



Azalea City Church of Christ

“A Place for Families, A Place for You”

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Heaven

The past several weeks I've been reading a book entitled, "The History of Christianity". According to the author, in A.D. 410, the Germanic barbarians known as the Goths sacked the city of Rome. During the invasion, many Christians were put to death in hideous and cruel ways. In the midst of this tragedy, the theologian Augustine (354-430) wrote his classic work, The City of God. His images of what happened to Christians in the face of death are still fresh today.

Augustine wrote, "The end of life puts the longest life on par with the shortest... Death becomes evil only by the retribution which follows it. They, then, who are destined to die need not inquire about what death they are to die, but into **what place death will usher them.**"

For those of us here today who have put our faith in Jesus Christ, death is not a Roman soldier dragging us off to court but a servant ushering us into the presence of a loving Lord. Do you know where death will take you? Can you say boldly with the Apostle Paul, "Death is swallowed up in victory" (**1 Corinthians 15:54**)? I hope you have a desire to go to Heaven after your death. For the Christian, death is not a period but a comma that precedes a glorious eternity with our Lord, Jesus Christ. If we could only realize how wonderful and real Heaven is, I believe that more people in the church would not be so afraid of death. For many, it is dying that makes it hard for them (us) to talk about Heaven. With that said, today we will begin a new series entitled, "Amazing Truths About Heaven: A Real Place, A Real Home" (Part 1).

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
455-6443- cell

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 7- Tween Devo at Terry and Michelle's at 6pm

August 8- Conquerors at Scenic Hills in Pensacola. We will leave the building at 7:30 a.m.

August 9- Teens take communion to Shut-Ins. 12-2:30. Bring money for lunch

August 14-16- Southern Evangelism Conference. This is a Youth Rally in Gardendale, AL, that focuses on evangelism. Please sign up by August 2. The cost is \$30

August 19- Sing His Praises

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

James 4:7-8

A NOTE FROM JASON

We had a very good week last week when we went to Rainbow Omega for our mission trip. Those that went include Ashley Cagle, Shelby Champion, Kelley Russo, Hannah Williams, Kamryn Busby, Tyler Williams, Nathan Myers, Ashton Jayroe and Aaron Myers. Thanks to Kristen Eubanks for chaperoning our trip. Please take some time and ask our young people about their trip. They did a tremendous job working around the campus and spending time with the residents. Thanks guys!

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		George Spurlock
Video Media		Chris Helms
Ushers		Phillip Odum
		Taylor Copeland
Song Leader	A.M.	Steve May
	P.M.	Steve May
Scripture Reading	A.M.	William Busby
	P.M.	Caleb Cameron
Opening Prayer	A.M.	Kevin Crowell
	P.M.	Dean Simmons
Closing Prayer	A.M.	Kent Wilkerson
	P.M.	Todd Cagle

9th Man

Mike Eubanks

Men to Serve the Lord's Table - August

Tom Deck	Phil Massey	Bob Bagwell
Roy House	Walter Brock	Scott Jayroe
Frank Nelson	Justin Thompson	

Lord's Table PM: Stan Holland/Tommy Blizzard

Communion to Shut-Ins: Ken Murphy

Greeters for August

Front: Tim & Carlotta Russell, JoAnn Brown Side: Ken Murphy

Information Booth: Margaret Istre

Nursery Attendants

A.M. Jamie Goleman P.M. Brittany Moss

Toddler Training Room: Lisha May

Children's Bible Hour: Jessica Davidson

Men to Serve Wednesday, August 5th

Song Leader: John Allsup Prayer: Theo Blankenship

Lock up Building for month of August: Scott Jayroe

Prepare Communion: Gerald & Pauline King

Coordinate Meals for Sick & Bereaved: Need Volunteer

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

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.

