



Azalea City Church of Christ

“A Place for Families, A Place for You”

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Heaven: What We Know

Two of our young men have read from John 14:-6 the past two Sundays. In these verses, Jesus promised to **prepare** a special place for those who believe and follow Him faithfully (verse 6, Revelations 2:10). Many years later, He also spoke to John in a vision, giving him as much detail as man's finite mind could grasp. Since then, God's people have pondered with eager anticipation what Heaven (Paradise) will be like (Revelations 2:7; 21:1-4).

We have noticed the past two Sundays that, when we are taken to Heaven by an angel (Luke 16:22), we will be released from sin's curse, we will serve God without dread, and we will see Jesus (22:4) and be like Him (1 John 3:2).

With this **knowledge** in our hearts, we should have the joy that the English writer **Thomas Browne** wrote about in the 1600's. He wrote, "When we begin to talk about life after death, we're like two infants in a womb discussing the nature of their future life. The difference between our **present knowledge** and understanding of what it will be to share God's glory is no less great than what exists between unborn babes and a man in the strength of his days... As Christians, we **know** it is indescribable and thus we can rejoice, but it will be even greater than our wildest imagination." (*Illus. Of Bible Truths, pg. 117*)

Let's not forget, and always remember, "**The Best is Yet to Be**".

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

Today- We are hosting the Area-wide. We will eat at 5 and worship will be at 6. Please make sure you are here.

August 28- Fifth Quarter in the Multi Purpose Building. Starts at 9 and is over at 12. I need several parents to volunteer to be here to help chaperone. We are going to team up with Creekwood and alternate it between our building and theirs. There is a sign up sheet in the side foyer. This is going to take a lot of participation.

August 31- MNFTM starts back.

September 4- 5th Quarter at Creekwood. 9-12

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

I Peter 5:5-7

A NOTE FROM JASON

I took seven teenagers to Southern Evangelism Conference last weekend in Gardendale, AL. Those who went were taught how to evangelize their friends. This is such an important topic to our young people today. Football season is upon us and that means that 5th Quarter is starting. We are very excited about doing this event this year. Parents please sign up to help chaperone for this event. The sign up sheet is in the side foyer.

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		Mike Eubanks
Video Media		Theo Blankenship
Ushers		Phillip Odum
		Taylor Copeland
Song Leader	A.M.	Steve May
	P.M.	Steve May
Scripture Reading	A.M.	Ashton Jayroe
	P.M.	Nathan Myers
Opening Prayer	A.M.	Frank Nelson
	P.M.	Walter Brock
Closing Prayer	A.M.	Drew Nelson
	P.M.	Mike Eubanks

9th Man

Jason Killough

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: Rudy Pierce

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. Christina Blankenship P.M. Michelle Cagle

Toddler Training Room: Rachel Myers

Children's Bible Hour: Chris & Kim Helms

Men to Serve Wednesday, August 26th

Song Leader: George Spurlock Prayer: Michael Davidson

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	127
Morning Worship	190
Evening Worship	161
Wednesday Bible Study	156
Contribution (Regular)	\$7,536.30
Weekly Contribution Need	\$8,607.80

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY: AZALEA CITY HOSTS YOUTH AREA WIDE dinner for the teens will be at 5 before our church service at 6 - we will have a spaghetti dinner for them - if you signed up to bring food for tonight's dinner, please have it at the building by 4:30

MEN'S MEETING - in the multipurpose building after PM worship

Aug 28th - PIONEER GAME NIGHT 6:30

Aug 30th - BABY SHOWER FOR TERRA THOMPSON sign up sheets to bring food for the shower are located in both foyers

Aug 31st - MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER starts back

Sept 12th - LADIES DAY at Scenic Hills COC in Pensacola at 8:30 - If you are interested in going, please sign the sheet in the side foyer, if enough ladies are interested, we may take the van

Sept 13th - LADS TO LEADERS KICKOFF

Sept 20th - FAMILY DAY

Nov 13th-14th - ACCS YARD SALE Please start bringing in your items for the school yard sale

BABY GIFT BASKET

We have placed a basket in the hallway next to the church office for Danny & Holly Crowell, who are expecting a baby boy around Sept. 9th. If you would like to give them a gift for their baby, please put it in the basket. We'll keep the basket out through the beginning of September.

ACCS FUNDRAISER

Azalea City Christian School will be holding their annual Little Caesar's Pizza fundraiser from Aug 24th through Sept 17th. If you would like to order, please see Sarah Myers or Evelyn Wright.

BABY SHOWER

We will have a baby shower for Justin & Terra Thompson on Sunday, August 30th following our evening service. They are expecting a girl in October. Sign up sheets are located in both foyers if you can bring food for the shower. Everyone is welcome!

