



Azalea City Church of Christ

“A Place for Families, A Place for You”

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To Those Ministered To

Sometimes our Pastors (Shepherds) feel like ducks in a religious shooting gallery - always vulnerable, always different, always being fired at. Sometimes ministers in general feel the same way, but this article is not about preachers.

We need to remember that God didn't intend for shepherds (Elderships) to be targets of our frustration; He called them as guides (shepherds), to help us find our way to an understanding of ourselves, or world, and our Creator. I haven't arrived, you haven't arrived, and neither have they. All of us in the Lord's church are stumbling along together.

In their book, *Liberating Ministry*, Kent and Barbara Hughes have suggested a few ways that we encourage our four devoted shepherds. The more we support our elders (our spiritual leaders), the clearer their vision will be as they lead us toward Christ in 2010.

1. First, we can encourage our shepherds (pastors) by living biblically successful lives ourselves.
2. Second, we can encourage our shepherds (pastors) by believing, it's not what the church can do for me, but what I can do for the Lord's church.
3. Third, encourage our shepherds (pastors) by not expecting them to do everything.
4. Fourth, encourage our shepherds (pastors) by loving them and their families.
5. Fifth, encourage our shepherds (pastors) by treating them with respect.

David

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
(251) 455-6443- cell

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today- Young Men lead the p.m. Worship. If you are participating please be here at 5:30 so we can get everything organized.

December 4-6- FUEL at Gulf Coast Bible Camp.

December 16- Sing His Praises

December 18- Tween Christmas Party at the Decks

December 19- Tween Christmas Party

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Romans 8:35-37

IMPORTANT DATES

Exposure Youth Camp- December 27-30, \$100 is due before we leave

GULF- January 15-18, Cost- \$100, this is due before we leave.

Parents, I need your help chaperoning Exposure and GULF, Please let me know if you will be able to help with either one of these trips.

These are great events in order to grow spiritually. Please get involved!

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	Jason Killough
Video Media	Claude Thompson
Ushers	

Song Leader	A.M.	Steve May
	P.M.	Steve May
Scripture Reading	A.M.	Nathan Myers
	P.M.	Aaron Myers
Opening Prayer	A.M.	Larry Tart
	P.M.	Drew Nelson
Closing Prayer	A.M.	Walter Brock
	P.M.	Ken Murphy

9th Man

Rudy Pierce

Men to Serve the Lord's Table - November

Frank Nelson	Leavie King	Steve Whatley
David Kirby	Roy House	Scott Jayroe
Ray Campbell	James Galloway	

Lord's Table PM: Ray Kemp

Communion to Shut-Ins: Kevin Crowell

Greeters for November

Front: **Side:** David Myers

Nursery Attendants

A.M. Jennifer Crain **P.M.** Tricia Pierce

Toddler Training Room: Glenda Carpenter

Children's Bible Hour: Mike & Tanya Eubanks

Men to Serve Wednesday, December 2nd

Song Leader: George Spurlock **Prayer:** Kevin Crowell

Lock up Building for month of November: Robert Cornelison

Prepare Communion: Florence Nelson

Coordinate Meals for Sick & Bereaved: Need Volunteer

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

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.

THE RECORD YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Study	142
Morning Worship	235
Evening Worship	119
Wednesday Bible Study	No Count
Contribution (Regular)	\$7,791.93
Weekly Contribution Need	\$8,607.80

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY: LADS TO LEADERS Song Leading and Songs of Praise
Practice 4:30

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 5:30

Dec 3rd - FOOD DISTRIBUTION 9-11

Dec 4th - PIONEER GAME NIGHT 6:30

Dec 5th - ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:00

Dec 6th - MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 8:00

Dec 8th - SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 11:00

Dec 12th - HOMEBUILDERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec 13th - ELDERS/MINISTRY LEADERS MEETING 4:30

