



Azalea City Church of Christ

“A Place for Families, A Place for You”

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Are You Certain?

On the first day of the week, following the 33rd Passover in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, the tomb where His dead body had been placed was found empty. What evidence do we have to establish this fact? Today, please consider the following: (1) The **Roman guards** posted there agreed it was empty, (2) The **Jews** agreed it was empty, (3) The **disciples** could not have removed the body without being discovered by the Roman guards, and (4) The **Jews** never produced the body of Jesus, nor offered any evidence whatsoever that the disciples had taken it, or that Jesus merely “**swooned**” on the cross. The historical fact is that **Jesus Rose from the Grave!** The **Spiritual fact** is that He was the “**first fruit**” from the grave (1 Corinthians 15:20).

All Christians who believe the facts of Jesus’ life, death, burial, and resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:3-8) have been given the “**power unto salvation**” (Romans 1:16), that is, “power to become children of God” (John 1:12). The “righteousness of God” is imputed (Romans 3:22-26) to those whose faith and understanding mixes in humble obedience, leading to the watery grave of baptism (Romans 6:1-12). **Please read these passages carefully today with an open mind and heart...** Especially if you have never been immersed for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38 and Mark 16:16).

All of the age of accountability commit sins and are dead in sin (**Romans 3:23 and 5:5**). Because of the death and resurrection of Christ, we have the opportunity to die (the price of sin) and be raised from the grave **IN CHRIST**. Not by my righteousness, but by the righteousness of God displayed in the sinless life of Jesus. Not by my physical death, but by the physical death of Jesus on the cross. Not by my physical resurrection from a physical grave (yet - see below), but by the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. Baptism (immersion) is not a work of people, it is the eternal purpose of God in Christ Jesus to save obedient souls (**Romans 6:17**).

But it does not end with baptism. Christians are “**freed from sin and become servants of righteousness**” (Romans 6:3,7,18), and must “live to God” (Romans 6:10-12). From the watery grave of baptism, we are “raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4), serving God “unto holiness” (Romans 6:22) and looking forward to the eternal reward (**Romans 6:23**). Christ rose from the grave first, and those who die **IN CHRIST**, or who are “**found in Him**” (Philippians 3:9) when He comes again “at the last trumpet” (1 Corinthians 15:52-58), will be raised again to receive the resurrection unto eternal life (1 Corinthians 15:20-28). As you remember His death, burial, and resurrection today, are you **CERTAIN of yours?**

David

MISSION STATEMENT

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

2009 THEME: WALKING WITH HIM

“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps.” **1 Peter 2:21**

YOUTH GROUP

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today- Those who participated in Lads to Leaders will be returning some time late this evening.

April 14- Tween Lunch and Bowling. You will need 10 dollars. Meet at the building at 11 and we should return around 2:30. This was planned for the 13th but due to getting back from Lads to Leaders late, we will push it to the 14th

April 19- Teens take communion to shut-ins 12-2:30. Area-wide a Robertsdale. We will leave around 4 and return around 8.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

II Timothy 3:16-17

CONGRATULATIONS

To Ashley Cagle, She made the A/B Honor Roll at Semmes Middle School.

To Mallory Helms, She got the "Star" Student for the 3rd Quarter at Mobile Christian.

To Joshua Deck, He made the A/B Honor Roll at Phillips Preparatory School.

To Sarah Catherine Deck, She made the A/B Honor Roll at Council Traditional School.

To Blakelee Warren, She won the crown in the "Tiny Miss" category at the Azalea Festival at MGM

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

A NOTE FROM JASON

Thanks to all who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt. It was big success. We had a very good turnout and enjoyed a great period of fellowship. Teens, I will be putting out a sign up sheet April 19th for the Summer Trip. The cost is going to be around \$150.

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

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| Announcements | Rudy Pierce |
| Video Media | Tom Deck |
| Ushers | Bobby Campbell |
| | Alex Layton |
| Song Leader | A.M. Steve May |
| | P.M. Steve May |
| Scripture Reading | A.M. Jacob Kirby |
| | P.M. Caleb Cameron |
| Opening Prayer | A.M. Bill Pierce |
| | P.M. O.B. Richardson |
| Closing Prayer | A.M. Robert Oliver |
| | P.M. Terry Cameron |
| 9th Man | Mike Wright |

Men to Serve the Lord's Table - April

Lee Carpenter Roy House Phillip Odom
George Spurlock David Kirby Harold Enke
Robert Cornelison Johnny McDonald

Lord's Table PM: Ken Murphy

Communion to Shut-Ins

Rudy Pierce

Greeters for March

Front: Rudy & Nita Pierce Side: Stan Holland

Nursery Attendants

A.M. Brandie May P.M. Debbie Graham

Toddler Training Room: Lisha May

Children's Bible Hour: Jeff & Brandie May

Men to Serve Wednesday, April 15th

Song Leader: Frank Nelson **Prayer:** Gerald Copeland

Lock up Building for month of April: Justin Thompson

Prepare Communion:

