



Azalea City Church of Christ

"A Place for Families, A Place for You"

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2010 Theme

Focus... What Counts?

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

Mark 16:15-16

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers."

Acts 2:42

"Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..."

Hebrews 12:2

MISSION STATEMENT

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

YOUTH GROUP

Jason Killough - Youth Minister
(251) 455-6443- cell

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 8- Tween Devo and movie at the Multi Purpose Building.

January 10- Teens take communion to Shut Ins

January 15-17- GULF Youth Experience.

January 22- JEWELS

January 24- Youth Area Wide at Scenic Hills

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	Tom Deck
Ushers	Jake Warren
	James Galloway
Song Leader	A.M. George Spurlock
	P.M. George Spurlock
Scripture Reading	A.M. Andrew Williams
	P.M. William Busby
Opening Prayer	A.M. Kevin Crowell
	P.M. Bill Pierce
Closing Prayer	A.M. Stan Holland
	P.M. Phil Massey

9th Man

Bob Williams

Men to Serve the Lord's Table - January

Jeff May	Ray Campbell	Michael Eubanks
Larry Tart	Tim Russell	Bobby Campbell
Gerald Copeland		Conrad Carpenter

Lord's Table PM: Kevin Crowell

Communion to Shut-Ins: Rudy Pierce

Greeters for December

Front: Johnny & Alicia McDonald **Side:** Skip Garner

Nursery Attendants

A.M. Glenda Warren **P.M.** Judy Jones

Toddler Training Room: Ashley May

Children's Bible Hour: Jessica Davidson

Men to Serve Wednesday, January 6th

Song Leader: Phil Massey **Prayer:** Tommy Blizzard

Lock up Building for month of January:

Prepare Communion: Deborah Moody

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	102
Morning Worship	201
Evening Worship	92
Wednesday Bible Study	92
Contribution (Regular)	\$5,511.05
Weekly Contribution Need	\$8,607.80

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY:

Jan 8th - PIONEER GAME NIGHT 6:30

Jan 10th - LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES Song Leading & Songs of Praise Practice

Jan 10th - MINISTRY & BUDGET PRESENTATION PM Service

Jan 11th - MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Jan 22nd - PIONEER GAME NIGHT 6:30

Feb 6th - NEXT ACCS/MCS FISH FRY

NEW SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Since we continued our Fall Quarter Sunday morning adult classes for an extra month, our Winter Quarter will begin today, Sunday, January 3, and end Sunday, February 28. We will have only one adult class, and it will meet in the auditorium. Bob Williams will teach a series entitled, "Persecuted Christians in a Troubled World." We will resume having multiple adult classes for the Spring Quarter.

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.

REQUEST FOR HELP

Harold and Jackie Null emailed us about a friend of theirs and fellow Christian, Margaret Mason, who needs a bone marrow transplant. She is not a match with anyone presently on the national bone marrow registry. We would like to encourage you all to be tested for bone marrow matching. The testing process is painless, requiring a mouth swab that takes 6 weeks to evaluate. If you are interested in registering or want more information, you can go to the website, www.marow.org, or call 1-800-MARROW2. More information on Sister Mason is on the bulletin board by the church office.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS DIRECTORY

Sun Aud. Bob Williams - Persecuted Christians in a Troubled World
Wed Aud. David Myers - How to Shepherd, Serve, & Steer God's Flock Effectively
Wed Fhall Ladies' Class - Various Topics

"What sort of New Year's Resolution should a Christian make?"

The practice of making New Year's resolutions goes back over 3000 years to the ancient Babylonians. There is just something about the start of a New Year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. In reality, there is no difference between December 31st and January 1st. Nothing mystical occurs at midnight on December 31st. The Bible does not speak for or against the concept of New Year's resolutions. However, if a Christian determines to make a New Year's resolution, what kind of resolution should he or she make?

Common New Year's resolutions are: to quit smoking, to stop drinking, to manage money better, and spend more time with family. By far the most common New Year's resolution is to lose weight, in conjunction with exercising more and eating healthier. These are all good goals to set. However, 1 Timothy 4:8 instructs us to keep exercise in perspective: "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." The vast majority of New Year's resolutions, even among Christians, are in relation to physical things. This should not be.

