

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

| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Service  | April 5, 10:00 AM        | April 12, 10:00 AM       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Welcome - Announcements</b>  | Michael Hollis           | Michael Hollis           |
| <b>Opening Prayer</b>           | Greg Harp                | Bob White                |
| <b>Song Leader</b>              | Melvin Griffin           | Russ Baker               |
| <b>Preaching</b>                | Alfred Barnes            | Alfred Barnes            |
| <b>Preside Communion *11:00</b> | Patrick Brown            | Patrick Brown            |
| <b>Serving</b>                  | Levi Madden/Dylan Madden | Levi Madden/Dylan Madden |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>           | <b>Willie Green</b>      | Richard Harp             |
| <b>Prepare Communion</b>        |                          |                          |
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Service  | April 5, 11:30 AM        | April 5, 11:30 AM        |
| <b>Welcome - Announcements</b>  | Michael Hollis           | Randy Harp               |
| <b>Opening Prayer</b>           | Michael Hollis           | Randy Harp               |
| <b>Song Leader</b>              | Russ Baker/Volunteers    | Eugene Sherman           |
| <b>Preaching</b>                | Dylan Madden             | Michael Hollis           |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>           | Steve Pollard            | Dylan Madden             |
| Wednesday Evening               | April 1, 7:00 PM         | April 8, 7:00 PM         |

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

04/05 - "Jesus Saves Sinners"  
04/12 - "Our Forgiving God"  
04/19 - "Power In The Blood"  
04/26 - "Transforming Grace"



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 29, 2026**

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Sunday Bible Study    | 46         |
| Sunday First Worship  | 64         |
| Sunday Second Worship | 31         |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 22         |
| Contribution          | \$2,920.00 |

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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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**Some Easter Considerations**

- **Easter is a man-made religious holiday.**  
So is Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Such cannot be found in the Bible, but were introduced several hundred years after the Scriptures provided man completely unto every good work. (II Timothy 3:16,17)
- **Jesus did not authorize its celebration.**  
He promised to send the Holy Spirit who would guide the apostles into "all truth: (John 16:13) None of the apostles, nor any New Testament church, ever observed it.
- **The gospel is the death and resurrection of Christ.**  
(I Corinthians 15:1-4) The first century church met weekly (not annually) to commemorate Christ's death by observing the Lord's supper. (Acts 20:7, I Corinthians 11:23-26) The resurrection is a biblical fact for which we are constantly thankful, and by which we have hope for our own resurrection.
- **Scripture condemns special religious days.**  
The issue is addressed in principle in Galatians 4:10,11 and Colossians 2:16,17. The Bible gives instructions on when and how the Lord's resurrection is to be observed.
- **We must follow the Scriptures in all things.**  
We are Christ's disciples if we abide in his word. ( John 8:31) We cannot add to the scriptures. (II John 9; Revelation 22:18) Observing human traditions, even those that appear good and right, is dangerous. (Mark 7:1-13)

*The Love of God in 2026"*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tara Directory Update** - Please check the directory at the Security Desk and verify your information is correct. An updated Member Directory will be available on April 12th.

**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!!

**OUTREACH** - We will be preparing bags for the homeless quarterly. There is list on the bulletin board, and much is still needed. Bring in your donations so they can be prepared. Michael Hollis is overseeing this outreach program.

**April 6th and 20th** - 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. Her address is in the Tara Directory.

**April 12th - L.I.G.H.T Fellowship** luncheon will be after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Service. We plan to have hot dogs, hamburgers and the fixings. See the bulletin board for items needed. Come Enjoy!!!

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** - 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.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** **Ted Young** - is in Henry Piedmont Hospital in Room 2241, with health issues and high blood pressure problems. Remember him in your prayers.

**Courtney Matthews** - is battling cancer in a very difficult stage. Prayers are requested for him. He is the cousin-in-law of Maylene Lamy.

**Joseph White** - has left for his mission work in Nepal. We need to keep him in our prayers for safety and his work efforts.

**Jack Denney** - had skin cancer surgery on April 2nd. Prayers are appreciated for complete healing.

**Henrietta Murphy Jones** - will have another Chemo Treatments on Monday. She is doing some better adjusting to them. Continued prayers as needed for her.

**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:** Jim and Maxine Howell, Brenda Goebel, Bernice Harris, Brenda Millsap, Russ Baker, Billie Pouncy, Archie Robinson, Jimmy Denney, Christian and Cory Curseen, Paul Pacchioli, Havanna Goebel, Marcia Woodbury, Steve Smith, 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 Nepal (Havannas Goebels daughter), Erika Lees father, Ervin Lee, Vera Pollard

### Elders' Comments

Attending the assemblies of the church is an obligation that every member has. Attendance is the life of the church. Without it the church would die. And if I did not attend I would die. When a Christian is habitually absent the church is weakened, and so is the Christian. It strengthens me to be here, and I know that my presence is a strength to the church. Hebrews 10:24,25 applies to me just like it applies to every member of the church, so I am determined not to forsake the assembly of the church. Are you?

*The Elders*

### The Easter Tradition

Today is recognized as Easter Sunday by the vast majority of Christendom. Biblically, there is no such thing. The tradition to celebrate Easter, like Christmas, is of human origin which was started by men hundreds of years after the New Testament was completed. Many religious groups promote various holy days such as Ash Wednesday, Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and numerous other special holy days. Apparently, it does not matter that we have no biblical authority for their celebration. This is just another example of how people feel free to add to God's word. (Deut. 4:2; Rev. 22:18,19) Religious traditions are upheld while God's precepts are ignored. (Cf. Matt. 15:1-9 and Gal. 4:10,11)

Any good encyclopedia gives the origin of these man-made holy days, and they certainly did not begin in biblical times. Though this comes as a surprise to many sincere people, it is the truth. God's divine plan and instructions are far better than anything man could ever devise. The birth of Jesus into this world was important, yet it was his death and resurrection that biblical emphasis was given, and should be given today. However, these events were not to be commemorated by setting aside special holy days once a year. When Jesus gave the apostles the unleavened bread and fruit of the vine, following the Passover meal, he said, "*This do in remembrance of Me*" (Luke 22:19,20) When the Corinthian church failed to remember the Lord's death properly in coming together, Paul reminded them of the importance of it, as well as the manner in which it was to be observed. (1 Cor. 11:23-29) The Jerusalem church "*continued steadfastly in...the breaking of bread...*" (Acts 2:42) Paul waited at Troas a week to "break bread" with the disciples there who came together on the first day of the week for that purpose. (Acts 20:7) It was a weekly observance by first century Christians. And how much better that is than setting aside one day a year to commemorate the Lord's death and resurrection. Surely, he is worthy of more.

The word "Easter" is found one time in the King James Version in Acts 12:4. All other versions, including the NKJV, translate this Greek word pascha as Passover. The word is found 29 other times in the New Testament, and in every other case it is translated "Passover" in all versions including the KJV. All the biblical translators believe it should be Passover in Acts 12:4. Of course, Easter, as it is known today, was already being observed in 1611. No doubt the practice influenced their serious mistake of not accurately translating pascha in this passage.

We are happy to have each and every person who is present in this assembly today as we once again commemorate our Lord's death and resurrection. Next Sunday, and every Sunday, we will commemorate it again, and we encourage you to join us in doing so.

*Richard*