Dec 14th - MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER 6:00

Dec 16th - WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:00

Dec 18th - PIONEER GAME NIGHT 6:30

Dec 22nd - MIDWEEK SERVICE 7:00

Dec 29th - MIDWEEK SERVICE 7:00

Feb 6th - NEXT ACCS/MCS FISH FRY

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The senior citizens' Christmas luncheon is Tuesday, December 8th at 11:00. Once again, the school children will sing Christmas carols, and we have a special treat! Brother Billy Lambert will be our speaker for the day! There are sign up sheets for food in both foyers. If you are **not** a senior citizen, please sign up to bring food for the luncheon.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Our monthly food distribution is this coming Thursday. Last month we gave out bags of groceries to 177 people. Your help is greatly needed in this endeavor! If you can come and be a part of this wonderful ministry, please be at the church around 8:30 Thursday morning.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS DIRECTORY

Sun Aud. David Myers - The Book of John
Sun F'hall Terry Cagle/Bill Pierce - Fundamentals of Faith
Wed Aud. David Myers - Hebrews: Beautiful Savior
Wed F'hall Ladies' Class - Various Topics

PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK: CEREAL

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.

ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Adult Christmas party will be this coming Saturday at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Each person who wants to participate in "dirty Santa" will need to bring a \$5 wrapped Christmas ornament. Please bring finger foods, desserts, and drinks.



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



The men's prayer breakfast is next Sunday morning at 8:00. If you can help cook for this breakfast, please let David know.

PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK

We are going to start announcing a "pantry item of the week" to help with our monthly food distribution. The requested item will be listed at the bottom of this page. Please check it every week to see what item(s) we need for the week and bring it the next service. Thank you so much for your caring and love.

SPANISH FORT CHURCH OF CHRIST

Spanish Fort Church of Christ is having a special open house and dedication of their new church building next Sunday, December 6th. They will have many events happening throughout the day and Cornerstone will be singing at 2:00. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board outside the church office.

MONTHLY BULLETIN

We will no longer be distributing the monthly bulletin. The calendar and monthly servers list are inserted in today's bulletin and there will extra copies in both foyers. We will also put this information in the members area of the church website, www.azaleacity.org. If you need the userid and password for the members area, please call the church office.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (members)

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

JoAnn Brown - Surgery went well, went home Friday
Michelle Jayroe - Has shingles
Betty Graham - Doing well
Trez Rudder - Recovering at her sister's - 33971 Lee Rd, Robertsdale, AL 36567
Deborah Moody - Still recovering from pneumonia
Ruby Allsup - Infection in her leg
John Allsup
Jane Campbell
Myra Blizzard - Back pain
Brenda Odom
Bill & Betty Nichols - Bill is on hospice care
Billy Allsup - Back problems, deteriorated discs
Nita Mae Eubanks
Bill & Eunice Day - Health problems
Audrey Anderson - Thyroid problem, on medication
Cubby Merrell - Lots of health problems (Paul & Debora's grandson)
Rainie Mclinvale - Back surgery 12/29
James & Esther Bell - Health problems
Paul & Debora Merrell
Linda Lockler - having to resume treatments for blood problem

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (friends & family)

