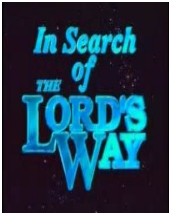


~ ~ ~ Those Privileged To Serve ~ ~ ~

<u>Sunday 1st Service</u>	<u>December 29, 9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>January 5, 9:00 A.M.</u>
Welcome ~ Announcements Scripture / Prayer Song Leader	Michael Hollis Michael Curseen Russ Baker	Michael Hollis Dylan Madden Russ Baker
Preside Communion Serving Preaching Closing Prayer	Dylan Madden Greg Harp/Randy Harp Nathaniel Ferguson Patrick Brown	Michael Curseen William Carter/Jack Denney Alfred Barnes Donnell Robison
Prepare Communion	Donna Williams	Donna Williams
<u>Sunday 2nd Service</u>	<u>December 29, 11:30 A.M.</u>	<u>January 5, 11:30 A.M.</u>
Welcome ~ Announcements Scripture/ Prayer Song Leader Preside Communion Prayer Service Closing Prayer	Michael Hollis Michael Hollis Eugene Sherman Dylan Madden Nathaniel Ferguson Willie Green	Michael Hollis Michael Hollis Russ Baker/Volunteers Michael Curseen Alfred Barnes Greg Harp
<u>Bible Study Evening 7:00 P.M.</u>	<u>January 2, 7:00 P.M.</u>	<u>January 8, 7:00 P.M.</u>
Weekly Assembly Schedule 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)		 In Search Of The Lord's Way Sundays - Channel 57 - 7:30 AM 12/29/2024—"The Way" 01/05/2025—"Authority" 01/12/2025—"Back to the Bible" 01/19/2025—"Accountable to God" 01/26/2025—"Obedience"

“ 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>12/22/2024</u>
Hear the Gospel	Acts 15:7	<u>Total</u>
Believe the Gospel	Mk. 16:15-16	Sun. 1st Worship
Repent of sins	Acts 17:30	Sun. Bible Study
Confess Christ	Rom. 10:9-10	Sun. 2nd Worship
Baptized to remit sins	Acts 2:38	Wednesday Evening
Remain faithful	2 Pet. 1:5-11	Contribution
		\$2,951.00



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“The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.” Psalm 119:130

Tara church of Christ 770-471-7300 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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New Year's Wishes for 2025

During the New Year may you have ~

Enough happiness to keep you sweet.
Enough trials to keep you challenged
and strong.
Enough sorrow to keep you human.
Enough hope to keep you happy.
Enough failure to keep you humble.
Enough success to keep you eager.
Enough friends to give you comfort.
Enough wealth to meet your needs.
Enough enthusiasm to make you look
forward to tomorrow.
Enough determination to make each
day better than the day before.
Enough love to be willing to say,
“I am sorry.”

Our theme for the new year ~

CHRIST ALIVE IN '25

It's up to each of us to keep Him alive
in our hearts.



Eleanor English—the sister of Susan Wellman has upcoming surgery. Keep her in your prayers.
Loyal Williams Jr—the brother of Nell Lockhart, has many health issues of concern and needs our prayers.
Jerome Dukes—the brother of Caryn McCarver, is fighting multiple infections that are resisting antibiotics. Please keep him in your prayers.
Bush Denney—the brother of Jack Denney, has pancreatic cancer and begins chemo on Monday. He will have the pancreas removed after a series of chemo. Please keep him in your prayers.
Bernice Harris—prayers the new medicine will work to help her immune system.
Roslyn Curseen—Let's continue to keep her in your prayers, as she continues her Doctors visits.
Alfred Barnes Sr—has improved and has not had any seizures, as the meds are working for him. Keep him in your prayers.
Brent Pollard—some set backs coming off the ventilator. Please keep him in your prayers.
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: Glenda Broomfield, Vera Hannah, 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, Quenton Hogan, Vera Pollard, Willie Mae Brown, Carla Robinson'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, James Pollard

~ SEND A CARD ~ MAKE A CALL ~

Activities And Events

Today— 9:00 A.M. 1st morning worship service.
Today— Sunday Morning Bible Class 10:30A.M.
Today—11:30 A.M. 2nd worship service.
Wednesday night Bible class— 7:00 P.M.
** In view of the family holiday being on Wednesday, our mid-week Bible classes will meet on **Thursday night, January 2nd.** **
January 13th— Monday for the Master: First Principles Class @ 7 PM in the home of Henrietta Murphy Jones. Please see the directory for her address.
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).

