



# Azalea City Church of Christ

“A Place for Families, A Place for You”

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## “Letting Go”

Very soon, Sarah and I will experience the reality of “letting go” of one of our children, seeing her leave home and make her own way with a new husband. Because of our strong emotional bond with Jenny, it will not be easy to see her go. It is natural for mothers to want to keep their children close as long as possible.

Imagine letting go when your child is very small, as Hannah did with Samuel. For me personally, this kind of sacrifice would be inconceivable. Yet that’s what Hannah and her husband Elkarah did. This mother’s sacrifice was remarkable as an example of complete trust in God. As with Abigail, the subject of our lesson today, Hannah was a wonderful example of faith and courage when she dedicated her son to God’s work: “My heart rejoices in the Lord.” (1 Samuel 2:1) “I also have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord.” (1 Samuel 2:28) She was able to release her only child to the sovereign hands of God to do His work in his life and many others (David’s and Abigail’s).

Releasing our children to the Lord and His will for their lives demands great faith. Mothers and fathers will watch their children grow up to be productive servants in God’s kingdom, when the time comes. Are we willing to entrust them to God’s care? If we do, we’ll experience the peace and joy of knowing that God loves them even more than we do.

David

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### MISSION STATEMENT

We exist to **EXALT** Christ, **EVANGELIZE** the lost, **EDIFY** the saved, and be an **EXAMPLE** to our community.

### 2009 THEME: WALKING WITH HIM

“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps.” **1 Peter 2:21**

## YOUTH GROUP

Jason Killough - Youth Minister  
455-6443- cell

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Today- Happy Mother's Day

May 11- MNFTM, 6-8

May 13- \$80- Dollar Deposit Due for Summer Trip.

May 24- Teens take communion to Shut-Ins. Home Devo after p.m. services

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Chandler Carpenter. He won 1st place (4-6 yrs old group) in the Jim Nolfe Memorial Young Angler's Bass Tournament May 2nd. Chandler also caught the largest bass (4.98 lbs) in the tournament (ages 4-18 yrs).

WAY TO GO!

## BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

Daniel 3:17-18

## A NOTE FROM JASON

We had an excellent period of fellowship last Sunday as we honored the graduates. We are so proud of them. We have 4 Seniors who are going off to college and we want to wish them the best. Thanks for the ways you have contributed to our group over the years.

In Him, Jason

## YOUTH GROUP MISSION

To grow into one of the strongest, God fearing, neighbor loving, cross centered, Bible studying youth ministries in the world today.

## THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Announcements	Terry Cagle
Video Media	Chris Helms
Ushers	Jacob Durham
	Alex Layton
Song Leader	A.M. Steve May
	P.M. Steve May
Scripture Reading	A.M. Taylor Copeland
	P.M. Tom Deck
Opening Prayer	A.M. Chris Helms
	P.M. Kevin Crowell
Closing Prayer	A.M. Mike Wright
	P.M. Terry Cameron

### 9th Man

**Kent Wilkerson**

### Men to Serve the Lord's Table - May

Tim Russell	Larry Tart	Lindy Wright
Ray Campbell	Larry Dye	Rudy Pierce
James Galloway	Jason Killough	

**Lord's Table PM:** Clay Thompson

### Communion to Shut-Ins

Claude Thompson

### Greeters for May

Front: Robert & Evelyn Cornelison Side: Robert Stephenson

### Nursery Attendants

**A.M.** Kim Helms **P.M.** Christina Blankenship

**Toddler Training Room:** Candi White

**Children's Bible Hour:** Candi White

### Men to Serve Wednesday, May 13th

**Song Leader:** George Spurlock **Prayer:** Bob Williams

**Lock up Building for month of May:** Bill Pierce

**Prepare Communion:** Clarice Kite

**Coordinate Meals for Sick & Bereaved:**

Candi White

## ELDERS

Kevin Crowell Mike Eubanks  
Stan Holland Rudy Pierce

## STAFF

David Myers - Pulpit Minister  
Terry Cagle - Associate Minister  
Jason Killough - Youth Minister  
Carra Deck - Secretary  
Glenda Carpenter - Secretary

## THE RECORD YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Study	168
Morning Worship	315
Evening Worship	Family Day
Wednesday Bible Study	110
Contribution (Regular)	\$8,817.08
Weekly Contribution Need	\$8,607.80

## UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY:

Happy Mother's Day!



