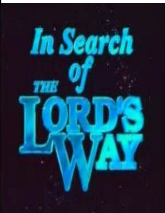
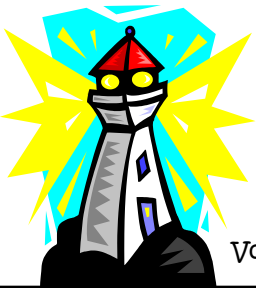


~~~ Those Privileged To Serve ~~~		
<u>Sunday 1st Service</u>	<u>December 1, 9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>December 8, 9:00 A.M</u>
Welcome ~ Announcements Scripture / Prayer Song Leader	Alfred Barnes Nathan Bell Russ Baker	Michael Hollis Michael Curseen Russ Baker
Preside Communion Serving Preaching Closing Prayer	Dylan Madden Greg Harp/Randy Harp Stacy Ferguson Willie Green	Dylan Madden Greg Harp/Randy Harp Alfred Barnes Nathan Bell
Prepare Communion	Donna Williams	Donna Williams
<u>Sunday 2nd Service</u>	<u>December 1, 11:30 A.M.</u>	<u>December 8, 11:30 A.M</u>
Welcome ~ Announcements Scripture/ Prayer Song Leader Preside Communion Preaching Closing Prayer	Michael Hollis Michael Hollis Russ Baker/Volunteers Dylan Madden Alfred Barnes Steve Pollard	Michael Hollis Michael Hollis Russ Baker Dylan Madden Alfred Barnes Russ Baker
<u>Wednesday Evening 7:00 P.M.</u>	<u>December 4, 7:00 P.M.</u>	<u>December 11, 7:00 P.M.</u>
<b>Weekly Assembly Schedule</b>  9:00 AM - 10:00 AM - Worship 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM - Bible Classes 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM - Worship Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 PM (Some variation may be necessary)		 <b>In Search Of The Lord's Way</b> <b>Sundays - Channel 57 - 7:30 AM</b>  12/1/24 - "True Worship" 12/8/24 - "The Way to Peace" 12/15/24 - "Grieving" 12/22/24 - "Because of Jesus" 12/29/24 - "The Way"

*“ For Christ Do More In 2024”*

<u>What Must I Do To Be Saved?</u>		<u>Record of Attendance</u>	
Realize I am lost	Rom. 3:23	<u>11/24/2024</u>	<u>Total</u>
Hear the Gospel	Acts 15:7	Sun. 1st Worship	37
Believe the Gospel	Mk. 16:15-16	Sun. Bible Study	40
Repent of sins	Acts 17:30	Sun. 2nd Worship	47
Confess Christ	Rom. 10:9-10	Wednesday Evening	12
Baptized to remit sins	Acts 2:38	Contribution	\$2,561.00
Remain faithful	2 Pet. 1:5-11		



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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**  
1st Worship 9:00 am  
Bible Class 10:30 am  
2nd Worship 11:30 am

**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Study 7:00 pm

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**Roslyn Curseen**—will have upcoming tests. We hope all goes to her favor. Let’s continue to keep her in our personal prayers.

**Payton Lester**— granddaughter of Debbie Lester had her appendix removed at CHOA on Tuesday. Prayers for her as she recovers. Cards of encouragement can be sent to: 333 Creekside Dr Apt C, Leesburg, Ga. 31763.

**Jimmy Gray**—prayers are requested for him as he had two surgeries on his leg, from a fall. (Brother of Harold Williams)

**James Pollard**—has radiation beginning soon. Please keep him in you prayers. (The Pollard’s brother)

**Vera Hannah**—hasn’t been able to drive due to eye surgeries. Prayers for her recovery.

**Alfred Barnes Sr**—has improved and has not had any seizures. The meds are working for him. Continued prayers as he recovers.

**Bernice Harris**—prayers the new medicine will work to help her immune system.

**Brent Pollard**—is battling serious health problems. Prayers are asked for him.

**Havanna Goebel**, continues with pain, Ericka Lee, Havanna’s daughter, continues to battle with her cancer. Her father, Ervin Lee, also has cancer.

**Continued Prayer List:** Jim and Maxine Howell, Veranetta Jones, Josiah, nephew of Maylene Lamy and her friends Pauline Noel and Leshon Cheely, Don Cheek, Donna Taylor, Doris Pate, Mozelle Jones, Nathan Bell, Quenton Hogan, Vera Pollard, Willie Mae Brown, Carla Robison’s mother, Alfred and Lenora Barnes, parents of Alfred Barnes, Betty Manning, mother-in-law of Jack Denney, Lynette Sumner, Mother-in-law of Steve Pollard

**SEND A CARD ~ MAKE A CALL ~**

## Activities And Events

**Today**— 9:00 A.M. 1st morning worship service.

**Today**— Sunday Morning Bible Classes 10:30A.M.

**Today**—11:30 A.M. 2nd worship service.

**Wednesday night Bible class**– 7:00 P.M.

**December 2— Monday for the Master:** First Principles Class @ 7 PM in the home of Henrietta Murphy Jones. Please see the directory for her address.

