

Azalea City Church of Christ

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A Place for Families, A Place for You"

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If Jesus Hold the Key, What Do You See?

In our class on Wednesday night, we read where the twelve spies were sent out by Moses to scout the land of Canaan for 40 days. When they returned, all but Joshua and Caleb gave this pessimistic report: "We were like grasshoppers in our own sight and so we were in their sight" (Numbers 13:33). These ten faithless spies saw only difficulties and defeat. Yes, the giants were great, but wasn't their God greater? How could they so easily forget the way God miraculously led them through the wilderness?

You will remember that the ten spies who were filled with doubt died in the wilderness. We all know that Joshua led the new generation of God's people into the promised land. But what about Caleb? God also blessed him and brought him into the land because he also had a different spirit and followed Him wholeheartedly (14:24).

Think for a moment of two balloons. One is filled with carbon dioxide and cannot rise. The other balloon is filled with helium and immediately goes up. So, too if our hearts are filled with doubts and fear, we will not be able to rise in faith to do what God calls us to do. We will learn today in our lesson that "fear sees the obstacles; faith sees the opportunity". In Caleb's case, he was willing to follow the will of the Lord because he believed in the inspired words spoken by Moses and Joshua. As followers of the Lord, desiring to make a difference while living in our culture, let's determine to be Calebs of faith, and not doubters who see only the giants of difficulty. Which way will you choose?

David

2008 Theme: "KNOWING HIM"

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
(334) 322-6052- cell

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight- Devotional after evening services. Girls bring drinks, and guys bring chips. I hope you will stay for a period of fellowship

November 26-28- Thanksgiving Holidays

December 3- Exposure Youth Camp Meeting, after Bible Classes

CONGRATULATIONS

To Branson White for making straight "A's"

WAY TO GO!

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:3-4

INFO ABOUT EXPOSURE YOUTH CAMP

- Dates: December 27-30

- Where: Huntsville AL

- Cost: \$100, includes hotel, food while we are there, hockey game.

- The only other money needed is a meal on the way up and a meal on the way back

- \$50 deposit is due by November 30

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	Mike Eubanks
Video Media	Claude Thompson
Ushers	A.M. Justin Thompson
	P.M. James Graham
Song Leader	A.M. Bill Pierce
	P.M. Bill Pierce
Scripture Reading	A.M. Aaron Myers
	P.M. Justin Wilkerson
Opening Prayer	A.M. O.B. Richardson
	P.M. James Graham
Closing Prayer	A.M. Stan Holland
	P.M. Claude Thompson
9th Man	Bob Williams

Men to Serve the Lord's Table - November
Tim Russell Chris Helms John Allsup
Drew Nelson Larry Dye Ken Murphy
James Galloway Bobby Campbell
Lord's Table PM - Theo Blankenship

Communion to Shut-Ins
Ken Murphy

Greeters for November
Front: Roy & Iris House Side: Phillip Odom

Nursery Attendants
A.M. Rhoda Carpenter P.M. Glenda Carpenter
Toddler Training Room: Sandy Williams

Children's Bible Hour: Jessica Davidson

Men to Serve Tuesday, November 25th
Song Leader: Bill Pierce Prayer: Kevin Crowell
Lock up Building for month of November: Skip Garner

Prepare Communion: Lou Holland
Coordinate Meals for Sick & Bereaved: Lou Holland

ELDERS

Kevin Crowell James Graham
Mike Eubanks

STAFF

David Myers - Pulpit Minister
Terry Cagle - Associate Minister
Jason Killough - Youth Minister
Glenda Carpenter - Secretary
Carra Deck - Secretary

THE RECORD YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Study	140
Morning Worship	242
Evening Worship	158
Wednesday Bible Study	125
Contribution (Regular)	\$7,383.07

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY:

THANKSGIVING SONGFEST at Creekwood 7:30-9:00

Nov 25th - MID-WEEK SERVICE

Nov 27th - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Dec 4th - FOOD DISTRIBUTION 9-11

Dec 6th - ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec 7th - MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST at 8:00

Dec 7th - ELDERS/MINISTRY LEADERS MEETING at 4:30

Dec 9th - SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Dec 13th - HOMEBUILDERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec 23rd - MID-WEEK SERVICE

Dec 30th - MID-WEEK SERVICE

THANKSGIVING SONGFEST 2008

The 13th Annual Thanksgiving Songfest is planned for this evening from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Creekwood. Jonathan Brooks, Tommy Dozier, Ed McGaughy, and Eddy Stephens will lead the singing. Please pray for and plan to attend Thanksgiving Songfest 2008!

SENIOR CITIZENS' LUNCHEON

Our Annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Luncheon is planned for Tuesday, December 9th. The menu lists are in both foyers. If you can prepare a dish for this event, please sign up! Once again, the ACCS K3 & K4 kids will be singing.

SUNDAY NIGHT SERIES

Confronting Our Culture - The Silencing of God
DVD Series by Dave Miller
November 16th-December 7th

It's very important that we support this Sunday night series so we can learn how we can make a difference in our secular culture. Let's prayerfully make a commitment to be present for each service and invite our friends to attend.

INSERT ANSWERS

Intro 3: exclusive; intro 4: doubt, faith; IA: Human Reasoning; IA2: progressive; IB: Prayers; IC: People; IC1: church; IC2a: play actor; IC2b: you; IC3: God, others; ID: Sin-Failure; IE: Laziness; IE1: commitment; IE2: Laodicea; IE3: jogged your faith; IF: Count Our Blessings; IF2: Israelites

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER TEAM sign up sheets are in both foyers. The prayer team will be called upon whenever there is a specific need. Please see Dean Simmons for more information.

