

~~~ Those Privileged To Serve ~~~

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| <b>Sunday 1st Service</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>January 11, 10:00 A.M.</b>                                                                                              | <b>January 18, 10:00 A.M.</b>                                                                                                   |
| <b>Welcome ~ Announcements</b><br>Opening Prayer<br>Song Leader<br>Preaching<br>Preside Communion **11:00 **<br>Serving<br>Closing Prayer | Michael Hollis<br>Greg Harp<br>Melvin Griffin<br>Alfred Barnes<br>Randy Harp<br>Jack Denney/William Carter<br>Willie Green | Michael Hollis<br>Patrick Brown<br>Melvin Griffin<br>Alfred Barnes<br>Randy Harp<br>Jack Denney/William Carter<br>Dylan Maddsen |
| <b>Prepare Communion</b>                                                                                                                  | Caryn McCarver                                                                                                             | Caryn McCarver                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Sunday 2nd Service</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>January 11, 11:30 A.M.</b>                                                                                              | <b>January 18, 11:30 A.M.</b>                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Bible Study Evening 7:00 P.M.</b>                                                                                                      | <b>January 14, 7:00 P.M.</b>                                                                                               | <b>January 21, 7:00 P.M.</b>                                                                                                    |



~~ Enter to Worship — Leave to Serve ~~

| <b>What Must I Do To Be Saved?</b> |               |
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| 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 |

| <b>Record of Attendance</b> |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| 01/04/2026                  | Total      |
| *                           | 34         |
| *                           | 58         |
| *                           | 43         |
| *                           | 22         |
| *                           | \$6,215.00 |

# 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*

**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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## WHEN WE LOVE THE LORD



When we love the Lord we do not sit around and try to figure out which of His commandments we do not have to obey. *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments". John 14:15*

When we love the Lord we do not seek excuses to stay away from worship services. Love says, *"I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord". Ps. 122:1*

When we love the Lord we do not discount the importance of Bible study or Bible classes. *"The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life". John 6:63* Remember David, he said the word of God was his meditation all the day because he loved it so much.

When we love the Lord we do not try to find out how little we can do. *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain". I Cor.15:58*

When we love the Lord we do not try to figure out how little we can give. Remember the woman who was a sinner anointing the feet of Jesus with precious ointment. *"Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much..." Luke 7:47*

*"O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me."*

**Love never feels that it has done too much  
for its benefactor.**

*Richard*

*"The Love of God In '2026"*

## Activities And Events

**Today**— Our L.I.G.H.T Fellowship meal will be at the white house following our 2nd Worship Service. Please come join with us, great food and fellowship!!

**Beginning February**— On the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 PM., will begin a new study; The Bible: A Portrait of Redemption. It will be at Henrietta Murphy Jones home. Her address is in Tara's Member Directory.

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

**March 2026**—We will be preparing bags quarterly for the homeless. There will be a list on the bulletin board for items needed. Michael Hollis is overseeing this outreach program.

## Today ...

**9:00 A.M.** Bible Study  
**10:00 A.M.** 1st Worship Service  
**11:30 A.M.** 2nd Worship Service  
**Wednesday Night Bible Class—7:00 P.M.**

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

**01/04/2026**—"The Work of the Church"  
**01/11/2026**—"Do Works Matter"  
**01/18/2026**—"How Jesus Endured"  
**01/25/2026**—"Do Not Grow Weary"

## Prayer Requests

**Henrietta Murphy Jones**— has swelling in her right arm and a lump under her armpit. The doctor is treating her for blood clots and has her on shots twice a day and blood thinners for the next 6 months.

**Ted Young**— is having some serious health issues and needs our prayers.

**Russ Baker**— is having some health issues related to blood clots in his lungs. He is improving with the blood thinners he's on, but will have to take it easy for a while.

**Rosalyn Curseen**— is in rehab on the 12th floor 12CD Room 3 at Grady Hospital. She is making progress and may be coming home with physical therapy soon. She can have visits, short periods of 15-20 minutes. Only 2 persons per visit, bring your I.D..

**Jerome Duke**— has been having high blood pressure issues. He is the brother of Caryn McCarver.

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

**Continued Prayer List:** Maggie and Patrick Brown, Keith Fort, Brenda Millsap, Billie Pouncey, Archie Robinson, 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

~~ May We All Encourage One Another ~~

## Elders' Comments

Our worship leaders have an important role in congregational worship. We must give our very best to the way we lead because we all are worshipping God, and worship leaders are directing our thoughts. That emphasizes the importance of being heard when we speak. If people do not hear you, you are not leading. Raising your voice and speaking to be heard by those near the back will aid everyone, especially those with hearing difficulties. The microphone helps to project the voice, but the leader must be sure he speaks into it.

Beginning today at 9:45, after Bible class, the worship leaders will meet for prayer in the secretary's office. Leaders for both services will have prayer together. May God use our worship leaders to help us all focus on Him and exhort us to love and good works.

*The Elders*

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

## CHURCH GROWTH



Every member of the body of Christ is important to his/her local congregation. Though no one is indispensable, no one should feel insignificant. The scriptures are very emphatic about this. (Cf. I Cor.12:12-27) The church grows where the members know they receive personal blessings from it and feel a personal responsibility toward it. Such people speak of the church as "we" or "I" rather than "they" or "you". Faithful members want to be involved and support every good work. (Titus 3:1) Just what are the blessings that make the church personal to every Christian?

The forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus is received by every faithful member of the body. (I John 1:7) The Holy Spirit leads, guides, strengthens and comforts through the inspired word, completely furnishing us to every good work. (II Tim.3:16,17; II Pet.1:3) Burdens are lifted. (Matt.11:28; Gal.6:2) Problems are solved. (Matt.6:33; Rom.8:28) Temptations are resisted. (I Cor.10:13) Trials are endured. (James 1:12) In faithful worship we are encouraged and provoked to love and good works. (Heb. 10: 24-25) Our brethren love us when no one else will; help us when we need help; weep with us when we grieve, and rejoice with us when we are happy. (Rom.12:10-15) Our hope in Christ is an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast. (Heb.6:19) These are only a few of the scores of blessings each of us, who is faithful in Christ Jesus, receives.

Someone has said, "With every blessing comes a responsibility". Every member must feel a sense of personal responsibility in the work and mission of the church. No one person can do all that God intends to be done in the local church, unless he is the only member of that particular congregation. Everyone cannot do everything, but this will not be necessary if everyone is doing something. What are some responsibilities that each member has?

Each must worship faithfully (Heb.10:25); study diligently (II Tim.2:15); give liberally (II Cor.9:6,7); sing fervently (Eph.5:19); pray regularly (I Thess.5:17,18); and commune weekly (Acts 20:7) Everything we do in worship is personal and should be done from the heart. (Matt.15:8; John 4:24) Soul-winning is the responsibility of every member. (Matt.28:18-20) The spiritual are to restore the erring (Gal.6:1), and every member is expected to be spiritual. Every person must regard himself as a servant in the kingdom, a worker in the vineyard, because each has a work to do and an obligation to fulfill in the service of our King.

When one member is slack in accepting, or fulfilling, his/her responsibilities, then to that degree the church is weak and fails in her mission. When one member is diligent and steadfast in carrying out personal responsibilities, to that degree the church is strong and succeeds in her mission. Will you help or hinder the work and growth of the Tara church during 2026??

*Richard*