Coordinate Meals for Sick & Bereaved:

Ruby Allsup & Eunice Day

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

THE RECORD YOU HELPED MAKE

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|--------------------------|------------|
| Bible Study | 184 |
| Morning Worship | 302 |
| Evening Worship | 152 |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 131 |
| Contribution (Regular) | \$8,557.13 |
| Weekly Contribution Need | \$8,607.80 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY:

Apr 14th - LADIES BIBLE CLASS at 1030 in the fellowship hall

Apr 15th - WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER at 6:00; If you plan to come, please sign up on white registration card

COST: \$1 for kids; \$3 for teens and adults

MENU: Roast, Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls

COOKS: Sherry Thompson & Lou Holland

CLEAN UP: Mary Ella Crowell, Sandra Richardson, Juanita Sanders, & Joann Gibbon

DESSERTS: Candi White, & Need Volunteers

Apr 19th - ELDERS/MINISTRY LEADERS MEETING at 4:30

Apr 19th - CONGREGATIONAL SINGING at 5:30

Apr 19th-22nd - GOSPEL MEETING at Fairhope Church of Christ

Apr 24th-25th - MEN'S LEADERSHIP RETREAT

May 2nd - ACCS/MCS FISH FRY

May 3rd - MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST at 8:00

May 3rd - FAMILY DAY TO HONOR GRADUATES

May 7th - FOOD DISTRIBUTION 9-11 in multipurpose bldg

May 8th-9th - ACCS YARD SALE

Jun 6th - ACCS/MCS FISH FRY

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

Jun 14th - TEEN WEEK AT GCBC

Jun 21st - JUNIOR WEEK AT GCBC

Jun 28th - MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEK AT GCBC

Jul 12th-15th - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

GRADUATES

It's that time again! Our family day to honor our kindergarten, high school, and college graduates will take place on Sunday, May 3rd. We need you to give (or email) your pictures and write-ups to the office by Sunday, April 26th.



COOK BECAUSE YOU CARE

The 'Cook Because You Care' program for Homebuilders' Ladies has a bunch of blank slots. We need volunteers to sign up on the list posted on the homebuilders' board by the fellowship hall door. See Kathy Henebry if you have any questions.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS DIRECTORY

Sun FHall George Spurlock - Charting Your Spiritual Course

Sun Aud. David Myers - The Book of John

Sun MPB Terry Cagle/Bill Pierc - Fundamentals of Faith

Wed Aud. Bob Williams - Loving, Living, & Giving Like Jesus

Wed FHall Ladies' Class - Various Topics

MEN'S LEADERSHIP RETREAT

The Men's Leadership Retreat has been scheduled for April 24th and 25th at the Mays' & Eubanks' beach house on Dauphin Island. Elders, Deacons, Staff, Ministry Chairmen, and all men of the congregation are encouraged to attend. If you plan to attend the retreat, please sign up on one of the sheets in either foyer. Ministry Chairmen, there is a schedule and a booklet in your box. Please stop by your box and pick up this information. If you are not a ministry chairman and you are planning to attend the retreat, please see Terry or an elder for a copy of the session booklet and a schedule.

ACCS YARD SALE

We have a date for the ACCS Spring yard sale! It will be on Friday, May 8th and Saturday, May 9th. After you've finished your spring cleaning please bring your yard sale items to us and we'll store them until the sale. Please see Kim, Rachel, or Evelyn if you have any questions.



INNER CITY LADIES' DAY

We are preparing a meal for the Inner City Ladies' Day on Wednesday, April 15th. If you would like to help by preparing a salad or a cake, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office. Also, you are more than welcome to attend the Ladies' Day. Just let Glenda know if you plan to attend so we can let Inner City know.

FROM THE MAILBOX

Our Ladies Day was a great success. Everyone did a great job. The young ladies were wonderful. We are so proud of them. Carlotta had a great lesson and all really enjoyed it. Sandra and Melisa did an outstanding job decorating. We really owe them a debt of gratitude. The men also did a great job serving. Ladies, please take time to thank them personally. Thanks to all who helped in any way with food, door prizes, etc. You are a great group of ladies, who make our Ladies Day a great time for all. We also owe Lee Staples a great big thank you for the jewelry that was given to all ladies. Let's start planning now for an even greater day next year.

In Christian love, Marion & Lou

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your visits, prayers, and kind deeds during my recent hospital stay with pneumonia. Your thoughtfulness meant so much to me and my family.

In Christian Love, Greta Taylor

Dear Church Family

My heart cath result was good. Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, calls, and well wishes during this time.

