

Azalea City Church of Christ

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A Place for Families, A Place for You"

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WHO DOES GOD BLESS?

In a general sense, God blesses all men in that He has provided for all (Acts 17: 28, Matthew 5:45). However, in actuality God only blesses certain ones in the sense of His salvation and providence. Consider those whom God has said He blesses (also consider the opposite application).

Those who trust in God. "Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him," declared the Psalmist (Psalm 34:8, see also verses 7-9). To trust in God means we believe Him and rely on Him. The trust taught is child like, as a child trusts in his parents for provision and guidance (Matthew 18:1-4).

Those who consider the poor. Again, God plainly speaks through His word: "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble" (Psalm 41:1). The Biblical principle is, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Those who hear instruction. Wisdom says, "Hear instruction, and be wise and refuse it not" (Proverbs 8:33). "Blessed is the man that heareth me," God's word continues, "watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors" (verse 34). God also said, "Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish (Proverbs 12:1).

Those who keep God's ways. God's word unequivocally says, "Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways" (Proverbs 8:32). Jesus said, "If ye know these things, blessed are ye if ye do them" (John 13:17).

Those who endure. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love Him," declared the Spirit led James (James 1:12). Peter taught that if one turns back to the world, it would have been better for him to have never known the way of righteousness (2 Peter 2: 20-22).

--Borrowed

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

December 17- Sing His Praises

December 19- Teen Christmas Party at Terry and Michelle's. Bring a \$10 or less gift for Dirty Santa

December 21- Tween Christmas Party. This will be after morning worship. Please plan on bringing finger foods and \$10 gift for your child.

December 27-30- Exposure Youth Camp.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Many a man proclaims his own steadfast love, but a faithful man who can find? The righteous who walks in his integrity--blessed are his children after him!

Proverbs 20:6-7

A NOTE FROM JASON

I hope everyone had an excellent week last week. We had a great turnout in class on Wednesday night. We have a lot of things going on this month and a lot coming up in the future. Try to be involved as much as possible. Remember to put Christ first in everything that we do.

In Him, Jason

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		Kevin Crowell
Video Media		Claude Thompson
Ushers	A.M.	Clay Thompson
	P.M.	Bobby Campbell
Song Leader	A.M.	Steve May
	P.M.	Steve May
Scripture Reading	A.M.	Chris White
	P.M.	Jake Warren
Opening Prayer	A.M.	Mike Wright
	P.M.	Bob Williams
Closing Prayer	A.M.	Terry Andrews
	P.M.	Kevin Crowell
9th Man		George Spurlock

Men to Serve the Lord's Table - December
Ray Campbell Tom Deck David Kirby
Phillip Odom Roy House Todd Cagle
Lee Carpenter Robert Cornelison
Lord's Table PM - Roy House

Communion to Shut-Ins
Terry Cameron

Greeters for December
Front: Steven & Crystal Roberts Side: Robert Cornelison

Nursery Attendants
A.M. Sandy Durham P.M. Jane Campbell
Toddler Training Room: Sandy Williams

Children's Bible Hour: Randy & Tammy Miller

Men to Serve Wednesday, December 17th
Song Leader: George Spurlock Prayer: James Graham
Lock up Building for month of December: Robert Stephenson

Prepare Communion: Terry Wilkerson
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	146
Morning Worship	230
Evening Worship	128
Wednesday Bible Study	116
Contribution (Regular)	\$9,067.55

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY:

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING at 5:30

Dec 19th - PIONEER GAME NIGHT at 6:00

Dec 23rd - MID-WEEK SERVICE

Dec 30th - MID-WEEK SERVICE

Dec 31st - HOMEBUILDERS' GAME NIGHT at 6:00 in the fellowship hall - All age groups are welcome to come! - bring games and finger foods

Jan 4th - 2009 BUDGET PRESENTATION during evening service

Jan 7th - LADS TO LEADERS SONG LEADING PRACTICE at 6:00 - all ages

Jan 8th - FOOD DISTRIBUTION 9-11

Jan 11th - INVOLVEMENT SUNDAY - Fellowship meal after morning service, will not have evening service

Jan 12th - MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER begins for 2009

EMAIL NOTIFICATION

If you would like to be notified (or reminded) by email of upcoming events as well as receive word when members are sick or taken to the hospital, please sign up on the email notification list in either foyer. This will be a great way for us to keep in touch with you during the week and let you know of things that you might not otherwise find out about until Wednesday or Sunday. Please write your name and email address on the list. The emails will generally come from carra@pointclear.net so, if you have a spam filter, please be sure to add that email address to your accepted list.

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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SUNDAY NIGHT SERIES

Confronting Our Culture - The Silencing of God
DVD Series by Dave Miller
November 16th-December 14th

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. Samantha Spurlock will place on final order for the DVD copies. If you would like to purchase a copy, please sign the list in either foyer. The cost is \$2.00.

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.

NAMETAGS

A change has been made with the nametags so we are putting out the nametag sign up sheet one more time, until December 15th. Any baptized member, REGARDLESS OF AGE, can sign up to receive a nametag. Please sign up for one if you haven't already. TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP!

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

We are offering three Sunday morning adult Bible classes:

1. David Myers is teaching a class entitled, "Tough Questions: Biblical Answers" in the fellowship hall.
2. Bob Williams has moved to the auditorium and is continuing his class, "The Extraordinary Life of the Spirit-Filled Christian".
3. Terry Cagle is continuing his class on the subject of Marriage for Young Marrieds 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.

FROM THE MAILBOX

Thank you so much for your many acts of Christian love during the passing of our loved ones. The abundance of food was wonderful and helped tremendously. The flowers, cards, visits and, most of all, your prayers helped us through our tremendous loss. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

In Christian love, Maxine Rush

Dear Azalea City Family,

God is so good to us and so are you! During Conrad's heart surgery, many of you came and sat with us or called to check on him and we are so grateful for your concern. Thanks for all the cards, calls, visits, and most of all, your prayers. Thanks too for the cards, calls and prayers during my recent illness.

We love you! Glenda & Conrad

My dear sisters,

Thank you all for the beautiful luncheon you hosted for seniors like me on Tuesday. Everything looked (and tasted) wonderful. I appreciate and love you all so much!

With love and thanks, Jean Fogle

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (members)

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

Betty Graham - Providence, had a stroke on Friday
Esther Bell - Home, recovering from stroke
James Bell - Pneumonia
Tanya Harrison - Had surgery Thursday
Myra Blizzard - doing well, home recovering
Jean Fogle
Sue Andrews
Deborah Moody - Will not be able to have back surgery for several months
Ruth Rush
Dorothy Taylor
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 - Back in the States
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)

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW OF ANY CHANGES IN THE PRAYER LIST
Vanessa Cornelson - Mass in lung, surgery (Cecilia McCain's sister)
Kim Holland Claunch - Heart problem, baby due in March
Essie Miller - Injured in auto accident (Joy Geci's family member)
Cathy Finch - Many health issues (Rhoda Carpenter's mother)
Loretta Vaught - Cancer, on chemo, not doing well (Tricia Pierce's mother)
Pamela Douglas - Cancer, Providence, requested our prayers
Teddy Mears - Bone cancer
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)
Holly Lee Crowell - out of hospital (Danny's wife)
Alden Douglas - Stroke (friend of Robert Stephenson's)
Sherry Guy - Back problems, possible surgery (Kemp's daughter-in-law)
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 - Cancer free!!!! (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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