



Azalea City Church of Christ

“A Place for Families, A Place for You”

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To Forgive or Not To Forgive ...

After laying to rest her husband of 50 + years, a very dear visited with me and began to share the emotional pain and humiliation her deceased husband had caused her over the years of their marriage. She ended her visit with the statement that she would never be able to forgive her husband for all that he had done to her. I tried to comfort her to the best of my ability, but was really at a loss for words.

I fear too often that we, as Christians, have a warped sense of what forgiveness is really all about. Or worse yet, that we have become so caught up in the way in which the world thinks that we have forgotten the words of Jesus on the subject of forgiveness. Let's refresh our memories.

“For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Mt. 6:14-15

“And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.” Mark 11:25

The message Jesus teaches regarding forgiveness is so very plain. As long as we fail to forgive other, we can expect no forgiveness from God. *(Note the absence of any action on the part of the offender! The same attitude seen from the crowd at the cross.)* Are we willing to put at risk our eternal home with God because of our need to hold a grudge? Is not the problem of forgiveness more about our relationship with the Lord than with the offensive brother? We are called by God to live a life that is distinctively different than the rest of the world, including the way in which we deal with offenses. The apostle Paul, in dealing with the problems of lawsuits among brother *(also a problem of forgiveness, or the lack thereof!)*, questioned, *“Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated” (1 Corinthians 6:7)?* Are we just that intent on getting our “pound of flesh”? Or maybe we have determined that we are capable of judging for the Lord who deserves our forgiveness or not.

As we daily strive to clothe ourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ *(Galatians 3:27)*, may we challenge ourselves to live up to the words penned by the apostle Paul, *“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32).*

P. Mowrer

MISSION STATEMENT

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

2010 THEME:

FOCUS...WHAT COUNTS?

“Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...” *Hebrews 12:2*

YOUTH GROUP

Terry Cagle - Youth Minister

UPCOMING EVENTS

4/9 – 4/17: Spring Break

4/18: Teen Breakfast (Our Classroom) 9:00am

4/18: Area-wide @ Margaret Street (leave at 3:30)

4/23: FFF @ the MPB

4/25: Family Day & Honor our graduates

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Phil. 4:4-7

A NOTE FROM TERRY

We would like to congratulate Ashley Cagle, Hannah Williams, Abby Harrison, Jamie Overton, and Tyler Williams for recently being elected to the NJHS/NHS at Mobile Christian School. We would like to also congratulate Taylor Copeland for recently being selected as a Senior Superlative at Mobile Christian School. We would also like to congratulate Rebekah Cagle and Kelley Russo who were both selected as 2010-2011 cheerleaders at Mary G. Montgomery. Congratulations to all and keep up the great work!

I love you!
Terry

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	George Spurlock
Video Media	Claude Thompson
Ushers	Ashton Jayroe Caleb Cameron
Song Leader	A.M. Steve May P.M. Steve May
Scripture Reading	A.M. Jacob Kirby P.M. Joshua Deck
Opening Prayer	A.M. Mike Eubanks P.M. Rudy Pierce
Closing Prayer	A.M. Phillip Odom P.M. Conrad Carpenter

9th Man

George Spurlock

Men to Serve the Lord's Table - April

Frank Nelson	Roy House	Conrad Carpenter
Michael Eubanks	Jeff May	Scott Jayroe
James Galloway	David Kirby	

Lord's Table PM: Todd Cagle

Communion to Shut-Ins: Rudy Pierce

Greeters for April

Front: Tim & Carlotta Russell **Side:** Kevin Crowell

Information Booth: Margaret Istre

Nursery Attendants

A.M. Tanya Eubanks **P.M.** Glenda Carpenter

Toddler Training Room: Lisha May

Children's Bible Hour: Candi White

Men to Serve Wednesday, April 14th

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

Lock up Building for month of April: Robert Cornelison

Prepare Communion: Clarice Kite

Coordinate Meals for Sick & Bereaved: Lou Holland

ELDERS

Kevin Crowell Mike Eubanks
Stan Holland

STAFF

David Myers Pulpit Minister **Terry Cagle** Youth Minister
Glenda Carpenter Secretary **Jason Killough** Admin. Assistant

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	146
Morning Worship	302
Evening Worship	110
Wednesday Bible Study	103
Contribution (Regular)	\$7,120.67
Weekly Contribution Need	\$8,096.56

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY - ELDERS/ MINISTRY LEADERS MEETING @ 4:30

Apr 12th- NO MNFTM DUE TO SPRING BREAK

Apr 23rd- PIONEER FELLOWSHIP

Apr 25th - FAMILY DAY TO HONOR GRADUATES

May 7th and 8th- ACCS YARD SALE

July 11-14- FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS

Rebecca Blansett, grand-daughter of Rudy and Nita Pierce, has been accepted to Harding's School of Nursing. She will also be getting married in May.

