



Azalea City Church of Christ

“A Place for Families, A Place for You”

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Our Calling

There's a common belief these days that says that true Christians of faith should not feel pain or suffer. Do you believe that teaching?

In Colossians 1:24, the apostle Paul said that his own suffering filled up what was “lacking in the afflictions of Christ”. His own Christian life demonstrated that suffering for the Lord is a part of following Him. As we live for Christ each day and proclaim His sacrifice to a lost world, we will experience suffering. If you are looking for an example to follow, look no further than Paul. Instead of pitying himself, as he endured the chains of prison, he joyfully suffered for Christ and his brethren. He knew that pain and suffering weren't too great a price to pay for the privilege of being a blessing to others.

A very famous hymn writer referred to her pain-ridden body, saying, “Everybody is so sorry for me except myself”. Then she added, “I see my pain in the light of Calvary”. This songwriter and Paul demonstrate how suffering infirmities can glorify God and challenge others.

Do you want to be like the Lord when you are at the crossroad of pain? George MacDonald said it well, “The Son of God suffered unto death, not that men might not suffer, but that their suffering might be like His”. Paul accepted his calling, even if he had to suffer. It was his calling and ministry. Are you willing to accept your calling? Which road will you take?

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- Easter Egg Hunt for 6th grade and under. This will take place after morning worship.

April 6- MNFTM 6-8

April 9-12- Lads to Leaders Convention

April 13- Tween Lunch and Bowling

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

I Corinthians 1:10

CONGRATULATIONS

To Chase Overby, He made the A/B Honor Roll Semmes Middle School

To Paige Overby, She won the crown in her category at the Azalea Festival at MGM. She also made the A Honor Roll and got a \$50 savings bond from Colonial Bank for having the highest grade point average in the 4th grade at Semmes Elementary.

To Joseph McDonald, He made the A Honor Roll, He also got a \$50 savings bond from Century Bank for having the highest grade point average in 5th grade at Semmes Elementary.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

A NOTE FROM JASON

With only a couple months of school left, Summer is almost here. We have a lot of things planned for this summer. Please make plans to participate in as many of these events as possible. Have a great week!

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	Terry Cagle
Video Media	Chris Helms
Ushers	Bobby Campbell
	alex Layton
Song Leader	A.M. Steve May
	P.M. Steve May
Scripture Reading	A.M. Nathan Myers
	P.M. Tyler Williams
Opening Prayer	A.M. Stan Holland
	P.M. Phil Massey
Closing Prayer	A.M. Tim Russell
	P.M. Terry Andrews

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: Kent Wilkerson

Communion to Shut-Ins

Rudy Pierce

Greeters for March

Front: Rudy & Nita Pierce Side: Stan Holland

Nursery Attendants

A.M. Sandy Durham P.M. Joann Brown

Toddler Training Room: Melisa Kirby

Children's Bible Hour: Randy & Tammy Miller

Men to Serve Wednesday, April 8th

Song Leader: Phil Massey Prayer: Rick Henebry

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

Bible Study	155
Morning Worship	285
Evening Worship	135
Wednesday Bible Study	147
Contribution (Regular)	\$7,500.32
Weekly Contribution Need	\$8,607.80

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY:

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING at 5:30

SANDWICH SUPPER & LLL PRESENTATION

Apr 6th - MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER dinner at 6, activities at 6:25; please sign up on white registration card

Apr 7th - LADIES BIBLE CLASS at 1030 in the fellowship hall

Apr 9th-11th - LADS TO LEADERS CONVENTION

Apr 10th - PIONEER GAME NIGHT at 6:30

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

Apr 19th - CONGREGATIONAL SINGING at 5:30

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

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.



SPECIAL THANKS

To Lou Holland for planning and organizing our Ladies' Day, to Marion Barnette for stepping in while Mrs. Lou was enjoying her grandchild, to Carlotta Russell for giving such a wonderful lesson to Sandra Richardson and Melisa Kirby for doing such an excellent job decorating the fellowship hall, to all the women and young ladies who led participated in the service, to everyone who brought such yummy food, and to everyone who came and graced us with your wonderful presence! You are all wonderful women! Thank you!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

LADS TO LEADERS & LEADERETTES



LEADERETTES

Our Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes participants will be leaving this Thursday to attend the convention in Orlando. We will have a sandwich supper tonight to celebrate all that they have accomplished this year. Hopefully, we'll get to see the puppet show as well!

Please come back this evening and plan to stay for the sandwich supper. We will need everyone to bring sandwiches & fixings, including drinks & desserts.

The kids going to the Lads to Leaders convention this year are:

Carl Blankenship, Maggie Blankenship, Shelby Champion, Aaron Myers, Nathan Myers, Branson White, Isabella White, & Justin Wilkerson

Make sure you wish them all luck before they leave Thursday!

ACCS YARD SALE

The ACCS spring yard sale is coming up! 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.



BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY LISTS

We are trying to update our list of birthdays and anniversaries. There is a list of names in the side foyer. Please check and see if your name is on the birthday list or the anniversary list. If it is, please write your birthday (you don't have to put the year) and/or your anniversary (please include the year) next to your name.

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (members)

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

Ray Kemp - Surgery went well
Eunice Day - Sick, Fell last weekend
Alyson Davidson - Mob Inf 2409, Infection in her blood
Christina Blankenship - Outpatient sinus surgery 4/30 at Mob Inf
Jean Fogle
Cubby Merrell - Lots of health problems (Paul & Debora's grandson)
Greta Taylor - Home, doing a lot better
Belinda Moss - Bacterial infection in foot
Diane Dyess - Recovering from appendectomy
Clara Frost - Recovering well from cornea transplant surgery
Irene King - More tests to determine cause of back problems
Brenda Odom - Health issues
Trez Rudder - Home
Gail Carr - Mild stroke a couple weeks ago, therapy progressing well
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)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

**Today - Sarah Myers, Crystal Roberts, Sandy Williams,
Dan & Gail Campbell**

**Monday - Ashton Jayroe, Darriell Johnson, Dereka Johnson
Tuesday - Chris Helms**

**Wednesday - Tommy & Myra Blizzard
Thursday - Dellar Mosley**

Friday - Anna Layton, Rick & Kathy Henebry

**Saturday - Nicole Cunningham, Jace Graham, Alan Layton, Lori
Medders, Lee & Rhoda Carpenter, Randy & Glenda Warren**

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)
Breanna Moore - 18 mth old, incurable disease (friend of Blankenships)
Sara Peckham Watson - Recovering well from gallbladder surgery
Bill Chism - Had cancer surgery Wed. (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)
Larry Presley - Had CT scan on lungs (Samantha's dad)
Vera Hill - Home, much better, still on dialysis (Dora Wright's sister)
Billy Sullivan - Severe burns, home (Janette Wright's brother)
Elaine Davis - Numerous health issues (friend of Trez Rudder)
J.T. Harrison - Back problems
Alex Watson - Waiting for test results (Pierce's son-in-law)
Sara Peckham Watson - Gallbladder tests
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)
H.L. Moss - Broken leg (friend of Bells')
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)
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)
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

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.