In Christian Love, Jim Galloway & Family

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (members)

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW OF ANY CHANGES IN THE PRAYER LIST
Eunice Day - Doing better, recovering after fall that broke 3 ribs
Audrey Anderson - Thyroid problem
Holly Carpenter - tests
Lee Staples - Had a bad fall last week
Alyson Davidson - Home
Christina Blankenship - Outpatient sinus surgery 4/30 at Mob Inf
Jean Fogle - Staying with daughter in Florida through 7/25
Cubby Merrell - Lots of health problems (Paul & Debora's grandson)
Belinda Moss - Bacterial infection in foot
Brenda Odom - Health issues
Bill Pierce - Still improving
Rainie Mclinvale - many health issues, hand surgery went well, doing better
Myra Blizzard
James & Esther Bell - Many health problems
Sue Andrews
Deborah Moody
Ruth Rush
Paul Merrell - Various health issues
Linda Lockler

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

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

OUR MILITARY

Chris Campbell - Navy
Randy Pierce - Marines, Fort Leonard Wood, MO (Rudy & Nita's grandson)
Kenneth Andrews - In Germany for 12 months (Terry & Sue's son)
Aaron Allsup - Stationed in Italy (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')
Michael L Burroughs - Navy, in Iraq (Irene King's son)
Layne Ortiz (Afghanistan) & Ryan Ortiz (Iraq) - Beverly Hall's niece and her husband
Shaun Christian - Afghanistan (Phillip & Tammy Odom's nephew)

IN MEMORY OF...



The Easter Lilies in the auditorium today were donated by Kathy Courtney in memory of her mother, Maggie Howle, and by Glenda Carpenter in memory of her mother, Ruth Dean.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

Today - Marion Barnette, Theo Blankenship, *Happy Birthday!*
Bo Cagle

Monday - Justin Lowery, Emily Moss
Tuesday - Eleanor Kemp, Kevin Marler
Thursday - Sierra White



REMEMBER IN PRAYER (friends & family)

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW OF ANY CHANGES IN THE PRAYER LIST
Merlin Boudreaux - Stage 4 cancer (Margaret Istre's brother-in-law)
Carley Stewart - SMH, colon cancer (Iris House's brother)
Pierce Family - Son, Ben, passed away (Kathy Henebry's relative)
Elaine Murph - Liver cancer (Eleanor Kemp's cousin)
Iona Griffin - Had pacemaker surgery (Beth Overton's mother)
Breanna Moore - 18 mth old, incurable disease (friend of Blankenships)
Agnes Locke - Needs open heart surgery (friend of Barbara Mosley)
Matt Davis (Mary Womack's grandson)
Sara Peckham Watson - Recovering well from gallbladder surgery
Bill Chism - Recovering from cancer surgery (friend of Eubanks & Mays)
Charles Byrd - Had cancer surgery Thur. (friend of Carpenters)
Robert Williams - Passed away (friend of Myers', in Pensacola)
Cletis Bedingfield - SMH - recovering well (Sandy Durham's mother)
Brynn Woods - Malignant Fibrous Histiocytoma (3½ yrs old)
Mia West - SMH, 3 yr old ACCS student - hematoma on her brain
Leroy Beech - Mob. Inf. West, in rehab (Myra & Deborah's uncle)
Elaine Weldon - Hospital - Blood clot in lung (Sarah Oliver's sister)
Wanda Lloyd - Will be starting radiation & chemo soon (Rebecca's mother)
Chloe Hennis - USA Children's, hit by car, had surgery, doing better
Dean Updike - Broken leg, surgery, recovering (Rachel McDonald's sister)
Warren Pickle - Brain cancer (friend of Ruth Rush)
Mary-Kathryn Harrison - Home, recovering well
Kathy Finch - Many health issues (Rhoda's mom)
Jeri Nix - Neck surgery went well (Hornbuckles' daughter)
Marley Nix - Bacterial infection in lower colon (Hornbuckles' grandchild)
Melanie & Jessica Whitehead - Bad car accident (Kemp's relatives)
Vera Hill - Home, much better, still on dialysis (Dora Wright's sister)
J.T. Harrison - Back problems
Alex Watson - Waiting for test results (Pierce's son-in-law)
Ethan Stokes - 21 mth old, has had a limp, drs can't find cause
Ann Weaver - Cancer (friend of Glenda Warren)
Charlie Peterson - Cystic Fibrosis (child) (Mac & Jamie Goleman's friend)
Billy Jones - Loss of wife & mother has cancer (Kevin Crowell's friend)
Jerrold Eubanks - Prostate cancer
Michael Hornbuckle - Head injury, another 6 months of recovery
Loretta Vaught - Cancer, chemo is going well (Tricia Pierce's mother)
Teddy Mears - Bone cancer
Teresa Cleveland - Lung cancer (Melba's niece)
Morgan Lee - Leukemia, graduate student at USA (friend of the Dyes)
Irene Whitehead - Stroke, in physical therapy (Melba's sister)
Sherry Guy - Back problems, possible surgery (Kemp's daughter-in-law)
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
Ronin White - Cancer (Linda Lockler's 7 yr old nephew)
Pam Prine - Breast Cancer, responding to treatment (Brian Busby's cousin)
Marvin Fountain - Bone cancer & prostate cancer
Hixon Nobles - Friend of David & Sarah Myers
Marshall Eubanks - Cancer (Ruth Rush's son)
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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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| 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. |