May 17th - LADS TO LEADERS ORIENTATION 12:00

May 17th - CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 5:30

May 22nd - PIONEER GAME NIGHT

May 24th - ELDERS/MINISTRY LEADERS MEETING 4:30

May 28th - ACCS END OF YEAR PROGRAM 7:00

May 30th - MOTHER/DAUGHTER BRUNCH 10:00 a.m. - If you plan to attend, sign up sheets are in both foyers

May 31st - CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 5:30

Jun 4th - FOOD DISTRIBUTION 9-11 in multipurpose bldg

Jun 6th - ACCS/MCS FISH FRY

Jun 7th - MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 8:00

Jun 7th - WEDDING SHOWER for Jenny Myers & Alex Spurlock after PM Service

Jun 14th - TEEN WEEK AT GCBC

Jun 21st - JUNIOR WEEK AT GCBC

## LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES

It's time to kick off the 2009/2010 Lads to Leaders Program! The theme for 2010 is "Faith is the Victory" and the Bible book is Hebrews. The convention dates are April 2-4, 2010. We will have an orientation and kickoff next Sunday, May 17th. We would like for all parents and kids to come learn about this exciting program. Remember, you don't have to go to convention to participate in Lads to Leaders. We will start off the afternoon with a pot luck lunch so please bring lunch foods (sandwiches, chips, finger foods etc.) and drinks and we'll eat together at 12:00. We'll start the orientation around 12:45. If you have not yet participated in this fun, educational program, please come to the orientation on May 17th to see what it's all about!

## AREA EVENTS

More information about all of these events can be found on the bulletin board outside the office.

May 16th - LADIES' DAY at Spanish Fort Church of Christ from 9:30-12:30. The theme is "What Not to Wear: A Spiritual Makeover" and the speakers are Chelsea Gallaher, Mandy Bell, & Rachael Sherer.

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS DIRECTORY

Sun FHall George Spurlock - Charting Your Spiritual Course  
Sun Aud. David Myers - The Book of John  
Sun MPB Terry Cagle/Bill Pierce - Fundamentals of Faith  
Wed Aud. Bob Williams - Loving, Living, & Giving Like Jesus  
Wed FHall Ladies' Class - Various Topics

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CRAYONS FOR CHILDREN:** We have placed bags of crayons and coloring sheets in the front foyer. If you have small children who want to draw, please have them draw on these instead of the attendance cards. Please return the crayons to the front foyer after church.

**COMMUNION TO SHUT INS** is available for anyone who might need it. If you need to have communion brought to you (or know someone who does), please contact the church office

## DIRECTORY ADDITIONS

PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS TO YOUR DIRECTORY:

Julian & Belinda Russo

Kelley, Matthew, Nicole, Angel

4952 Nan Ct

Eight Mile, AL 36613

656-8343

Orrin & Kathy Stever

Jessica Mastin

6980 Rose Ching Dr

Mobile, AL 36618

649-7880

Brandon & Mandy Schmitz

Paige, Reid

3251 Graham Rd N

Mobile, AL 36618

649-0234

Mary Womack

7477 Tara Dr N

Mobile, AL 36619

366-1765

## POLICE MEMORIAL WEEK

This week (May 10th-16th) has been set aside to remember the policemen who have been killed in the line of duty. Please take time this week to pray for all our policemen, firemen, and armed forces who have dedicated their lives to protecting us.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS

David's Wednesday evening class topic: "Choose Your Attitude, Change Your Life". Learn how to make life's circumstances work for you, not against you. (Romans 8:28-29; 12:1-2)

## BABY GIFT BOX

Today is the last day to put a gift in the box for Kim Holland Claunch and baby Joshua Brinton. The brown gift box is located in the hallway outside the church office.