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

Kathy Ferguson - Broke femur (Beverly Hall's daughter)
Jeff Ludlam - SMH, recovering from back surgery (Mandy Schmitz's brother)
Loretta Vaught - Cancer has returned in her liver (Tricia Pierce's mother)
Larry Miller - Home, cancer (Stacy Cagle's father)
Wanda Browning - Cancer, surgery Dec 7th at Providence (Nita Mae Eubanks' daughter)
Lillie Pierce - Health problems (Kathy Henebry's mother)
Mr. Newbill - SMH, many health issues (friend of Libby Phillips')
Lester McIntyre - Mob Inf, had surgery 11/23 (friend of Libby Phillips')
Faye Smith - Had a bad fall (friend of Rachel Myers')
Elaine Dearmon - Stroke (friend of Chris & Candi White)
Robby Boulter - Being tested to give bone marrow (friend of the White's)
Michelle Batchelor Mills - cancer, had double mastectomy, in Atlanta
Debbie Johnson - Bad fall, may need surgery (Helen Jones' daughter)
Chris Barrett - Cancer (friend of Lisa Marler's)
Kathy Finch - Various health issues (Rhoda Carpenter's mother)
Addie Jones - Congestive heart failure, on hospice care (June Tart's mother)
George Loden - Heart problems (Pauline King's brother)
Vera Hill - Cancer returned, radiation treatments soon (Dora Wright's sister)
Madelyn Fetner - Neonatal diabetes, treating with insulin (Ben & Jennifer's baby - members at Univ. COC)
Frances Davidson - Been sick for long time, Drs don't know why (Jerry's wife)
Eugene Neese - Home from hospital (Jeff Abrams' uncle)
Fred Roschen - Cancer, not taking any more treatments (Margaret Istre's friend)
Gil Ludlam - Blood clots in leg, on medication (Mandy Schmitz's father)
Cindy Buford - Had leg amputated (Libby Phillip's neighbor)
Judy Lincoln - Needs liver transplant (former member)
Larry Williams - Complications from kidney transplant (Easter's son)
Amy Dominques - Cancer of lymph nodes (relative of Helen Jones)
DC Mosley - Bone & blood cancer (Quincy & Pat Woodard's neighbor)
Gerald Ruiz - Hit by tractor trailer 7/20, paralyzed from waist down, not doing well (address on bulletin board for cards) (Kathy Henebry's co-worker)
Doris Moss - Doing better (Bob's mother)
Freddy Corina's father - Health issues
Toni Lucas - Lymes Disease (Perry & Donna's daughter-in-law)
Mary Bauer - Cancer, on chemo (Tom Deck's aunt)
Icleatus Albritton - home
Temple Anderson - Cancer (elder at Opelika Church)
Jessica Weller - Cancer free (friend of the Roberts family)
Mary-Kathryn Harrison - Has Gorlin's Syndrome
Michelle Epperson & Darian Guy
Pauline Russell - cancer (Tim's sister)
Donald Thrower - Various health issues (Glenda Wilkes' brother)
Breanna Moore - 18 mth old, incurable disease (friend of Blankenships)
Brynn Woods - Malignant Fibrous Histiocytoma (3½ yrs old)
J.T. Harrison - Back problems
Ann Weaver - Cancer (friend of Glenda Warren)
Charlie Peterson - Cystic Fibrosis (child) (Mac & Jamie Goleman's friend)
Billy Jones - Mother is battling ovarian cancer (Kevin Crowell's friend)
Michael Hornbuckle - Head injury, another 6 months of recovery
Teddy Mears - Bone cancer
Ronin White - Cancer (Linda Lockler's 7 yr old nephew)
Hixon Nobles - Friend of David & Sarah Myers
Pauline Russell - Cancer
Patricia Jones - Colon cancer
Greg Lewis - Cancer (friend of David & Sarah Myers)
Dylan Gibbon - Blood disorder (JoAnn Gibbon's young grandson in Calif.)
Elders, preachers, missionaries, college students
our Country & leaders

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Stephanie (Andrews) Lewis (C-section scheduled Nov 27th)
Lori Holland (June 2010)

OUR MILITARY

Josh Henebry - Marines, Afghanistan (Rick & Kathy's nephew)
Jason Odum - Iraq (Phillip & Tammy's nephew)
Chris Campbell - Navy
Randy Pierce - Marines, Fort Pendleton (Rudy & Nita's grandson)
Kenneth Andrews - In Iraq (Terry & Sue's son)
Aaron Allsup - Stationed in Italy (John & Ruby Allsup's grandson)
Jacob Pierce - Leaving 12/1 for Iraq
Matthew Geroux - Deployed to Kyrgyzstan, 6 mths (Phillip & Tammy's son-in-law)
Keith Moss - Marines, in Afghanistan (Skip Garner's son-in-law)
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 - London & **Ryan Ortiz** (Beverly Hall's niece and her husband)

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Today - Haley Durham, Tricia Pierce
Monday - Ray Kemp
Tuesday - Shantell Malone
Wednesday - Freida Bagwell, Bob & Freida Bagwell
Thursday - Chase Cagle, Larry Tart
Saturday - Mary Ella Crowell

