>Michael Hollis<br>Michael Hollis<br>Russ Baker<br>Randy Harp<br>Dylan Madden / Levi Madden<br>Nathaniel Ferguson<br>Dylan Madden                         | <b>July 2, 11:30 A.M.</b><br>Randy Harp<br>Randy Harp<br>Russ Baker<br>Greg Harp<br>Farron Whisenant /Willie Green<br>Michael Hollis<br>Larry Richardson                         |
| <b>Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM</b>                                                                                                                                         | <b>June 28, 7:00 P.M.</b>                                                                                                                                                              | <b>July 5, 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)

**“ In Christ Be Free In 2023 ”**

| <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> |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| <b>06/18/ 2023</b>          | <b>Total</b> |
| Sun. Bible Study            | 49           |
| Sun. 1st Worship            | 40           |
| Sun. 2nd Worship            | 43           |
| Wednesday Evening           | 11           |
| Contribution                | \$1,511.00   |



# 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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**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

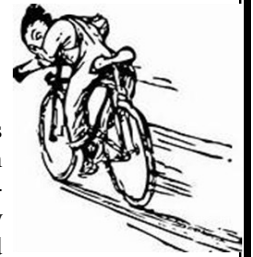
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## FOCUS AND STAY THE COURSE



As a little girl, I can remember how happy I was when I learned to ride my bike. If I was riding on a flat smooth surface, riding was easy and enjoyable. I remember the first time I tried to ride my bike on the gravel roads in our neighborhood with some of my friends. I fell several times. One of my neighbors said “Debbie you have to follow the tire tracks and follow the smooth path in the road, and if you don’t you will fall every time. If you don’t watch where you are going the big rocks get in the way and you will fall, or could be thrown off your bike.” So I learned I needed to pay attention and stay within the tire tracks. At times riding in the path could even be bumpy. After a few skinned knees, I tried harder to focus on where I was riding. So goes the Christian life with our faith. When life seems to be going smoothly, faith is effortless. But when trouble or temptation blindsides us, it can be more difficult to stay the course. That’s when we must try harder to focus on our faith to get us through the hard times. Everyone goes through times when we feel like we don’t enjoy the ride. That path can be frustrating, or disappointing, or a feeling of discouragement, despair or hopelessness. Maybe you can’t see your way out. *Don’t give up, God is still with you, and He can make a way where there seems to be no way. “Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.” Ps 119:105.* We can’t make it on our own and we need each other. By being present for every service, studying, sharing, caring, uplifting, encouraging each other and praying, and studying the Word of God each day, we can make it. If we fall, and we will fall, the important part is to get back up again. It’s a blessing to have a great God, and brothers and sisters in Christ to help you get up when you fall.

*Debbie Lester*

## Our Prayer List

**Nell Lockhart**— had a brother-in-law to pass away. Keep Nell and her family in your prayers as they make arrangements.

**Franklin Reynolds**— friend of Debbie Lester, lost his wife and 2 children this year in death. He was burned when a car engine caught fire. He is at a burn unit, at the Med, in Memphis Tennessee.

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

**Ivan Gonzales**—received bad results from his EEG. The right side of this brain is not functioning and is sending the wrong signals to the left side of his brain. He can barely stay awake and his body temperature has been effected. He is very sick.

**Jill Richards**, daughter-in-law of Scott Richards, was diagnosed with breast cancer. Pray for Jill as she continues her treatments. Pray for Chris as he helps to support and care for her. Jill's address is: 460 County Highway 41 Altonna, Al. 35952.

**Continued Prayer List**—Josiah nephew of Maylene Lamy, Maggie Miller, Don Cheek, Ron Brinkley, Terrance Hannah, Sal & Barbara Joseph, Bernice Harris, Ivan Gonzales, Eyvonne King, cousin of Angela Hollis, Myrna McKenzie, mother of Marilyn Valentine, Vera Pollard, daughter in law of Paul Pollard,, Doris Pate, Mozelle Jones, Willie Mae Brown - Carla Robison's mother, Alfred and Lenora Barnes, parents of Alfred Barnes,

**Send Cards, Make Calls, Show your Love and Care!**

## Activities And Event

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

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

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

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

## Continued Prayer List

**Bernice Harris**— is real sick and not able to walk. She has several health problems that keep her from attending the services of the church in person. Her immune system is not good and her doctor wants her to stay away from crowds. Keep Bernice and her family in your prayers.

**Gainell Green**, sister of Willie Green , is in ICU and will be moved to hospice.

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

**DeShield Family** - friend of Susan Wellman. Please pray for this family. The daughter has cancer.

**Bob Cadenhead**— is out of the hospital and back at the Palms. His address is: The Palms, 8080 Summit Business Parkway, Room 237, Jonesboro, GA. 30236. You can call him on his cell phone (770) 713-8819.

**Ericka Lee**, daughter of Havanna Goebel, has lung cancer. Havanna is in California to help her for a few weeks. Pray for this family. Cards can be sent to: Ericka Lee, 1030 E. Ocean Blvd, Unit 601 Long Beach, Ca 90802.

## Mission Trip To Samoa

Scott Richards is doing great. He is teaching classes and working with Stacey Ferguson while in Samoa. He will return on July.8th. Pray many seeds will be planted and many souls will be brought to Christ!

***May God keep you safe and bring you back to us!***

## ELDERS' COMMENTS

In last week's bulletin attention was given to the mission work Tara is doing through our missionaries in the Pacific Islands, India and Africa. Souls are won and the kingdom of God is growing as a result of our support and their willingness to go and do the work. It's a team effort. They could not go without our financial support and prayers (Romans 10:13-15). Encouragement is given to all of us back home to remember them when we pray and when we give to the work of the Lord. Today we are blessed to hear one of our missionaries, Nathaniel Ferguson, preach and teach the word of God. He is an example of the qualified men Tara supports in the spread of the gospel in the Pacific.

## Christians Practicing Atheism

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A few years ago I read where Madalyn Murray O'Hair, the most noted female atheist in America at the time, appraised people as practicing atheists, who believe in God but do not attend church services. Was she hitting close to the truth? In reality, are not such people closer to the atheistic cause of unbelief than they are to the cause of Christ? Jesus spoke of two classes of people - those for him and those opposed to him. (Matt.12:30)

What difference is there between a person who says there is a God, but lives daily as though there is none, and the person who says there is no God and lives in harmony with that denial? Neither has any hope after this life is over, but is not the latter group more consistent with their beliefs? Paul wrote of those who *'profess that they know God, but in works they deny him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.'* (Titus 1:16)

There was a time in the church when some were opposed to Sunday School, or divided Bible classes. They believed such to be sinful, because there was no biblical authority for divided classes (from their point of view). At the time, there were brethren who would never become involved with the anti-Sunday School faction, but many of those same people did not attend Bible class where they worshiped, nor did they encourage their children to go. What's the difference? Do we not show our profession by our performance? Someone has said, "Actions speak louder than words." What do your actions say with regard to Bible class attendance? Is your belief in God confirmed by your worship?

*Richard*

Our prayers and sympathy are in behalf of the Barnes and Campbell families in the sudden death of Gary Campbell last Sunday. He suffered a massive heart attack that took his life. Gary was married to Alfred's sister, Sonja. A funeral service will be conducted in Valdosta on Monday, July 3. Our cards of sympathy can be mailed to Sonja's home address at 2140 Weatherstone Circle SE, Conyers, GA. 30094.



**In Christ Be Free**

**In 2023**

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