## FROM THE MAILBOX

My dear sisters in Christ,

I miss you! I have been gone a month now and it seems like forever. I miss being together with you in class and the happy times we had together. I'm having a very nice visit and hopefully, doing a little teaching in a Bible class I go to on Thursday afternoon with my daughter. It is a non-church class on the history of Christianity and is really interesting. Pray that I will be able to bring the scriptures in more and more. Take good care of each other and know that I miss you and pray for you each day.

With much love, Jean Fogle

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER (members)

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW OF ANY CHANGES IN THE PRAYER LIST

**Tammy Odom** - Had an appendectomy Thursday, recovering well at home  
**Glenda Carpenter** - Not feeling well, having tests  
**Christina Blankenship** - Recovering from sinus surgery  
**Eunice Day** - Doing better, recovering after fall that broke 3 ribs  
**Audrey Anderson** - Thyroid problem, on medication  
**Lee Staples** - Had a bad fall, doing better  
**Alyson Davidson** - Continuing on antibiotics, more tests next month  
**Jean Fogle** - Staying with daughter in Florida through 7/25  
**Cubby Merrell** - Lots of health problems (Paul & Debora's grandson)  
**Brenda Odom** - Health issues  
**Rainie Mclinvale** - Many health issues  
**James & Esther Bell** - Many health problems  
**Sue Andrews**  
**Deborah Moody**  
**Ruth Rush**  
**Paul Merrell** - Various health issues  
**Linda Lockler**

## EXPECTANT MOTHERS

**Holly Crowell** (September 09)  
**Terra Thompson** (October 09)

## OUR MILITARY

**Chris Campbell** - Navy, leaving for Japan in May  
**Randy Pierce** - Marines, Fort Leonard Wood (Rudy & Nita's grandson)  
**Kenneth Andrews** - In Germany for 12 months (Terry & Sue's son)  
**Aaron Allsup** - Stationed in Italy (John & Ruby Allsup's grandson)  
**Jacob Pierce** - Back in the States  
**Matthew Geroux** - Stationed in Arkansas (Phillip & Tammy's son-in-law)  
**Keith Moss** - Marines (Skip Garner's son-in-law)  
**Matthew Reitz** - Iraq (friend of Geci's)  
**Joshua Reynolds** - Afghanistan  
**Dewayne Nix** - Navy, stationed in Corpus Christi, TX  
**Manuel Baldwin** - Iraq (Natasha Polk's member at Univ COC-fiance')  
**Michael L Burroughs** - Navy, in Iraq (Irene King's son)  
**Layne Ortiz** (Afghanistan) & **Ryan Ortiz** (Iraq) - Beverly Hall's niece and her husband  
**Shaun Christian** - Afghanistan (Phillip & Tammy Odom's nephew)

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

To Chris Helms and family in the loss of Chris' grandmother on Saturday, the 2nd.

To Tricia Pierce and family in the loss of Tricia's stepfather, Joe Vaught, on Saturday, the 2nd.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord is doing great things here at Azalea City. We are blessed to be able to welcome the following families into the fold:

Julian and Belinda Russo were baptized last Saturday. Their children are Kelley Matthew, Nicole, and Angel

Brandon and Mandy Schmitz were baptized last Sunday after family day. Their children are Paige and Reid.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

Today - Irene Odom, Bill & Tricia Pierce,  
Gerald & Pauline King  
Tuesday - Bill Pierce  
Wednesday - Noah Goleman  
Friday - Jane Campbell



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER (friends & family)

