

~ Those Privileged To Serve ~

Sunday 1st Service	December 21, 10:00 A.M.	December 28, 10:00 A.M.
Welcome ~ Announcements Opening Prayer Song Leader Preaching Preside Communion **11:00** Serving Closing Prayer	Randy Harp Robert White Russ Baker Dyan Madden Melvin Griffin Levi Madden/William Carter Willie Green	Randy Harp Michael Curseen Russ Baker Nathaniel Ferguson Melvin Griffin Levi Madden/Dylan Madden Russ Baker
Prepare Communion	Angela Hollis	Angela Hollis
Sunday 2nd Service	December 21, 11:30 A.M.	December 28, 11:30 A.M.
Welcome ~ Announcements Opening Prayer Song Leader Preaching Closing Prayer	Randy Harp Randy Harp Eugene Sherman Dale Findley Greg Harp	Michael Hollis Michael Hollis Randy Harp Nathaniel Ferguson Steve Pollard
Bible Study Evening 7:00 P.M.	December 23, 7:00 P.M.	December 30, 7:00 P.M.

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

Bible Study 9:00 AM
 1st Worship 10:00 AM
 2nd Worship 11:30 AM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Wishing You The Best!

The holiday season is progressing, reminding us of the many blessings we have in our families and in the body of Christ. The spirit of Thanksgiving must continue in our daily walk with the Lord.

The Christmas season should also be a time of thanksgiving for all of God's wondrous gifts, especially the gift of his Son. Though we have no biblical authority to celebrate his birth religiously, yet Jesus' birth into this world, his life, death, resurrection, and the hope we have in him of that eternal home of the soul should cause our hearts to be filled with gratitude.

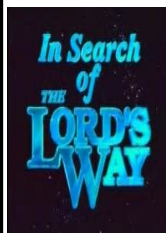
Let's appreciate the atmosphere of giving during this season and become personally involved. Let's grow in our love toward one another in both our physical and spiritual families.

Let's be thankful we have lived another year, enjoying God's many precious blessings. Let's use this season as a time of reflection personal examination and evaluation, and let's resolve to be much more committed to Christ and his church during the coming year.

We wish you the very best during this holiday season. May it increase your gifts of love and service. And may the new year bring us all more blessings than we can count as we faithfully serve our Lord.

In Christian love,

Richard & Dixie



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

12/21/2025—"Jesus and His Promises"
 12/28/2025—"The God of the Bible"

~ Enter to Worship — Leave to Serve ~

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

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

Record of Attendance

<u>12/14/2025</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sun. Bible Study	34
Sun. 1st Worship	55
Sun. 2nd Worship	48
Wednesday Evening	28
Contribution	\$3,464.00

“ CHRIST ALIVE IN '25 ”

PRAYER REQUEST

Maxine Howell— a former Tara member, recently suffered a stroke. After several days in the hospital, she is now at home with rehab.

Nathan Bell—has the flu and home bound for a little longer. Keep him in prayers as he recovers.

Eli Williams— the great grandson of Donna and Harold Williams was in the hospital recently for seizures. He is now home, but will have more tests to determine what is causing them.

Keith Fort— a friend of Jack Denney, recently suffered a stroke. Prayers are asked for him.

Joyce Burge— has been in ICU due to low oxygen levels, and prayers are requested for her. She is an in-law of Steve Pollard.

Maggie and Patrick Brown— prayers are requested for the Brown family. Keep this family in prayers.

Michael Curseen— continues with Infusion Treatments every 3 weeks, for the next 2 years. We need to continue prayers for Michael.

Henrietta Murphy Jones— continues to need our prayers for her.

Brenda Millsap—has shown improvement with the wound treatments. She is also fighting bronchitis. Continue to keep in prayers. She is the sister of the Pollard's.

Continued Prayer List: Billie Pouncey, Archie Robinson, Rosalyn Curseen, Jimmy Denney, Christian and Cory Curseen, Anthony Newman, Paul Pacchioli, Bill Jones, Havanna Goebel, Marcia Woodbury, Steve Smith, Bernice Harris, Jim and Maxine Howell, Vernetta Jones, Don Cheek, Doris Pate, Mozelle Jones, 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

Activities And Events

Today— 9:00 A.M. Bible Study

Today— 10:00 A.M. 1st Worship Service

Today— 11:30 A.M. 2nd Worship Service

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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS UPDATE:

Tuesday—December 23rd— We will have "Singing and Scripture Reading" at 7:00 PM.

