

~~~ **Those Privileged To Serve** ~~~

| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Service  | March 8, 10:00 AM          | March 15, 10:00 AM         |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Welcome - Announcements</b>  | Randy Harp                 | Randy Harp                 |
| <b>Opening Prayer</b>           | Russ Baker                 | Patrick Brown              |
| <b>Song Leader</b>              | Melvin Griffin             | Russ Baker                 |
| <b>Preaching</b>                | Alfred Barnes              | Alfred Barnes              |
| <b>Preside Communion *11:00</b> | Dale Findley               | Dale Findley               |
| <b>Serving</b>                  | Jack Denney/William Carter | Jack Denney/William Carter |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>           | Greg Harp                  | Ted Young                  |
| <b>Prepare Communion</b>        | Susan Findley              | Susan Findley              |
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Service  | March 8, 11:30 AM          | March 15, 11:30 AM         |
| <b>Welcome - Announcements</b>  | Randy Harp                 | Michael Hollis             |
| <b>Opening Prayer</b>           | Randy Harp                 | Michael Hollis             |
| <b>Song Leader</b>              | Eugene Sherman             | Randy Harp                 |
| <b>Preaching</b>                | Alfred Barnes              | Alfred Barnes              |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>           | Richard Harp               | Dylan Madden               |
| Wednesday Evening               | March 11, 7:00 PM          | March 18, 7:00 PM          |



**In Search of the Lord's Way**  
Sundays - Channel 57 - 7:30 AM

- 03/08 - "God Morals Do Not Change"
- 03/15 - "Conversion"
- 03/22 - "The Church Matters"
- 03/29 - "Things Jesus Did Not Say"



Enter to Worship - Leave to Serve

### What Must I Do To Be Saved?

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Realize I am lost              | Romans 3:23    |
| Hear the Gospel                | Acts 15:7      |
| Believe the Gospel             | Mark 16:15-16  |
| Repent of sins                 | Acts 17:30     |
| Confess Christ                 | Romans 10:9-10 |
| Baptized for remission of sins | Acts 2:38      |
| Remain faithful                | 2 Peter 1:5-11 |

### Record of Attendance

**March 1, 2026**

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Sunday Bible Study    | 32         |
| Sunday First Worship  | 49         |
| Sunday Second Worship | 44         |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 31         |
| Contribution          | \$4,838.00 |

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"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" Psalm 119:30

#### SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:00AM  
1<sup>st</sup> Worship 10:00 AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Worship 11:30 PM

#### WEDNESDAY

Bibe Study 7:00PM

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### A Three Way Christian Inspection

The wise will regularly take time for a self-inspection. One good method of doing so is to apply a three-way inspection.

#### What do others think of me?

We would like to believe that everyone thinks highly of us. Friends likely will, but some others will not. Cornelius thought Peter was divine. Some thought John was a devil. What others think does not change our status. However, we should live so that others will have a proper attitude about us. At the same time, we must not be discouraged when not everyone feels good about us. Jesus warned, "Woe to you when all men shall speak well of you" (Luke 6:26).

#### What do I think of myself?

The Pharisees thought too highly of themselves. Paul warned that we must not think too highly of ourselves. (Romans 12:3) We must regard ourselves well enough to do the best we can and to desire to go to heaven and to work toward that goal.

#### What does God think of me?

This is what really counts! What I think or how others feel may not be God's estimate of me. We can receive the answer to this all important question by comparing our life with His word. Those who look into His word and do it will be blessed (James 1:25). We cannot deceive our God (Galatians 6:7).

Only God can save us eternally.

*The Love of God in 2026*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Project Outreach** - "The Unity of the Bible" tracts are available on the Security Desk for outreach. There is an abundance of "Spiritual Sword" and many other great tracts available for your taking. Let us work to save the lost!!

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** - On the (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays) at 7:00 PM, will begin new study; The Bible: A Portrait of Redemption. It will be at the home of Henrietta Murphy Jones home. Her address is in the Tara Directory.

**March 21** - Every (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday) of the month at 10 AM, the ladies will meet for prayer and fellowship. This is held at the fellowship hall. See Mitzi for details.

**March** - We will be preparing bags for the homeless quarterly. There is list on the bulletin board, and much is still needed. Bring your donations before the 29<sup>th</sup>. Michael Hollis is overseeing this outreach program.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Maxine Howell** - A former Tara member, continues in special care with very serious problems. Please keep her in your daily prayers.

