

Azalea City Church of Christ

Family News



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PRAYER

Imagine meeting your best friend for coffee at your favorite cafe. Your friend knows everything about you. You can count on your friend being exactly where he says he will be. Anytime you need him, you can call and he won't be upset with you. He is willing to listen and responds with love and concern.

That is just like prayer. The only difference is that your best friend is God.

God is available to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. He knows everything you ever did and He still loves you! He knows your future too. He has the best plans for your life. He cares for you so much that He gave His Son so that you could be with Him forever. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

You can talk to Him about anything that concerns you. Tell Him your desires and passions. Share your concerns for your loved ones. Talk out your fears with Him.

Communicate to God what is inside you without fear.

Why is prayer important? If God already knows all about you and knows all that He has written, why should you pray? It's because God created us to have free will. He wants us to come to Him willingly and not as robotic creations. He has given us a mind to make decisions and the most important decision is about eternity. Even though He knows the future, we don't know the future choices we will make. It's important to live by His guidance to make the right choices.

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2008 Theme: KNOWING HIM

Please keep the following people in your prayers this month.

Members

Rufus Rush	Nita Mae Eubanks	Deborah Moody	Tanya Eubanks
Nita Pierce	Bill Day	Michelle Wheeler	Clara Frost
Ruby Allsup	Ruth Rush	Myra Blizzard	Beverly Hall
Linda Lockler	Violet Tart	James & Esther Bell	Paul Henneman
Rainie McInvale	George Spurlock	Gail Carr	Belinda Moss

Friends and Family

Harry Lloyd	Eva Eubanks	Loretta Vaught	Bob Brantley
Ronin White	Lena Edwards	Wendell Sawyer	John Shinn
Don Thomaston	Rachel Poole	Cindy Daves	John Burke, Sr
Holly Lee	Ann Merritt	J.T. Harrison's mom	Ariel Pass
Marvin Fountain	Hixon Nobles	Eric Braddock	Janet Shelton
George Geci	Jeannine Webb	Pam Prine	Troy Vonada
Marshall Eubanks	Jennifer McDaniel	Granville Faries	Deloris Lamaire
Pauline Russell	Patricia Jones	Lillian Krebs	Dan Maples
Dan Purvis	Greg Lewis	Dylan Gibbon	Lillie Andrews
Robert Lakeman	Tony Malinauskas		

Military

Kenneth Andrews (in Germany)	Keith Moss (Marines)
Aaron Allsup (at Eglin AFB)	Jacob Pierce (in Iraq)
Matt Geroux (in Arkansas)	Matthew Reitz (in Iraq)

Expectant Mothers

Jennifer Crain (Sept)	Kimberly Hall Smith (Oct)
Jamie Goleman (Feb)	Kimberly Holland Claunch (Mar)

New Members and Invitation Responses

Prayer Requests

Baptized

New Members

Fran Carr
Vicki Holloway
Kelly Rousso

Upcoming Events

FAMILY DAY is scheduled for Sunday, September 7th. Please invite all your friends and family. We would love to have them come so we can prepare to invite them for the Gospel Meeting the next week.

Pioneer game night is scheduled for Friday, September 5th and Friday, September 19th. Please bring your favorite game and finger foods.

The September **men's prayer breakfast** will take place on Sunday, the 14th at 8:00. If you would be willing to cook for a future breakfast, please sign the sheet located at the information desk in the front foyer.

Steve May is planning **congregational singing** at 5:30 on Sunday, September 21st and Sunday, September 28th. We will practice new songs and prepare for the evening service. Please make plans to attend.

All ladies are invited to a **wedding shower** for Sara Peckham and Alex Watson on Saturday, September 6th at 10:30 a.m. This will be a brunch and sign up sheets for brunch type foods are in both foyers. Sara is registered at www.macysweddingchannel.com and www.crateandbarrel.com. Her house colors are: living room - khaki & garnet red; guest room & bath - navy & gold; master bedroom & bath - khaki, sage green, & chocolate brown; Sara's office - blue & orange; Alex's office - red & black; office bathroom - garnet red & ivory.

Ministry Information

Monday Night for the Master orientation will take place on Monday, September 8th. We will go over some new programs and cover changes in others. Please plan to attend this important meeting! Our weekly MNFTM meetings will begin on September 22nd.

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 September 7th from 9:00 until 11:00 in the multipurpose building. They gave out over 180 bags of food 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.

PRAYER (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

In the Bible, you will find kings, prophets, and ordinary people like you and me, who averted destruction by praying to God. One prayer stopped the sun, one prayed fire down from heaven, one gained fifteen years to his own life, and one prayer even saved a whole city. These people prayed intensely to the God who answers prayer.

When you pray, God listens to your cries. When you don't pray, God feels left out of your life. "He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9b). As you pray consistently, you are affirming the existence of God in your life. You are building your faith as you see God's hand do His mighty work on your behalf just because you asked.

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened" (Matthew 7:7-8).