**December 14**—Ladies Prayer Breakfast and Cookie Swap will be at the fellowship hall at 10:30 AM. A breakfast sign up sheet is posted in the foyer.

**December 8**—Our **Lite Fellowship** has been moved up a week due to the holidays. We will give details for the fellowship to you soon.

**2025 Sermon Topics Suggestions:** Alfred Barnes would like suggestions from the Tara congregation on “Topics for Sermons” for the upcoming year. A sheet is placed on the bulletin board for you to add your suggestion(s).

### A note we wanted to share with you ...

Good morning Bro. Alfred, praying all is well with you and the family and all my brothers and sisters there! We are still in Ohio I came for a couple of doctors appointments and now I have had five and I’m scheduled for another one on the fifth of December! I am tired of seeing Doctors and testing, CT’s X-ray and so forth. I am ready to get back home! I no longer like the snow and my bones don’t like the cold . Give my love to the Church and hope to see you all soon. God Bless you, Sis Havanna.

**2025 CALENDARS** - The church provides wall calendars for our members and guests each year. They are available in the foyer for your taking and use. Please limit yourself to two until all who want them are able to get them. Use them to mark your personal and congregational appointments for the coming new year.

The **Tara Directory** will be completed by end of year.

## Elders’ Comments

Tara is blessed today to hear another report about the work we support in the Pacific Islands. Stacy and Kathy Ferguson are one of three families who are involved full time in the Pacific Islands Bible College (PIBC), a project for strengthening and edifying the kingdom of God in that part of the world. It is an exciting work that is growing rapidly and involves many US congregations, like Tara, as well as preachers who go to help with the teaching. Stacy will preach for us in the first service this morning and use the Bible class period for the PIBC report.

*The Elder’s*

*From the Pen of Richard*

## What If...???

We all have used the above words to preface some questionable action and possible consequences we could face. What if I’m late? What if I don’t have the money? What if I have an accident? What if I do more than is expected of me? Such is a good question to ask with respect to our spiritual welfare also.

**What if I don’t study my Bible?** We are exhorted to “*give attention to reading, to exhortation and to doctrine.*” (I Tim 4:13), and to “*meditate on the law of the Lord day and night*” (Ps. 1:2) Failure to study the word of God shows a lack of interest in it. This is how God speaks to us, but what if someone is not interested in what he has to say? Most people read magazines, the newspaper and various secular publications, even junk mail and advertisements that fill our mailboxes, but seldom do they read the Bible. God’s word will judge us (John 12:48) “what if “I don’t know what it says, nor am I interested in knowing? Good question! How would you answer that?

**What if I don’t pray?** Prayer is how we talk to God. Those who don’t pray evidently have little interest in talking to him. Christians are told to “*pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks...*” (I Thess 5:17-18) “*The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much*” (James 5:16). “*... if we ask anything according to his will, He hears us*” (I John 5:14) But “what if” I know these things and still don’t pray? Good question! How would you answer that?

**What if I don’t assemble with the church faithfully?** We exhort and encourage one another when we come together. We teach and admonish one another; pray for one another, worship God and praise him for his many wonderful blessings, and are reminded of our responsibilities in serving Him. But what if we don’t go? What if our absentee record at work was similar to our absentees when the church meets to worship? What if we allowed our children to miss school like we let them miss Bible study and worship? Christians are commanded, “*Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together... but exhorting one another...*” (Heb. 10: 24,25) But “what if: I just don’t go, unless it’s convenient? Good question. How would you answer that?

**What if I don’t give as I should?** The work of the church depends on the contributions of the members. But what if they don’t give? Will the work be limited to that extent? We are commanded to give as we have been prospered. (I Cor. 16:2) We are not to give sparingly, or grudgingly, but cheerfully and liberally. (II Cor. 9: 7-9) Giving is essential to living the Christian life. But “what If” I give very little compared to God’s blessings in my life? Good question How would you answer that?

**What if...** I know souls that are lost and I do nothing to help them learn the truth? I know people who are discouraged, suffering, sick, need help, and I’m too busy with my own affairs to be there for them? I hear about gospel meetings and other events that are designed to teach the lost and strengthen the church, and I seldom, if ever, go? An appeal is made to help clean up around the building attend an E.C.H.O. group meeting, be on time for Bible study, etc. and I pay no attention to the appeal? These are good “what if” questions, and we have our own thoughts and opinions about them. But what really is important is what God thinks.

*Richard Harp*

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