Tuesday—December 30th—We will have "Prayer Service. At 7:00 PM.

No bible class on Wednesday the 24th and 31st.

REMINDER —We need to bring in Items for the homeless bags that we are putting together. There is a list on the bulletin board for items still needed.

Project Outreach— The new tracts are available, "The Unity of the Bible" for our outreach program. They are available for you at the security desk.

We also have many tracts and booklets in the foyer for your personal or outreach use.

2026 CALENDARS ~ The church provides wall calendars for our members and guests each year. They are available in the foyer for your taking and use. Use them to mark your personal and congregational appointments for the coming new year. We also have new Tara pens for you, if you haven't got one, they are at the security desk.

Member directories are available and at the security desk for you to take one. PLEASE check if your information is correct or if needs changing, if need be reach out to Robin Wilson 404.213.0736.

Happy Holidays



Elders' Comments

The holiday season is a time of giving and receiving like no other. It's a time of expressing love toward one another in the family and toward dear friends. The gifts bring joy to hearts and sometimes tears to eyes, but when they are freely received and freely given, relationships are made stronger, whether in the family or among friends. Of course, some gifts are more meaningful to the receiver than others and will be cherished for life. No words can describe them.

In a context on giving, the apostle Paul wrote, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift" (II Cor. 9:15). He was referring to the gift of Christ and the salvation that comes only through Him. There is no greater gift. During this time of gift giving, let's be mindful of family members and friends who need that indescribable gift and resolve to do more in the coming year to bring them to Christ, or back to Christ.

The Elders

From the Pen of Richard

OUR SUFFERING AND SINLESS SAVIOR

The suffering of Christ was necessary to provide the means for our salvation from sin. No amount of money could purchase it. The precious blood of the Son of God was required. (I Pet. 1:18,19). Our Savior also had to be sinless. How could a sinful man be the ultimate sacrifice for a sinful people?

Both in Prophecy and in fulfillment the death of Jesus of Nazareth, God in human form, was to be that perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world. And then his sinless suffering became the example for all who would follow Him. "For to this were you called because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps." (I Pet. 2:21)

He committed no sin. (I Pet. 2:22) The perfect life of the Savior is given repeated emphasis in the scriptures. "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (II Cor. 5:21) He "was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin." (Heb. 4:15) Christians are to be followers of the perfect Savior. Of course, complete perfection is impossible for us; however, it should be our goal in life. (Matt. 5:48; Heb. 6:1) And when we fall short of the goal, and we all do, Christ then completes our perfection as we are forgiven and justified through his atoning sacrifice. (Rom. 3:23-26) He is the... "Author and finisher of our faith." (Heb. 12:2) Where we fail, he completes and makes right in "bringing many sons to glory." (Heb. 2:10) No literal perfection is required, but following the perfect One is required.

No deceit was found in his mouth. (I Pet. 2:22) There was no hypocrisy or insincerity in anything He said or did. He was in all respects what He professed to be. Though He was condemned as an imposter, the charge was totally unfounded. If we are to be like Him, we must free ourselves of every kind of deception, hypocrisy and falsehood. A few verses later these words are found: "He who would love life and see good days, let Him refrain His tongue from evil, and His lips from speaking deceit; let Him turn away from evil and do good..." (I Pet 3: 10,11) Our life is to be an open book. What we say, we are. That was Jesus.

He did not revile or threaten. "... who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return, when He suffered, He did not threaten..." (I Pet. 2:23). Jesus did not retaliate. Revenge was never in His thoughts. Legions of angels could have destroyed His enemies at His calling, but to purchase our redemption, He willingly submitted. Followers of Jesus do not take revenge for insults and abuse from others. We do not threaten when we suffer. "...For it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." (Rom. 12:19)

He committed himself to Him who judges righteously. (I Pet. 2:23) Are you willing to fit into God's plan for your life as Jesus did? No higher treasure can be entrusted to another than the soul. Paul wrote, "For this reason I also suffer these things, nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that day." (II Tim. 1:12) To whom have you committed your soul?

Richard

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