**Joseph White** - will be going on a mission trip to Nepal, from March 17th to April 16<sup>th</sup>. We need to keep him in our prayers.

**Brenda Goebel** - the mother-in-law of Havanna Goebel has improved and in a rehab facility. Prayers are requested for her and the family.

**Jack Denney** - recent results came out good. He will have a skin cancer removed in March.

**Henrietta Murphy Jones** - is going to consult with her Doctors to have surgery rather than the 2 rounds of Chemo. Prayers for her are appreciated.

**Rosalyn Curseen** - is in the healing phase, before starting rehabilitation. She needs prayers as well as her husband, **Michael Curseen**. He continues with Infusion treatments every 3 weeks for the next 2 years. He is doing well with them so far.

**Continued Prayer List:** Bernice Harris, Brenda Millsap, Russ Baker, Vera Hannah, Ted Young, Maggie and Patrick Brown, Keith Fort, Billie Pouncy, Archie Robinson, Jimmy Denney, Christian and Cory Curseen, Anthony Newman, Paul Pacchioli, Havanna Goebel, Marcia Woodbury, Steve Smith, Jim and Maxine Howell, Vernetta Jones, Don Cheek, Doris Pate, Mozelle Jones, Mary Woodbury, Willie Mae Brown (Carla Robisons mother), Alfred and Lenior Barnes (parents of Alfred Barnes), Erika Lee (Havannas Goebels daughter), Erika Lees father, Ervin Lee, Vera Pollard

### Elders' Comments

Self examination in worship helps to keep our hearts right with God. It is important in taking the Lord's Supper (I Cor.11:28-29). Am I really discerning the Lord's body or partaking in an unworthy manner? Of course self examination is important in all our worship. Do I "let the word of Christ dwell in me richly" when it is preached, and do I "sing with grace in my heart to the Lord" (Col.3:16)? Do I give cheerfully and liberally as God has blessed me? (II Cor.9:7,8) Do I pray fervently, whether in private or in the worship assembly? (James 5:16) Our presence is important, but true and acceptable worship is from the heart. Jesus said of some, "This people draw near to me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me...."(Matt.15:8). May this never be said of the Tara congregation.

*The Elders*

## From the Pen of Richard

### Warnings About Deception (Part 2)

Last week we began this article on how we can deceive ourselves. Two ways mentioned were: (1) If we think we can practice sin and still be saved, and (2) If we think we can sow one thing and reap another.

Another route of self-deception is when we think we are better than we really are. In Gal. 6:3 we find this statement, "For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself." This statement is made in the context of the spiritually strong restoring a weak brother who has been overtaken in a trespass, thereby helping to bear his burden (vs. 1,2). Love, care and gentleness must be demonstrated toward the brother overtaken, "considering yourself lest you also be tempted." With such a spirit, we put ourselves in another's place, realizing how difficult it is to resist our own temptations. On the other hand, the haughty spirit, that considers oneself better than another who has yielded to temptation is condemned. Such a person deceives himself because everybody is subject to sin and can be overtaken by it at anytime. "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (I Cor. 10:12). The root of this sin is pride (haughty eyes), which is a sin that God hates (Prov. 6:16). Pride goes before destruction (Prov. 16:18), and it is of this world (I John 2:16). In reality, the one who thinks he is better than someone overtaken by sin is in fact overtaken by sin himself, and therefore no better. Only self-deception would cause one to think otherwise.

Another form of self-deception is when we think we can be a hearer and not a doer of God's word. James 1:22 states, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." Hearing the word is essential (Rom. 10:17) but hearing only is worthless. This point is emphasized by one seeing himself in a mirror, realizing personal improvement is needed and then going away doing nothing about it (vs. 22-25). The Bible is like a mirror. When we read it, or hear it preached, we see our spiritual lives to be acceptable or need improvement. If the need for correction is evident, then action must be taken to bring it about. Knowing what needs to be done is not enough. Proper application of the word is the only thing that will bring about the correction. To think otherwise is to deceive oneself.

One application of this principle is stated in the context, "If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue, but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless" (James 1:26). He may be a doer of the word in other areas and consider himself to be religious, but the fact that he is only a hearer and not a doer with regard to the use of his tongue, leaves him deceived, and causes whatever good he is doing to be worthless. Obedience has always been essential in man's relationship with God, and it never will be a non-essential.

Many other passages could be cited that warn against becoming deceived (cf. I Cor. 15:33; Matt. 13:22; Eph. 5:6; Rom. 16:17,18; II Tim. 3:13) Since deception is so common, let us always guard against it because it could cause us to miss heaven.