GRADUATION INFORMATION NEEDED

We will honor our graduates on April 25th and we need names along with pictures and information for K-5 through college. Please turn in to the office or Terry Cagle. We need this information by April 14th

INNER CITY INTERNS

Inner City Ministry has 3 interns from Heritage Christian University working with them from late May until early August. The interns are raising all their own funds to work with inner city but they need a place to stay while they are here. If you can host one (or more) of these young people, please call Chuck Griffis at 583-0836. There is one female intern and two male interns, all in their early to mid 20's.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

We would like to resume our Wednesday Night Dinners. Many of us enjoy the meal and fellowship before our mid-week Bible study. Hardly a Wednesday goes by that we don't receive calls wanting to know if we are having dinner. There is a sign-up sheet in the side foyer if you would be willing to prepare a meal.

Thanks, David & Melisa Kirby

ADULT BIBLE CLASS DIRECTORY

Sun Aud.	David Myers- Gospel of John, His hour has come (Ch 18-21)
Sun Fhall	Frank Nelson/ Rudy Pierce- Restoration, A Continuing Challenge
Wed Aud.	David Myers - How to Shepherd, Serve, & Steer God's Flock Effectively
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.

VBS NEED

Please start saving comics and bringing them in. These will be used for a craft at VBS, July 11-14.

YARD SALE

ACCS is having their semi-annual Yard Sale May 7th and 8th. Please bring any items you would like to donate up to the school. They accept anything that is in good condition. This is also one of their biggest fund raisers of the year and anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Call the school at 649-5437 if you need help getting your items to the school. Thanks for your continued support.

FROM THE MAILBOX

The Family of William Day acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

To My Church Family,

Words cannot express my thanks to all of you for your prayers, visits and many, many cards- The dinner that was prepared for the family was so nice and was greatly appreciated.

Love, Eunice Day

I wish to thank everyone for all the cards, visits, calls and especially the prayers on my behalf during my surgery. A special thanks to the ones who were with my family while I was in surgery, it meant so much to me. It is such a blessing to be a part of such a caring forever family.

In Christian Love, Bob Moss & Family

Dear Ladies of Azalea City Church,

Thanks so much for your support of our ladies-to-ladies 3 day retreat with the Inner City Congregation. The salads were delicious and we appreciate both the time and effort it required. Our fourth annual retreat was a success - we have watched the Inner City ladies grow over these years and are amazed at their progress toward spiritual maturity. We have challenged them to conduct their own ladies day on a Saturday in the Spring of 2011. We plan to attend and give our support. Hopefully, a group of ladies from Azalea City will come, too.

Thanks again, Dolly B. Leighton and the Ladies Mission Team from Ethridge

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (members)

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

Ruby Allsup- released from hospital, going to Cogburn West for a few weeks
Jean Fogle- leg not broken, but has cellulitis in her leg
Libby Phillips- back surgery on April 15 at Providence
JoAnn Brown- has staph infection in her leg
Eleanor Kemp- Diagnosed with fibromyalgia
Ray Kemp- kidney stones, not in critical place
Frieda Bagwell- came home from hospital
James Bell- Recovering well from surgery
Mary Nelson- Pneumonia and asthma (Terry W and Tammy M's grandmother)
Dianne Dyess- possible heart problems, Dr appt soon
Bob Moss- recovering well
Jerry Carr- lung cancer, is treatable
Dorothy Taylor - had stress test Tuesday, may need another stint
Eunice Day - Health problems and loss of Brother Bill
Irene King- Home
Rainie Mc Invale- Home
Esther Bell - In Rehab in Mob Inf Room 237. Phone Number is 478-6785
Deborah Moody- home from Hospital, still having back pain
Rod Kite- In Severe Back Pain
Gerald King- Shingles, still having severe pain in arm, hand and neck
Violet Tart - Progressing well, home
Betty Graham - Health issues, not feeling well
Myra Blizzard - Back pain
Brenda Odom
Billy Allsup - Back problems, deteriorated discs
Linda Lockler - having to resume treatments for blood problem

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To Angie Davis, and family, her dad passed away last week. This is also Jeff Abrams uncle

