



Azalea City Church of Christ

Family News

"A Place for Families, A Place for You"

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Azalea City Christian School/ Mobile Christian School All You Can Eat Benefit Fish Fry

Saturday, May 2nd 11:30-3:00

Azalea City Multipurpose Building

Adult Plate: \$9.00 (\$8.00 in advance)

Child's Plate (12 & under): \$5.00

Family Day

Sunday, May 3rd

We will honor our graduates after lunch

Please bring meats, sides, drinks, and desserts

Please keep the following people in your prayers this month.

Members

Eunice Day	Lee Staples	Alyson Davidson	Jean Fogle
Christina Blankenship	Cubby Merrell	Brenda Odom	Rainie McInvale
Audrey Anderson	Sue Andrews	Deborah Moody	Ruth Rush
Rainie McInvale	Paul Merrell	Linda Lockler	Glenda Carpenter
James & Esther Bell			

Friends and Family

Merlin Boudreaux	Janice White	Joe Vaught	Keith Null
Carley Stewart	Clara Williams	Michelle Epperson	Kendall Elliot
Icleatus Albritton	Donald Thrower	Elaine Murph	Breanna Moore
Agnes Locke	Matt Davis	Charles Byrd	Brynn Woods
Leroy Beech	Wanda Lloyd	Ronnie Bell	Jeri Nix
Marley Nix	Melanie Whitehead	Jessica Whitehead	Vera Hill
J.T. Harrison	Ethan Stokes	Ann Weaver	Charlie Peterson
Billy Jones	Michele Wheeler	Jerrold Eubanks	Loretta Vaught
Michael Hornbuckle	Teddy Mears	Teresa Cleveland	Morgan Lee
Sherry Guy	Barbara Gollotta	Caitlan Goode	Wendell Sawyer
Ronin White	Pam Prine	Warren Pickle	Marvin Fountain
Hixon Nobles	Marshall Eubanks	Pauline Russell	Patricia Jones
Greg Lewis	Dylan Gibbon	Crystal Galloway's grandmother	

Military

Kenneth Andrews (in Germany)	Aaron Allsup (in Italy)
Jacob Pierce (in Iraq)	Shaun Christian (Afghanistan)
Matt Geroux (in Arkansas)	Matthew Reitz (in Iraq)
Randy Pierce (Camp LeJeune)	Joshua Reynolds (Afghanistan)
Dewayne Nix (Corpus Christi, TX)	Manuel Baldwin (Iraq)
Michael L Burroughs (Navy, Iraq)	Layne Ortiz (Afghanistan)
Chris Campbell (Japan)	Ryan Ortiz (Iraq)
Keith Moss (Marines)	

Expectant Mothers

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

New Members and Invitation Responses

<u>Baptized</u>		<u>Prayer Requests</u>		<u>Placed</u>
Kevin Marler	Roy Chaudron	George Spurlock	Chris White	<u>Membership</u>
Ashley Cagle	Candi White	Eleanor Kemp	Orrin Stever	Maggie Turner
	Kathy Stever	Michelle Epperson	Kevin Marler	

Upcoming Events

Pioneer game night is scheduled for Friday, May 1st and Friday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your favorite game and finger foods.

The May **men's prayer breakfast** will take place on Sunday, the 3rd at 8:00. If you would be willing to cook for a future breakfast, please sign the sheet located on the bulletin board across from the office in the side foyer.

Steve May is planning **congregational singing** at 5:30 on Sunday, May 17th and Sunday, May 31st. We will practice new songs and prepare for the evening service. Please make plans to attend.

On May 3rd, we will have a **Family Day to honor our graduates**. Please plan to stay after our morning worship service to enjoy a fellowship meal. We need everyone to bring meats, sides, desserts, and drinks.

The third **Azalea City Christian School/Mobile Christian School fish fry** is planned for Saturday, May 2nd from 11:30 until 3:00 in the multi purpose building. The fish fry is all you can eat for eat-in plates. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance or \$9.00 at the door. You can purchase your tickets at the information desk in the front foyer after church or from any ACCS or church staff member.

The **homebuilders** will be going to **Rocky Creek Catfish House** on Saturday, May 9th. We will meet at the building at 5:00 and take the church van or you can meet us at Rocky Creek at 5:30. Children are welcome to attend.

Ministry Information

Monday Night for the Master is planned for May 4th, 11th, and 18th. May 18th will be our last MNFTM before we break for the summer. Dinner is at 6:00 and activities start at 6:25.

If you have not filled out an **involvement form** for the involvement ministry, please see Terry Cagle to get a form. We need to have every member fill out one of these!

The Benevolence Ministry is planning their next **grocery distribution** on May 7th from 9:00 until 11:00 in the multipurpose building. Even with the horrible rainstorm, they gave out food to over 130 people last month! Your help with this endeavor is greatly needed! If you can come help, please plan to be at the church around 8:30. **Please continue to help us out by donating cereal for the food distribution. You can put it on the counter by the coffee maker in the fellowship hall.**

FROM DAVID'S DESK

The Church No Body But Ours



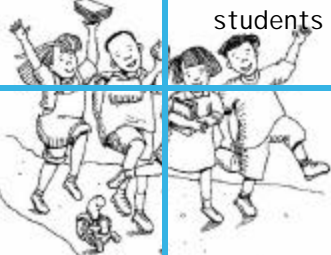
While Jesus was on this earth, He performed many acts of kindness and services to others. These different expressions of His love were done in an earthly body. In Acts 1, the writer tells us that Christ ascended back to heaven which means he no longer has a body on earth except ours. That means He no longer has hands, legs, or feet on earth except for the members of His body, the church (Ephesians 1:22-23). When someone hears the gospel (Romans 1:16) and obeys the plan of Salvation (they hear, believe, repent, confess, and are baptized), they are added to the Lord's precious church that He said He would build (Acts 2:37-38,41,47; Matthew 16:18).

