

~ ~ ~ Those Privileged To Serve ~ ~ ~

<b>Sunday 1st Service</b> Welcome/ Announcements Prayer Song Leader  Preside Communion Serving Preaching Closing Prayer  Prepare Communion	<b>July 9, 9:00 A.M.</b> Michael Hollis Michael Hollis Russ Baker  Greg Harp Dylan Madden / Levi Madden Alfred Barnes Dylan Madden  Katie Kirkland	<b>July 16, 9:00 A.M.</b> Alfred Barnes Alfred Barnes Russ Baker  Greg Harp Farron Whisenant/ Willie Green Scott Richards Patrick Brown  Katie Kirkland
<b>Sunday 2nd Service</b> Welcome/ Announcements Prayer Song Leader Preside Communion Serving Preaching Closing Prayer  <b>Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM</b>	<b>July 9, 11:30 A.M.</b> Michael Hollis Michael Hollis Russ Baker Greg Harp Dylan Madden / Levi Madden Scott Richards Dylan Madden  <b>July 12, 7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>July 16, 11:30 A.M.</b> Alfred Barnes Alfred Barnes Russ Baker Greg Harp Farron Whisenant /Willie Green Scott Richards Patrick Brown  <b>July 19, 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>	
<u>07/02/2023</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sun. Bible Study	45
Sun. 1st Worship	43
Sun. 2nd Worship	41
Wednesday Evening	24
Contribution	\$3926.00



# 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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## ARE YOU LISTENING?



We can't obey God until we first *listen* to His word. *Romans 10:17* “ So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.” We can't obey God if we don't first read, study and meditate

on His word . *II Tim. 2:15* “...Study to show thyself approved unto God...”



Then comes the hardest part, applying the word to our lives.

It's like trying a new sport. You can read a book on how to play the game, even watch a professional. It looks so easy. Then we try and fail. But practice makes perfect. “Failure is not getting knocked down. It's when we don't get up again.” *Rev. 2:10* “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.” *I Cor. 15:58* “...be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...” **Let's work together, as a team! Continue in the faith, keep on keeping on!**

*Debbie Lester*

## Our Prayer List

**Nell Lockhart**— had a brother-in-law to pass away. The funeral was last week. Keep Nell and her family in your prayers.

**Donna Taylor**— is under a doctors care. They have made changes to her diet and she will start physical therapy this Wednesday.

**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 has 1 more treatment. 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 feeling better and misses everyone. She hopes to be with us by the end of the month. 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. It was so great to see her last Sunday.

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

**Doris Pate**— is now living at the Palms. Her room number 148 address is: The Palms, 8080 Summit Business Parkway, Room 237, Jonesboro, GA. 30236. Her phone # is (678) 583-5769.

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

**Franklin Reynolds**— friend of Debbie Lester, He was burned when a car engine caught fire. He is at a burn unit, at the Med, in Memphis Tennessee. He is having skin grafts.



**Scott Richards**  
We missed  
you and are  
thankful you are  
back home safe!

## ELDERS' COMMENTS

We all welcome Scott Richards back from his mission trip to the Samoan Island. Samoa has been a part of our mission efforts through the Pacific Island missionaries for many years now. Not only have we been a financial supporter of the Pacific work, but the Tara elders have gone to help at various times, especially with teaching in the Pacific Islands Bible College. Alfred and Richard also have gone in the past. Tara's support has been most encouraging to the ongoing work there, and the brethren always express their appreciation. We look forward to hearing Scott tell us about his most recent mission trip to Samoa.



## SPIRITUAL INFLATION

In 1945 a loaf of bread cost 9 cents, a gallon of gas 15 cents, a new car \$1,025, and a new house, \$4,625. These prices doubled by 1955. We all know the price of them today. Inflation affects most everything of value, except those things that are the most valuable. Air is still free. We may pay to filter it, cool it, or heat it, but air is free. Water is free. We may pay to filter it, have it piped to our house, purify it, etc., but water is free. All of God's creation is free.

What causes inflation? Two causes are man's carelessness and greed. We are our own worst enemy when considering inflation, disease or sin. However, there is no inflation in salvation. It costs no more today than it did when Adam lived, or Noah, or Paul. The reason - salvation too is a gift of God. (Rom.6:23) It cost God his Son and Christ his life, but it's free to man. The price we must pay to obtain it is no more today than it ever was. Faith and obedience have always been the terms of receiving it. (Hebrews 11) They will never change as long as this world stands.

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. The saved had to live faithful Christian lives, observing all things the Lord and his apostles had commanded. (Matt.28:20; Rev.2:10) Inflation, or deflation, will never affect salvation. The cost will never rise or fall. Let us be thankful that it is free, and that it will never be taken away from us, as long as we receive and keep it on God's terms.

Inflation over the years may cause regret that we did not invest in a particular stock, or piece of land, etc. when it was cheap. One could have sold it today resulting in great wealth. The opportunity is now gone forever. However, such a loss cannot be compared to the loss of one's soul. Jesus said. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?..." (Matt. 16:26) We must take advantage of the offer of eternal life before the opportunity is lost forever!

*Richard*

## In Christ Be Free

## In 2023

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