

~~~ Those Privileged To Serve ~~~

**Sunday 1st Service**

**Welcome ~ Announcements**

Opening Prayer  
Song Leader  
Preaching  
Preside Communion **\*\*11:00\*\***  
Serving  
Closing Prayer

**Prepare Communion**

**Sunday 2nd Service**

**Welcome ~ Announcements**

Opening Prayer  
Song Leader  
Preaching  
Closing Prayer

**Wednesday Evening 7:00**

**January 18, 10:00 A.M.**

Michael Hollis  
Patrick Brown  
Melvin Griffin  
Alfred Barnes  
Randy Harp  
Jack Denney/William Carter  
Dylan Madden

Caryn McCarver

**January 18, 11:30 A.M.**

Randy Harp  
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Eugene Sherman  
Alfred Barnes  
Richard Harp

**January 21, 7:00 P.M.**

**January 25, 10:00 A.M.**

Michael Hollis  
Bob White  
Melvin Griffin  
Alfred Barnes  
Randy Harp  
Jack Denney/William Carter  
Zackery Wilson

Caryn McCarver

**January 25, 11:30 A.M.**

Michael Hollis  
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Randy Harp  
Alfred Barnes  
Steve Pollard

**January 28, 7:00 P.M.**



**Read the Bible from start to finish in 2026 ...**

Jan 19: Ex 4-6  
Jan 20: Ex 7-9  
Jan 21: Ex 10-12  
Jan 22: Ex 13-15  
Jan 23: Ex 16-18  
Jan 24: Ex 19-21  
Jan 25: Ex 22-24



~~ 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**

|   |                          |                     |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| * | <b><u>01/11/2026</u></b> | <b><u>Total</u></b> |
| * | Sun. Bible Study         | 34                  |
| * | Sun. 1st Worship         | 59                  |
| * | Sun. 2nd Worship         | 50                  |
| * | Wednesday Evening        | 20                  |
| * | Contribution             | \$3,509.00          |

# 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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***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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LET US HEAR THE  
CONCLUSION OF THE WHOLE  
MATTER: FEAR GOD, AND KEEP  
HIS COMMANDMENTS: FOR  
THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF  
MAN. FOR GOD SHALL BRING  
EVERY WORK INTO JUDGMENT,  
WITH EVERY SECRET THING,  
WHETHER IT BE GOOD, OR  
WHETHER IT BE EVIL.



*Ecclesiastes 12: 13-14*

***"The Love of God In '2026"***

Activities And Events

**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**

**01/18/2026**—”How Jesus Endured”

**01/25/2026**—”Do Not Grow Weary”

Prayer Requests

**Bill Jones**— needs our prayers as we’ve learned his cancer has returned.

**Maxine Howell**— has several complications due to the last stroke. She is still in the hospital, and needs our prayers. Jim and Lynne could use prayers also.

**Henrietta Murphy Jones**— has been diagnosed with blood clots. The doctor is treating her with blood thinners for the next 6 months.

**Ted Young**— is now at home after a stay in the hospital from serious health issues.

**Russ Baker**— is having some health issues related to blood clots in his lungs. While he has improved, it will take time through his recovery.

**Rosalyn Curseen**— is home now after a lengthy stay in the hospital. She will be having physical therapy treatments at home. Michael will be working close with her needs. Prayers for Rosalyns recovery, and for Michael as he helps with her care.

**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

We all have a work to do in the local congregation, not just the elders, deacons, preachers and teachers. In Paul's letter to the church at Corinth he addressed our victory over sin and death through Jesus Christ being fulfilled in the resurrection, then saying, "therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:57,58). He was speaking to the whole church. This is the key to growth. When every member, with a positive attitude, is working and doing what he or she can for the growth of the church, God blesses us with the growth we desire and that He wants. What are you doing for the growth of the Tara church of Christ?

The Elders

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

WHY GOOD MORAL PEOPLE WILL BE LOST

Will moral goodness be enough to justify a person in the last day? Many think it will. Because Jehovah is a God of mercy, it is believed that He will save those who at least try to live a fairly good life. Surely only the most ungodly, evil person will be lost in hell. But what does the Bible teach? All religious issues must be determined by God’s word, not man’s opinion. We certainly commend anyone who observes a high moral standard in his daily life. The Bible declares that we must be morally good, and that we must treat our fellow man right. (Matt. 7:12; Titus 2:11,12) However, good moral people will be lost because there is more involved in being saved than morality.

**The good moral person does not acknowledge a need for a Savior.** He thinks he can get to heaven on his own merit, without the aid of Christ, the church and the gospel. But he does not realize that he cannot perform enough human works to assure his salvation. Being saved *“is not of works, lest anyone should boast.”* (Eph. 2:9) *“Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight...”* (Rom. 3:20) Neither does he realize that one sin committed makes him a sinner, and every sin committed deepens the guilt. *“For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.”*(Ja. 2:10) An unbridled tongue makes one’s religion useless. (Ja. 1:26) Furthermore, when one has done all that is commanded, he is still an unprofitable servant. (Lk. 17:10) Man is in need of a Savior, and Jesus the Christ is his only Savior. (John 14:6)

**If one is saved by good morals alone, then Christ died in vain.** There would have been no reason for Christ’s coming and for his death on the cross. He came to seek and to save the lost. (Lk. 19:10); Jn. 1:29; I Tim. 1:15) What a waste that would have been! How foolish it would have been for the Father to send Him and for Jesus to endure the cruel death of Calvary if his death was not necessary in the first place. Yet the fact remains that *“all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”* (Rom. 3:23) Jesus died for sinners. (Rom. 5:8) There were no sinless ones when He came, and it’s no different today.

**One must be in Christ to be saved.** All spiritual blessings are in Christ. Redemption and forgiveness can be found only in Him. (Eph. 1:3,7) The good moral person (in the context of this article) is not in Christ. He has never obeyed the Gospel. He is not in the church, which is the body of Christ. (Eph. 1:22,23) He is not saved because Christ is the Savior of the body. (Eph. 5:23,25) The only way to get into Christ is through an obedient faith, by which one repents and is baptized for the remission of sins. (Act 2:38) *“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”* (Gal. 3:26,27) Human goodness and merit have nothing to do with one getting into Christ. The door is open to the worst of sinners who will come in humble obedience. Then, and only then, does one’s personal goodness count in God’s sight, and furthermore, it is commanded and expected. (Rom. 12:2)

Richard