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**Danny & Holly Crowell** - Health problems  
**Lamar Andrews** - Providence, room 1106, had emgy surgery (Don's dad)  
**Jessica Weller** - Rare form of cancer, 13 yrs old (friend of the Roberts family)  
**Arthur Neilsen** - Skin cancer surgery, heart tests (Crystal Roberts' grandfather)  
**Merlin Boudreaux** - Cancer, in hospital in Louisiana, in very serious condition (Margaret Istre's brother-in-law)  
**Campbell Martin** - Health problems, in hospital, 2 yr old former ACCS student  
**Janice White** - Health problems, having tests (Chris' mother)  
**Cindy McClure** - Hip replacement surgery (J.T. McClure's grandmother)  
**Joy Horn** - Back surgery soon (Chris Helms' aunt)  
**Bill Mears** - Had thyroid surgery Friday  
**Ethel Finklea, Diann McCall, Judy Hall, Weaver family** - prayer requests from people at Thursday's food distribution  
**Keith Null** - Hospital, congestive heart & renal failure (Harold's brother)  
**Glenn & Donna Corley** - Many health issues  
**Carley Stewart** - Colon cancer, on chemo (Iris House's brother)  
**Icleatus Albritton** - Pneumonia, doing well, home  
**Clara Williams** (Bob's mother)  
**Crystal Galloway's grandmother** - Has COPD & not doing well  
**Michelle Epperson & Darian Guy**  
**Donald Thrower** - Various health issues (Glenda Wilkes' brother)  
**Elaine Murff** - Liver cancer, procedure went well (Eleanor Kemp's sister)  
**Breanna Moore** - 18 mth old, incurable disease (friend of Blankenships)  
**Agnes Locke** - Recovering from heart surgery (friend of Barbara Mosley)  
**Matt Davis** - Doing better (Regina Davis' son & Mary Womack's grandson)  
**Charles Byrd** - Recovering from cancer surgery (friend of Carpenters)  
**Brynn Woods** - Malignant Fibrous Histiocytoma (3½ yrs old)  
**Leroy Beech** - Mob. Inf. West, in rehab, will be transferred to rehab ctr in MS next month, large hole in back so long recovery ahead (Myra & Deborah's uncle)  
**Wanda Lloyd** - Will be starting radiation & chemo soon (Rebecca's mother)  
**Ronnie Bell** - Health issues (James' brother in Georgia)  
**Marley Nix** - Bacterial infection in lower colon (Hornbuckles' granddaughter)  
**Melanie & Jessica Whitehead** - Bad car accident (Kemp's relatives)  
**Vera Hill** - Home, much better, still on dialysis (Dora Wright's sister)  
**J.T. Harrison** - Back problems  
**Ethan Stokes** - 21 mth old, has had a limp, drs can't find cause  
**Ann Weaver** - Cancer (friend of Glenda Warren)  
**Charlie Peterson** - Cystic Fibrosis (child) (Mac & Jamie Goleman's friend)  
**Billy Jones** - Loss of wife & mother has cancer (Kevin Crowell's friend)  
**Jerrold Eubanks** - Prostate cancer  
**Michael Hornbuckle** - Head injury, another 6 months of recovery  
**Loretta Vaught** - Cancer, chemo is going well (Tricia Pierce's mother)  
**Teddy Mears** - Bone cancer  
**Michele Wheeler** - On medication for brain tumors  
**Teresa Cleveland** - Lung cancer (Melba's niece)  
**Morgan Lee** - Leukemia, graduate student at USA (friend of the Dyes)  
**Sherry Guy** - Back problems, possible surgery (Kemp's daughter-in-law)  
**Barbara Gollotta** - Cancer (friend of Geci's)  
**Caitlean Goode** - Needs liver transplant - 14 yrs old (Kemp's great niece)  
**Wendell Sawyer** - Cancer in blood but no symptoms, doing well, no chemo  
**Ronin White** - Cancer (Linda Lockler's 7 yr old nephew)  
**Warren Pickle** - Brain cancer (friend of Ruth Rush)  
**Pam Prine** - Breast Cancer, responding to treatment (Brian Busby's cousin)  
**Marvin Fountain** - Bone cancer & prostate cancer  
**Hixon Nobles** - Friend of David & Sarah Myers  
**Marshall Eubanks** - Cancer (Ruth Rush's son)  
**Pauline Russell** - Cancer  
**Patricia Jones** - Colon cancer

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	7:00 p.m.