That's why we should never underestimate the importance of being the body of Christ on earth, not only spiritually but also physically. It's hard for me to understand when I hear people say that doing the work of the Lord is boring and humdrum at times. We need to remember that we are serving Christ, "we are God's fellow workers" (1 Corinthians 3:9), assisting Him in the building of His church (1 Corinthians 3:10-11; Matthew 16:18). **Monday Night for the Master** is a great example of how so many different people are using their **time**, **talents**, and **gifts** in helping to build His church. Four precious souls were added to the Lord's forever family here at Azalea City in the month of April. Praise the Lord that we have the privilege of working alongside Him everyday. **WHAT YOU DO MATTERS!**

David

Youth Calendar

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Teens Guys/ Girls Night Out	2
3 Family Day to Honor Graduates	4 MNFTM	5	6	7	8	9
10 Teens take communion to shut-ins	11 MNFTM	12	13 Noah Goleman	14	15	16
17 Hannah Cagle	18 MGM Graduation at Mitchell Center @ 6pm	 19	20 Sing His Praises 	21	22 Tween Devo at Wilkersons' House J.T. McClure	 23 MCS Graduation at Mitchell Center @ 2pm Britney Harville
24 Home Devo for Teens	25 Memorial Day	26 Jason Killough	27 Last Day for MCS students	28 Last Day for MGM students 	29 Teen Lock In	30
31 Youth lead P.M. Service						

Youth Corner

Teaching our Children how to be Servants

How are we to be God's hands?

We teach the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet. Although this story is one of the best we can talk about, we need to provide our kids with the example of being a servant. Most of the time, we count our days as "successful" if we have marked everything off of our list, and sadly we do this with service opportunities. We teach Sunday School, take someone a meal, or help someone who is in need, but the question I want us to think about is, "Are we cheerful givers or are we just trying to meet our quota?"

Jesus probably would not use the planners that we use to organize our lives because He left His schedule open to help others at every opportunity. Everything Jesus did, He did with great compassion. It did not matter if He was holding a child or performing a great miracle. We are commanded to take time for others. In Matthew 22:39, Jesus said "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Our kids are not tracking the number of activities they do or how "good" those works may be. They are watching our hands to see if our hands are working in tandem with our hearts.

Earthly Rewards for Servanthood

We know that being a servant of Christ leads to heavenly treasures. However, something we need to realize is how richly God rewards servant behavior here on earth. You have probably experienced the feeling of satisfaction after helping someone, but that is only the beginning. There are several studies that link mental and physical health benefits with servanthood. Other research shows that kids with a servant mindset have higher GPAs, higher levels of creativity, better reading comprehension, as well as a greater understanding and appreciation of others. Kids who are given service opportunities tend to make healthier lifestyle choices and develop better social skills than those who do not volunteer to serve.

Aspects of Servanthood

It is never too early to teach servant-like traits. Here are four worthwhile aspects of servanthood that we should teach:

1. Empathy and Compassion- Around the same time that children start talking, they are capable of empathy. When psychologists studied children whose parents were emotionally or physically hurt, they observed that the kids tried to solve the problem or offered kindness and comfort.
2. Godly Work Ethic- The Bible warns against idleness, teaching that it leads to ruin. Work is a way to develop character. Those that comprehend the purpose of work, and are satisfied with a job well done are most likely to behave in a way that will improve their world.
3. Volunteering, Serving and Giving- Our time and our money are not our own. We are just stewards of this earthly kingdom. People who understand and act on this principle allow themselves to receive an abundant blessing in this life and the next.
4. Discernment in Servanthood- We must combine our compassion with wisdom. Our kids need to recognize that even if they have pure motives, others may not. They need to understand that they can protect themselves while giving their time and money.

Our Ultimate goal is to teach our children how to serve. We want to be God's hands. The earlier our children see God's hands at work, the greater chance we have of equipping them for a lifetime of service and compassion.

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Monthly Records

Weekly Budget 2009: \$8,607.80

	Mar 1st	Mar 8th	Mar 15th	Mar 22nd	Mar 29th	Average
Weekly Contributions	\$7,298.50	\$9,772.05	\$6,753.49	\$7,510.60	\$7,500.32	\$7,766.99
Sunday Bible Class	124	144	173	153	155	150
Sunday AM Worship	214	259	287	262	285	261
Sunday PM Worship	135	138	No Count	198	135	152
	Mar 4th	Mar 11th	Mar 18th	Mar 25th		
Wednesday Bible Study	151	147	124	118		135

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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Television To Watch

"Preaching The Gospel" with James Watkins
Sundays 7:30am, channel 44, Comcast channel 4

"In Search of The Lord's Way" with Mack Lyon
Sundays 7:30am, channel 33, Comcast channel 7
Direct TV channel 321

"Know Your Bible" with Billy Lambert
Sundays 6:30pm Direct TV channel 321
Sundays 8:00pm channel 33

Wednesdays 8:00pm Direct TV channel 377

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