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Lori Holland (boy - Caleb Mitchell - June 2010)
Michelle Cagle (October 29, 2010)

OUR MILITARY

Josh Henebry - Marines, Afghanistan (Rick & Kathy's nephew)
Jason Odom - Home from Iraq (Phillip & Tammy's nephew)
Chris Campbell - Navy
Randy Pierce - Marines, Afghanistan (Rudy & Nita's grandson)
Kenneth Andrews - In Germany (Terry & Sue's son)
Aaron Allsup - Stationed in Italy (John & Ruby Allsup's grandson)
Jacob Pierce - In Iraq
Matthew Geroux - Back in the states, home (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, back in the states (Irene King's son)
Layne Ortiz - London & **Ryan Ortiz** (Beverly Hall's niece and her husband)
Shaun Christian - Home (Phillip & Tammy Odom's nephew)
Sammie Girod - Qatar (church member in Vancleave, MS, friend of Libby Phillips)
Charles Lowery, Jr. - Army, stationed in Baghdad (friend of Carpenters)

BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARIES

Today- Lee & Rhoda Carpenter,
Randy & Glenda Warren, Alan Layton,
Monday- Marion Barnette, Theo
Blankenship, Bo Cagle
Tuesday- Emily Moss
Wednesday- Eleanor Kemp, Kevin Marler
Friday- Sierra White



REMEMBER IN PRAYER (friends & family)

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HAITI EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS
OUR BRETHERN IN JOS NIGERIA (Steve & Dee Worley should be there)
Gil Ludlam- surgery went well, biopsy results Mon (Mandy Schmitz Dad)
Brent Pollard- had exploratory cancer surgery Thursday (friend of Terry C.)
Brenda Maxwell- several health problems (Wanda Hankins' Sister)
Larry Williams - USA Med Center (Easter's son)
Julia Pierce- surgery on 4/5, recovering fine (Rudy & Nita's daughter in law)
Joyce Simmons Mother- Home, doing better
Brenda Reid- House burned, lost everything (Belinda Russo's sister)
Barbara Lee- Tumor & leukemia (relative of Ruby Allsup)
David Fajardo- Serious health issues (Nita Mae Eubanks Son-in-law)
Billy Ray Richards - Cancer, not doing well (Ken Murphy's brother-in-law)
Ben Clay-Health issues (Jim Wilkes' brother-in-law)
Berge Littrell- Health Issues, rare disease but treatable (Jim Wilkes' brother in law)
Sara Christopher- on dialysis, needs kidney transplant (Evelyn Wright's niece)
William Hunt- Blood Clot behind right eye,
Scott Watkins- cancer on lymph nodes, not looking real well
Charles McMillan- had surgery (Belinda Russo's Father)
Lillie Pierce - Home from Hospital
Freddy Corina's Mom is home, Dad is in Rehab
Winnie Thrower is on Hospice (Glenda Wilkes Mother)
Edward Crabtree - Home from hospital
Naomi Woodard - Tumor & other health issues (Joyce's & Judy's aunt)
Chris Hayes - Multiple Sclerosis (friend of Crowells')
Jim Gordon - Cancer (cousin of Judy Cagle & Joyce Galloway)
Mr. Montgomery - Contemplating knee replacement (friend of Joann Brown)
Vera Hill - Cancer, radiation treatments, not doing well (Dora Wright's sister)
Heath Davis - USA, critical, was in car accident (member at Rocky Creek)
Don Thomaston - Spring Hill, had cancer surgery on Thursday
Betty Williams - Crowne Health Care 954 Navco Rd Mobile 36605 473-8684
Steve Stewart - Brain tumor, in a coma (Randy Warren's cousin)
Kaylee Wilson - Has a rare disease, 8 yrs old
Avery Smith - Leukemia, 1 yr old (relative of Justin & Jennifer Crain)
Joan Rogers - Hole in intestines (friend of Deborah Moody's)
Cathy Finch - Renal failure, beginning stage (Rhoda Carpenter's mother)
Loretta Vaught - Cancer has returned in her liver (Tricia Pierce's mother)
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)
Judy Lincoln - Needs liver transplant (former member)
Amy Dominques - Cancer free, thanks for prayers (relative of Helen Jones)
DC Mosley - Bone & blood cancer (Quincy & Pat Woodard's neighbor)
Toni Lucas - Lymes Disease (Perry & Donna's daughter-in-law)
Temple Anderson - Cancer (elder at Opelika Church)
Mary-Kathryn Harrison - Has Gorlin's Syndrome
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
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)
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