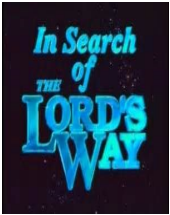
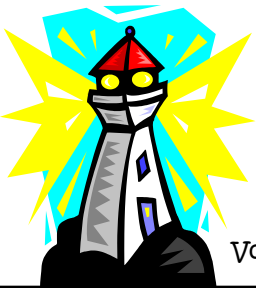


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<b><u>Sunday 1st Service</u></b>  Welcome ~ Announcements Scripture / Prayer Song Leader  Preside Communion Serving Preaching Closing Prayer  <b>Prepare Communion</b>	<b><u>December 8, 9:00 A.M.</u></b>  Michael Hollis Michael Curseen Russ Baker  Dylan Madden Greg Harp/Randy Harp Alfred Barnes Nathan Bell  Donna Williams	<b><u>December 15, 9:00 A.M.</u></b>  Michael Hollis Patrick Brown Russ Baker  Dylan Madden Greg Harp/Randy Harp Alfred Barnes Levi Madden  Donna Williams
<b><u>Sunday 2nd Service</u></b>  Welcome ~ Announcements Scripture/ Prayer Song Leader Preside Communion Preaching Closing Prayer  <b><u>Wednesday Evening 7:00 P.M.</u></b>	<b><u>December 8, 11:30 A.M.</u></b>  Michael Hollis Michael Hollis Russ Baker Dylan Madden Alfred Barnes Russ Baker  <b><u>December 11, 7:00 P.M.</u></b>	<b><u>December 15, 11:30 A.M.</u></b>  Michael Hollis Michael Hollis Russ Baker Dylan Madden Alfred Barnes/Volunteers Russ Baker  <b><u>December 18, 7:00 P.M.</u></b>
<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)	<div></div> <b>In Search Of The Lord's Way</b> Sundays - Channel 57 - 7:30 AM  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 ”***

<b><u>What Must I Do To Be Saved?</u></b>		<b><u>Record of Attendance</u></b>	
Realize I am lost	Rom. 3:23	<b><u>12/01/2024</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Hear the Gospel	Acts 15:7	Sun. 1st Worship	24
Believe the Gospel	Mk. 16:15-16	Sun. Bible Study	27
Repent of sins	Acts 17:30	Sun. 2nd Worship	35
Confess Christ	Rom. 10:9-10	Wednesday Evening	15
Baptized to remit sins	Acts 2:38	Contribution	\$7,271.34
Remain faithful	2 Pet. 1:5-11		



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

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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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Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Philippians 4:8



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

**Jack Denney**—requests prayers for his brother Bush Denny, as he's being tested on a mass on his pancreas and liver. He is in Piedmont Newnan Hospital.

**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. He had surgery Friday to have a feeding tube put in, and to take the NG tube out. This we pray helps him to be able to come off ventilator in the days ahead. 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:** Peyton Lester, Jimmy Gray, 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 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

~~ 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 8**—Our **Lite Fellowship** will be after out PM Worship Service. The menu will be Tacos, Enchiladas, and beef. Details are on the sign up sheet in the foyer.

**December 9**— **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. The sign up sheet is in the foyer, please list what item you will be bringing.

**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. 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.



*"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."*

**1 John 5:14**

## Elders' Comments

Prayer is an essential part of the Christian's life. Thanksgiving for our daily blessings is important to the grateful child of God. We also need God's blessings to help us cope with the hardships of life. In our congregational worship God has instructed us to "continue steadfastly in prayer" (Rom.12:12), and the first century church did that (Acts 2:42). In our practice of first century Christianity, prayer should be steadfast.

Next Sunday, December 15th., the 11:30 service will be devoted to prayer. We will have a chain prayer in which several brothers will be praying for various works, or for people that concern us. The prayers will be specific for the prayer leaders, rather than focusing on various topics. Today, Alfred has several topics to give to volunteer leaders to pray about on the 15th. Brothers, ask him today for a topic you can focus on in our chain prayer next Sunday.

*The Elder's*

*From the Pen of Richard*

## Spirituality

There is much emphasis in the religious world about spirituality, or in being spiritual. Most people who follow Christ would like to think we are spiritual, but are we? Is spirituality a biblical concept? Most definitely! Does God want us to be spiritual? Most definitely! Do you consider yourself to be a spiritual person? There can be a vast difference in being a member of the church, and in being genuinely spiritual. The English word, "spiritual", is translated from a Greek word, which occurs twenty-six times in the New Testament.

**The word spiritual refers to those who are mature in the Lord.** Paul could not speak to the Corinthian church spiritually because they were carnal minded. (cf. I Cor.3:1-3) Envy, strife and division marred their spirituality. The spirit of divisiveness, rather than unity, characterized this church. (I Cor.1:10-12) Paul exhorted the spiritual to restore those overtaken by sin. (cf. Gal.6:1) Those lacking spirituality need restoring themselves before they go out to restore others.

**The spiritual person deeply believes in the existence of God and concedes that God has a sovereign right over his life.** *"Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture".* (Ps.100:3) Realizing that God created us, the spiritual person wants to develop a close relationship with his Maker.

**The spiritual person acknowledges that he does not possess the inherent wisdom to know how to conduct his life.** *"O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps".* (Jer.10:23) The spiritual person looks to God for direction, and he finds that direction in the holy scriptures. *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path".* (Ps.119:105)

**The spiritual person tries to have a yielding spirit that longs more than anything to obey God.** *"For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel".* (Ezra 7:10) The ASV renders these first few words, "Ezra had set his heart..." We will not do right unless we set our hearts to do right! We learn God's Word when we set our hearts to learn it. We are faithful when we set our hearts to be faithful. We win the lost to Jesus when we set our hearts to win them.

**The spiritual person views things in terms of eternity, not time.** Paul wrote, *"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us".* (Rom.8:18) The material will perish with time. The physical, even extensive suffering, will pass away in time. But the soul and eternity are timeless.

**The spiritual person does not become overly preoccupied with material things.** He substitutes the material for higher things. He *"seeks those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God".* (Col.3:1) He knows that when he seeks first the kingdom of God in his life, material things will come as they are needed. (Matt.6:33)

**The spiritual person strives for balance in his spiritual life.** The Lord did not grant us the option of choosing certain areas of service and obedience, while ignoring others. We must contend for the faith (Jude 3), and we must be "set for the defense of the gospel" (Phil.1:17), but we cannot ignore personal responsibility in daily Christian living. We must continue growing in the Lord. We must show by example what is that "good and acceptable and perfect will of God". (Rom.12:2).

The quality of being spiritual is within the reach of any Christian, but it is achieved by determined effort. It is not by accident, nor by automatic birthright. But as we grow in our relationship with God, in humble obedience of his will, we become more spiritual. May God help us to strive for this noble quality of life.

*Richard Harp*

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