THE RECORD YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Study	152
Morning Worship	262
Evening Worship	136
Wednesday Bible Study	132
Contribution (Regular)	\$7,378.20
Weekly Contribution Need	\$8,607.80

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY: CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 5:30

Aug 3rd - VOLLEYBALL 6:00

Aug 6th - FOOD DISTRIBUTION 9-11

Aug 14th - PIONEER GAME NIGHT 6:30

Aug 28th - PIONEER GAME NIGHT 6:30

Aug 31st - MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER starts back

Aug 23rd - AZALEA CITY HOSTS YOUTH AREA WIDE

Aug 30th - BABY SHOWER FOR TERRA THOMPSON

Sept 20th - FAMILY DAY

POLL WORKERS

Several weeks ago, we put a request for poll workers in the bulletin. We have since heard back from the probate court letting us know how urgent this request is. If you live in the Crawford community and are interested, please let David know. More information is on the bulletin board outside the office.

LOST KEYS

A large set of keys was found a few weeks ago at the multipurpose building. They are on an Air Force Reserve key chain. Please see Glenda or Carra to claim them.

JOB OPENING

Faulkner University has a job opening for a director of its Mobile center. Full details can be found on the flyer on the bulletin board by the church office.

CHRISTIAN CONCERT

The acappella Christian group Vocal Union will be performing at the Orange Grove Church of Christ in Gulfport, MS, on Saturday August 22nd at 7:00 p.m. For more information, there is a flyer on the bulletin board by the church office.

BABY GIFT BASKET

We have placed a basket in the hallway outside the church office for Tara Moss (Jerry & Patricia Medders' daughter). She is having a boy on August 3rd. We will keep the basket out through Wed Aug 12th, so you can place any gifts for her and the baby in it.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS DIRECTORY

Sun FHall Various Teachers - Lessons From the Heart
Sun Aud. David Myers - The Book of John
Sun MPB Terry Cagle/Bill Pierce - Fundamentals of Faith
Wed Aud. David Myers - "Choose Your Attitude, Change Your Life"
Wed FHall Ladies' Class - Various Topics

REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE, WWW.AZALEACITY.ORG

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.

60 Years

1949
August 6th
2009

*You are cordially invited by the children and
Grandchildren of*

Mr. And Mrs. Rudolph N. Pierce

To a dessert reception to celebrate their

Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary

August 9, 2009

Following the six o'clock evening worship service

Azalea City Church of Christ

Your presence is the only gift requested

VOLLEYBALL

We will be playing volleyball tomorrow night at 6:00 in the multipurpose building. All ages are welcome to attend!

2010 MINISTRY SHEETS

Ministry Leaders, your ministry sheets to fill out for 2010 are ready to be picked up. You can see David or Terry to pick up these forms and for more information.

FROM THE MAILBOX

Azalea City Family,

You will never know how much we appreciate your concern you showed me and my family during mom's recent stay in the hospital. My sister made the statement several times how loving and caring our church family. Thanks for the calls, sitting with us at the hospital, visits and especially the prayers on her behalf. Prayers were answered and hopefully she can continue to improve. Keep us in your prayers, we love you and again thanks so much.

In Christian Love, Bob Moss & Family

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (members)

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

Billy Allsup - Home from hospital, blood count is much better
Aaron Spurlock - tests
Jessica Mastin - bronchitis
Gabriel Blankenship - Still recovering from tonsillectomy
Tammy Odom - Recovering well from surgery
John Allsup - Aneurysm in stomach, will not have surgery
Trez Rudder - Surgery to be scheduled soon
Polly Wright - Recovering from foot surgery
Nita Mae Eubanks
Bill & Eunice Day - Health problems
Audrey Anderson - Thyroid problem, on medication
Jean Fogle
Cubby Merrell - Lots of health problems (Paul & Debora's grandson)
Brenda Odom - Health issues
Rainie Mclinvale - Spinal block scheduled
James & Esther Bell - Health problems, James needs a bone marrow transplant
Deborah Moody
Paul & Debora Merrell
Linda Lockler

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Tara Moss (August 3)
Holly Crowell (September 09)
Terra Thompson (October 09)