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. Use them to mark your personal and congregational appointments for the coming new year.

The **Tara Member Directory 2025**, will be available the first Sunday in January.

Proverbs 16:3— Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Our heartfelt condolences and prayers are with Havanna Goebel, as her brother, Eugene Dudley, passed away on December 24, 2024. Please keep Sister Havanna and her family in your prayers.



Elders' Comments

As we enter the new year we must seriously consider our commitment to the Lord and His church. Our theme each year keeps us focused on this commitment. With the help of suggestions from our members we have selected CHRIST ALIVE IN '25 for Tara's 2025 theme. Of course, we know that He literally is alive and has been since He was raised from the dead. He said, "I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore; Amen" (Rev. 1:18).

The emphasis of our theme is to be sure that He remains alive in our hearts and lives throughout 2025 and forevermore. This is important to New Testament Christians. Paul emphasized it time and again. "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col.1:27); "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me..." (Gal.2:20). Let's all think how we can keep Christ alive in us and determine to do so in the new year and beyond.

The Elders

From the Pen of Richard

TAKING TIME IN 2025

A new year begins Wednesday! Where did the past twelve months go? The rapid passing of time reminds us of the brevity of life, the preciousness of time, and the urgency of doing what we can while we can. It also reminds us of those things in life that are most important - the Bible, the church, the soul, family, Christian friends, hope for a better tomorrow, etc. We are reminded that Christ must be the center of our lives because no one else, and nothing else, can bring us the happiness and blessings we really need. May this new year challenge us to take the time, while we have it, to live. During 2008 will you consider taking time for the following important things?

Take time to plan. Far more is accomplished with a plan than without one. Planning exercises the mind before working the body. Those who plan little do little. Jesus had a plan. (Luke 19:10)

Take time to work. Success comes only when we follow through with our plans. Inspiration without perspiration leads to failure. Jesus worked his plan. (John 9:4) Work is essential to eating. (II Thess. 3:10) However, we should not let work take all our time.

Take time to play. It is the secret of recreating self. Even Jesus felt the need to walk along a seashore and to go into the mountains. (Luke 6:12) Yet, playing, relaxation and recreation must not be the primary essence of life.

Take time to read. It is the foundation of knowledge. The man who doesn't read has no advantage over the man who can't read. Reading makes life full, significant and interesting. It provides help for many problems and refuge for many miseries. Of course, the Bible should be number one on our reading list. Jesus spoke of searching the scriptures to find him. (John 5:39)

Take time to for others. Be friendly and make friends. (Prov.18:24) Assist others when opportunity comes. (Gal. 6:10) Life is too short to be selfish. Jesus had time for individuals, in fellowship, in teaching, and in giving assistance.

Take time to laugh. It is medicine for the heart. (Prov. 17:22) Can you imagine Jesus never smiling or laughing at things, or people, he found amusing?

Take time to weep. Jesus did. Acquainted with grief, he could weep with the burdened. (John 11:35) Likewise, we are to weep with those who weep. (Rom.12:15)

Take time to be thankful. It helps us be positive about our situations in life. It brings the peace of God that guards our hearts, even in the midst of trials. Jesus always gave thanks, and taught his disciples to be thankful. (Matt. 15:36)

Take time to serve God. It is the conclusion of what really matters and the whole of man. (Eccles. 12:13) Jesus said that his food and purpose of life was to do the will of the Father. (John 4:34; 6:38) He is always our example in everything that is right and good.

Richard

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