Many Christians make New Year's resolutions to pray more, to read the Bible every day, and to attend church more regularly. These are fantastic goals. However, these New Year's resolutions fail just as often as the non-spiritual resolutions, because there is no power in a New Year's resolution. Resolving to start or stop doing a certain activity has no value unless you have the proper motivation for stopping or starting that activity. For example, why do you want to read the Bible every day? Is it to honor God and grow spiritually, or is it because you have just heard that it is a good thing to do? Why do you want to lose weight? Is it to honor God with your body, or is it for vanity, to honor yourself?

Philippians 4:13 tells us, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." John 15:5 declares, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." If God is the center of your New Year's resolution, it has chance for success, depending on your commitment to it. If it is God's will for something to be fulfilled, He will enable you to fulfill it. If a resolution is not God honoring and/or is not in agreement in God's Word, we will not receive God's help in fulfilling the resolution.

So, what sort of New Year's resolution should a Christian make? Here are some suggestions: (1) Pray to the Lord for wisdom (James 1:5) in regards to what resolutions, if any, He would have you make; (2) Pray for wisdom as to how to fulfill the goals God gives you; (3) Rely on God's strength to help you; (4) Find an accountability partner who will help you and encourage you; (5) Don't become discouraged with occasional failures; instead allow them to motivate you further; (6) Don't become proud or vain, but give God the glory. Psalm 37:5-6, "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun."

Borrowed from "GotQuestions.Org"

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (members)

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

Rainie McInvale - Had back surgery Tuesday
John Allsup - Providence Rm 927, cellulitis in arm
Maggie Hornbuckle - Recovering from surgery, mass was benign
Betty Nichols
Violet Tart - Progressing well, at her daughter's home - 3753 Arlington Cr E, Mobile, 36695, 607-0787
JoAnn Brown - Recovering from knee surgery, doing extremely well
Michelle Jayroe - Has shingles
Betty Graham - Health issues, not feeling well
Deborah Moody
Ruby Allsup - Infection in her leg
Jane Campbell
Myra Blizzard - Back pain
Brenda Odom
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)
James & Esther Bell - Health problems
Paul & Debora Merrell
Linda Lockler - having to resume treatments for blood problem

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Lori Holland (June 2010)

OUR MILITARY

Josh Henebry - Marines, Afghanistan (Rick & Kathy's nephew)
Jason Odom - 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, back in the states (Irene King's son)
Layne Ortiz - London & **Ryan Ortiz** (Beverly Hall's niece and her husband)
Shaun Christian - Afghanistan (Phillip & Tammy Odom's nephew)
Sammie Girod - Qatar (church member in Vancleave, MS, friend of Libby Phillips)

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

To Betty Nichols and the Whatley family in the passing of Bill Nichols on December 25th.

To Todd & Stacy Cagle and family in the passing of Stacy's father, Larry Miller, on December 25th.

To Jerry & Pat Medders and family in the passing of Jerry's mother on December 23rd.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Today - Michael Istre, Justin & Jennifer Crain

Monday - Gabriel Blankenship

Wednesday - Caleb Cameron

Friday - Tanya Eubanks

Saturday - Glenda Carpenter, Bridgette Donavan, Anastasia Overton, Steven Roberts



REMEMBER IN PRAYER (friends & family)

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Joan Rogers - Hole in intestines (friend of Deborah Moody's)
Kaitlan Goode - Memphis hospital, her body is rejecting the liver transplant she had a couple months ago (Eleanor Kemp's niece)
Charles McMillian - Home (Belinda Russo's father)
Cathy Finch - Renal failure (Rhoda Carpenter's mother)
Kathy Ferguson - Broke femur (Beverly Hall's daughter)
Jeff Ludlam - 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 - Home, recovering from surgery and awaiting biopsy (Nita Mae Eubanks' daughter)
Lillie Pierce - Health problems (Kathy Henebry's mother)
Mr. Newbill - Prayers for speedy recovery (friend of Libby Phillips')
Lester McIntyre - Prayers for speedy recovery (friend of Libby Phillips')
Faye Smith - Had a bad fall (friend of Rachel Myers')
Michelle Batchelor Mills - cancer, had double mastectomy, in Atlanta
Chris Barrett - Cancer (friend of Lisa Marler's)
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)
Fred Roschen - Cancer, not taking any more treatments (Margaret Istre's friend)
Gil Ludlam - Blood clots in leg, on medication (Mandy Schmitz's father)
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 - Lyme 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