When answering prayer, God responds first to our attitude, much as a parent responds to a precious child (Psalm 103:13-14). Our childish actions and attitudes frequently affect a prayer's desired results. Unforgiveness (Mark 11:24-25), selfishness (Proverbs 21:13), doubt (Matthew 21:21-22), greed (James 4:2-3), pride (2 Chronicles 7:14-15), and stubbornness (Zechariah 7:11-13) hinder God's desire to answer prayer.

Prayer is not a casual one-sided conversation. It is not "back-up insurance" guaranteeing a life free from pain and struggles. Prayer is actively acknowledging God as the source of all power and trusting that His answers, whether expected or unexpected, will accomplish greater things (Isaiah 46:9-10; 64:4).

Sometimes, God will answer, "No" to our desperate prayers. Any delay or unexpected outcome must not dishearten us. What is God's true purpose in answering our prayers (John 14:13)? What does God want to complete in us through prayer (John 16:23-24)? God wants us to bring our every need to Him as He answers (yes or no) according to His character and will. God will never grant requests contrary to His will. While receiving a "Yes" usually makes us happy, God never promised us happiness. Happiness is based on circumstances. God wants us to have everlasting joy -- especially when He responds, "No, it will be done in My time, not yours. No, I will reveal My glory."

In Luke 22:41-44, Jesus agonized over the events leading up to His death. In fervent prayer, His greatest desire was to give preeminence to God's will, not His suffering and pain (Hebrews 12:2). When we pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18), God always responds, and every answer brings joy.

FROM DAVID'S DESK

I want to use this space to personally invite all Azalea City members and those who receive our monthly bulletin to attend our Fall Gospel Meeting with Brother Richard O'Connor from Oxford, Alabama. The meeting will take place here at Azalea City on September 14th through 17th.

Brother O'Connor is not new to us here at Azalea City. He held a gospel meeting here a few years ago and did an outstanding job in presenting the Good News of the Gospel. He will speak at all of our services on Sunday and at 6:30 each night, Monday through Wednesday. Each one of us, and everyone we can encourage to come, needs to hear these messages.

Why not take advantage of this opportunity to contact someone you know, and personally invite them to be one of the 400 in attendance on Sunday, September 14th. We can all be "Doers of the Word" and work to make this a successful Gospel Meeting for the Glory of God and the Salvation of Souls. Beginning today, we can all pray that many people will come to the meeting... Souls can be saved... Lives can be changed forever! Let's all commit to not miss a single service! Can the Lord count on you to do your part to make this gospel meeting a success?

David

Youth Calendar

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Jake Warren	2	3	4 TEEN After School Bible Study 330-530	5 MCS vs Excel MGM vs Theodore	6
7 FAMILY DAY	8 MNFTM Audrey Layton Joseph McDonald	9	10 Sing His Praises 	11	12 MCS vs Millry MGM vs Davidson Teen Movie Night 	13
14 Men's Prayer Breakfast Gospel Meeting @ 630	15 Gospel Meeting @ 630 Dinner @ 530 Jamie Overton	16 Gospel Meeting @ 630 Dinner @ 530	17 Gospel Meeting @ 630 Dinner @ 530	18 TWEEN After School Bible Study 330-530	19 MCS vs Washington Co. MGM vs Williamson	20
21 Tween Day 1-4 Area Wide @ Spanish Fort 5-730	22 MNFTM	23	24	25	26 MCS vs Bayside MGM vs Foley	27
28 Teen Devo	29 MNFTM	30		Teen Events Tween Events	Football Games: Blue-Home Red-Away 	

Azalea City Church of Christ Gospel Meeting

September 14th-17th, 2008

Sunday: 9:30, 10:30, & 6:30

Monday-Wednesday: Meal at 5:30,
Singing at 6:15, Assembly at 6:30

Come enjoy Christian Fellowship and hear soul stirring messages from God's Word

Delivered by: Richard O'Connor

Theme: Jesus is the Way (John 14:6)

Sunday Bible Class: *Good Marriages Don't Just Happen*

Sunday Morning Worship: *Between Sundays There Was a Friday*

Sunday Evening Worship: *Growing Up is More than Showing Up*

Monday Evening: *What Jesus Will Do for You*

Tuesday Evening: *Magnifying Jesus*

Wednesday Evening: *Living What We Say We Believe*



Richard O'Connor has served as the Pulpit Minister of the Betta-View Hills Church of Christ in Oxford, Alabama, since January 1995. Richard received a B.S. Degree in Education from Jacksonville State University and his Master of Ministry degree from Andersonville Theological Seminary. For the last thirteen years, Richard has been the featured speaker on the weekly television program, "The Way of the Cross". Richard and his wife Kim have been married for 25 years and have two sons, John Bryan (21) and Taylor (16).

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Monthly Records

Weekly Budget 2008: \$8,928.28

	July 6th	July 13th	July 20th	July 27th	Average
Weekly Contributions	\$7,067.52	\$7,108.42	\$5,526.25	\$8,093.14	\$6,948.83
Sunday Bible Class	160	163	144	155	156
Sunday AM Worship	265	256	195	237	238
Sunday PM Worship	NC	386 (VBS)	115	NC	115
	July 9th	July 16th	July 23rd	July 30th	
Wed. Bible Study	166	430 (VBS)	128	159	151

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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