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.

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

NEW SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

The Fall Quarter 2009 will begin Sunday, September 6. Two of our existing classes will continue through this new quarter:

1. Gospel of John: David Myers will continue his class on the New Testament book of John in the Auditorium.
2. Fundamentals of Faith: Terry Cagle and Bill Pierce will continue their class that has been meeting in the MPB Family Room, but it will be in the Fellowship Hall for the Fall Quarter. This class has been especially beneficial to young adults and new Christians, but all are welcome to attend.

ADDRESSES

Here are addresses for 2 of our new college students:

Brittany Moss	Joey Crowell
Troy State University	PO Box 868801
Box 821	Tuscaloosa, AL 35486
Troy, AL 36082	

These 2 addresses have changed. Please update your directory.

Danny & Holly Crowell	Bobby & Christine Crowell
1212 Arbor Ridge Dr	785 Fowler Rd
Antioch, TN 37013	Northbridge, MA 01534

Here is Matt Geroux's address (Phillip & Tammy's son-in-law):

Matthew Geroux
376 ELRS/LGRDC
APO AE 09353

FROM THE MAILBOX

Dear Church Family,

There are no adequate words to thank you for all that you have done for us over the years. But this celebration of our 60th wedding anniversary along with our children and grandchildren is something we cherish very deeply. Thank you for your love, friendship, support, and being there for us. May God continue to bless this "church family"

In love, Rudy & Nita

Dear Azalea City Family,

We appreciate so much the support and encouragement you have been to us over the long months of the declining health and passing of Don's dad. Your prayers and thoughtfulness have sustained us. We thank you for the cards, visits, food, and magnificent peace lily that you have given to us. You are our forever family and we ask your continued prayers in the recovery time ahead.

In Christian love, Don & Sara Andrews

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so very much for all of your love shown to me after my surgery. The calls, cards, and meals were so thoughtful. I love each of you.

Always in Him, Tammy Odom

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (members)

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

Rod Kite - Home, recovering well, measured 4" taller on Friday!
Dora Wright - Tests, has been very weak, may need pacemaker
Carra Deck - Recovering from flu
Whitney Miller - Swine flu
Jean Fogle - Pneumonia
Bill & Betty Nichols - Bill is on hospice care
Libby Phillips - tests
Billy Allsup - Feeling better
Jessica Mastin - bronchitis
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
Cubby Merrell - Lots of health problems (Paul & Debora's grandson)
Brenda Odom - Health issues
Rainie McInvale - Spinal block scheduled
James & Esther Bell - Health problems, James needs a bone marrow transplant
Deborah Moody
Paul & Debora Merrell
Linda Lockler - having to resume treatments for blood problem

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

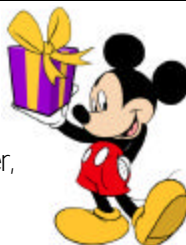
Holly Crowell (September 09)
Terra Thompson (October 09)
Stephanie (Andrews) Lewis (November 09)
Geralyn Smith (November 09)

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 - Deployed to Kyrgyzstan, 6 mths (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-fiance')
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)

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Today - Lee Carpenter, Mac Goleman,
Clay Thompson
Monday - Brian & Margie Busby
Tuesday - Pam Carpenter, Clara Frost
Thursday - Michelle Cagle, Rhoda Carpenter,
Nicole Frost
Saturday - John Allsup



REMEMBER IN PRAYER (friends & family)

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Ruby Pierce - Springhill Memorial (friend of Gerald & Pauline)
Andy Buford's Mother - Had leg amputated (Libby Phillip's neighbor)
Judy Lincoln - Needs liver transplant (former member)
Martha Weaver - Springhill hospital, not doing well (Paul Merrell's mother)
Larry Williams - Needs kidney transplant (Easter's son)
Amy Dominques - Cancer of lymph nodes (relative of Helen Jones)
Bob Miller - Had heart surgery recently (friend of Gecis')
DC Mosley - Bone & blood cancer (Quincy & Pat Woodard's neighbor)
Alisha Jones - Recovering from gallbladder surgery (Don & Judy Jones' daughter-in-law)
Gerald Ruiz - Hit by tractor trailer 7/20, paralyzed from waist down, not doing well (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 - Tests (Wanda Hankins' sister)
Doris Moss - Doing better (Bob's mother)
Frank Blizzard - Home, doing better (Tommy's brother)
Brenda Long - Has a melanoma on her head (Larry Dye's sister)
Elaine Murff - Tupelo hospital (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 - Lyme 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
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