OUR MILITARY

Jason Odom - Iraq (Phillip & Tammy's nephew)
Chris Campbell - Navy
Randy Pierce - Marines, Fort Pendleton (Rudy & Nita's grandson)
Kenneth Andrews - In Iraq (Terry & Sue's son)
Aaron Allsup - Stationed in Italy (John & Ruby Allsup's grandson)
Jacob Pierce - Back in the States
Matthew Geroux - Will be in Turkey 8/09-2/10 (Phillip & Tammy's son-in-law)
Keith Moss - Marines (Skip Garner's son-in-law)
Dewayne Nix - Navy, stationed in Corpus Christi, TX
Manuel Baldwin - Iraq (Natasha Polk's member at Univ COC-fiancee)
Michael L Burroughs - Navy, in Iraq (Irene King's son)
Layne Ortiz - Afghanistan & **Ryan Ortiz** (Beverly Hall's niece and her husband)
Shaun Christian - Afghanistan (Phillip & Tammy Odom's nephew)

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To Don and Sara Andrews and family in the loss of Don's father Lamar, on Friday, July 24th. The funeral was this past Tuesday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

Today - Rick Copeland, Sherry Thompson
Tuesday - Taylor Copeland, Cameron Harville,
Sarah Oliver, Conrad & Glenda Carpenter
Wednesday - Linda Copeland
Thursday - Chandler Carpenter, Melisa Kirby,
Rudy & Nita Pierce
Friday - Stacy Cagle, Randy Miller
Saturday - Carl Blankenship, Freddy Corina,
Kelly Russo



REMEMBER IN PRAYER (friends & family)

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Ann Deck - Thomas hospital in Fairhope, fighting bad infection (Tom's mom)
Ken Murphy's mother - Mild stroke, recovering well
DC Mosley - Bone & blood cancer (Quincy & Pat Woodard's neighbor)
Alisha Jones - Recovering from gallbladder surgery Monday (Don & Judy Jones' daughter-in-law)
Gerald Ruiz - Hit by tractor trailer 7/20, paralyzed from waist down, in rehab in Atlanta (address on bulletin board for cards) (Kathy Henebry's co-worker)
Garret Landry - Brain tumor, age 10 (friend of Gerald & Pauline's grandson)
Brenda Maxfield - Being tested for Lymes disease (Wanda Hankins' sister)
Doris Moss - Doing better (Bob's mother)
Frank Blizzard - Recovering from neck surgery (Tommy's brother)
Brenda Long - Has a melanoma on her head (Larry Dye's sister)
Elaine Murff - Tupelo hospital, losing blood (Eleanor Kemp's sister)
Caitlan Goode - Had liver transplant, doing well-14 yrs old (Kemp's great niece)
Freddy Corina's father - Health issues
Patricia Fletcher - Recovering from infection (Kim Helms' mother)
Toni Lucas - Lymes Disease (Perry & Donna's daughter-in-law)
Mary Bauer - Cancer, starting chemo (Tom Deck's aunt)
Lee Hankins - Heart problems (Bob's father)
Icleatus Albritton - home
Jean Molsbee - Cancer, bad prognosis (wife of employee of Mays & Eubanks)
Temple Anderson - Cancer (elder at Opelika Church)
Jessica Weller - Rare form of cancer, 13 yrs old (friend of the Roberts family)
Mary-Kathryn Harrison - Has Gorlin's Syndrome
Glenn & Donna Corley - Many health issues
Carley Stewart - Colon cancer, on chemo (Iris House's brother)
Clara Williams (Bob's mother)
Crystal Galloway's grandmother - Has COPD & not doing well
Michelle Epperson & Darian Guy
Donald Thrower - Various health issues (Glenda Wilkes' brother)
Breanna Moore - 18 mth old, incurable disease (friend of Blankenships)
Brynn Woods - Malignant Fibrous Histiocytoma (3½ yrs old)
Wanda Lloyd - Will be starting radiation & chemo soon (Rebecca's mother)
Marley Nix - Bacterial infection in lower colon (Hornbuckles' granddaughter)
J.T. Harrison - Back problems
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 - Mother is battling ovarian 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
Michele Wheeler - On medication for brain tumors
Morgan Lee - Leukemia, graduate student at USA (friend of the Dyes)
Sherry Guy - Back problems, possible surgery (Kemp's daughter-in-law)
Ronin White - Cancer (Linda Lockler's 7 yr old nephew)
Pam Prine - Breast Cancer, responding to treatment (Brian Busby's cousin)
Hixon Nobles - Friend of David & Sarah Myers
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