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.

BABY GIFT BASKET - There is a box next to the office door for gifts for Kimberly Hall Smith and her new baby, Liam James.

NEW SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

The Winter quarter 2009 begins on Sunday, December 7. We are offering three Sunday morning adult Bible classes:

1. David Myers will take a break from his class on John. He will move to the fellowship hall and teach a class entitled, "Tough Questions: Biblical Answers".
2. Bob Williams will move to the auditorium and continue his class, "The Extraordinary Life of the Spirit-Filled Christian".
3. Terry Cagle's will continue his class on the subject of Marriage for Young Marrieds is in the Family Room in the Multi Purpose Building.

Please make plans to attend one of these great classes. Your presence will be a blessing to you and to others.

NEW CHURCH WEBSITE

The church website has been totally rewritten. If you have not gone on to look at it lately (or at all), please take a few minutes to do so. It has all sorts of new information. If you need the password to the member area, call the office. It's still a work in progress so be sure to let us know what you think! If you'd like to get a 'sneak peak' at Sunday's bulletin, it's usually posted on the website by Friday afternoon! Also, if you've lost your monthly bulletin, it's now on the website.

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SPECIAL PRAYERS

We are rejoicing in the baptism of two young people this past week. On Monday, J.T. Roberts, the son of Steven & Crystal Roberts, was baptized. On Wednesday, Tracy Suggs, the niece of Anna Layton, was baptized. Please pray for these two young Christians!

Please also continue to pray for Lorraine Enke, who came forward last Sunday.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (members)

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

Jean Fogle - Bronchitis
Christina Blankenship - Re-admitted to Providence Wednesday, migraines
Justin Wilkerson - Mono
Wanda Hankins - Possible torn ligaments in leg, physical therapy
Myra Blizzard - Neck surgery 12/3 at Mobile Infirmary (3:00 p.m.)
Glenda Carpenter - Pneumonia, recovering
Rufus Rush - On hospice care at his son's home, bedridden but seems to be improving
Conrad Carpenter - Home, improving daily
Sue Andrews
Deborah Moody - Will not be able to have back surgery for several months
Ruth Rush
Dorothy Taylor
James & Esther Bell - Many health issues
Clara Frost
Linda Lockler
Michele Wheeler - On medication for brain tumors
Beverly Hall - Lymphedema in leg

OUR MILITARY

Randy Pierce - Marines, at Camp Lejeune (Rudy & Nita's grandson)
Kenneth Andrews - In Germany for 12 months (Terry & Sue's son)
Aaron Allsup - Stationed at Eglin AFB (John & Ruby Allsup's grandson)
Jacob Pierce - In Baghdad
Matthew Geroux - Stationed in Arkansas
Keith Moss - Marines (Skip Garner's son-in-law)
Matthew Reitz - Iraq (friend of Geci's)
Joshua Reynolds - Afghanistan
Dewayne Nix - Navy, stationed in Corpus Christi, TX
Manuel Baldwin - Iraq (Natasha Polk's-member at Univ COC-fiance')

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Jamie Goleman (January 23, 2009)
Kim Holland Claunch (March 09)

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.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (friends & family)

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Jack McDonald - Shoulder surgery last Tuesday, recovering well (Rachel's husband)
Teddy Mears - Bone cancer
Gaye Hendrickson - Biopsy last week, awaiting results
Ms. Moss - Fell, hurt head (Bob Moss' mother)
Tereasa Cleveland - Lung cancer (Melba's niece)
Morgan Lee - Leukemia, graduate student at USA (friend of the Dyes)
Loretta Vaught - Cancer, had a setback (Tricia Pierce's mother)
Roger Rush - Providence, running tests (Brother Rufus' son)
Maxine Rush - Roger's wife, taking care of Roger and Rufus
Holly Lee Crowell - out of hospital (Danny's wife)
Bob Williams' mother - Pacemaker installed
Alden Douglas - Stroke (friend of Robert Stephenson's)
Sherry Guy - Back problems, possible surgery (Kemp's daughter-in-law)
Barbara Lee - Leukaemia, in Providence (friend of Ruby Allsup's)
Katie Jones - Dellar Mosley's sister
Jon Hackett, Jr - High blood pressure & other health issues
H.L. Moss - Back in hospital, not doing well (friend of Bells')
Irene Whitehead - Stroke, therapy, getting stronger (Melba Nash's sister)
Michael Hornbuckle - Head injury (Jerry & Maggie's son)
Paul Merrell - Various health issues
Barbara Gollotta - Cancer (friend of Geci's)
Caitlan Goode - Needs liver transplant - 14 yrs old (Kemp's great niece)
Wendell Sawyer - Rare form of cancer, treatments in Houston
J.T. Harrison's mother - Not doing well
Harry Lloyd - Not doing well (Rebecca Harrison's father)
Ronin White - Cancer (Linda Lockler's 7 yr old nephew)
Jeannine Webb - Pancreatic Cancer (relative of Margie Busby)
Pam Prine - Breast Cancer (Brian Busby's cousin)
Bob Brantley
Dan Maples - Doing much better (Pat Woodard's brother)
Marvin Fountain - Bone cancer & prostate cancer
Hixon Nobles - Friend of David & Sarah Myers
Marshall Eubanks - Cancer (Ruth Rush's son)
Eric Braddock - Cancer (4th grade student) friend of Blankenships
Granville Faries - Leukaemia (doing better)
Deloris Lamaire - Aneurysm (Michelle's Aunt)
Troy Vonada - Lymphoma in stomach and eyes (friend of Myer's family)
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

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