



# Azalea City Church of Christ

“A Place for Families, A Place for You”

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## I'm Afraid!

Now that we have studied five lessons on Heaven, what do you think about dying? Some of you might still be saying to yourself, “I’m afraid of dying!”. Who isn’t? The Bible teaches that death is the last enemy and a potent one at that. It has people so frightened that they spend billions of dollars annually in a vain attempt to avoid it. Even our Lord Jesus Christ resisted it in His last hours.

Knowing what we do about life and Heaven as Christians should help us to not fear death nearly as much as dying. It’s dying that sometimes makes it hard for us to talk about Heaven. In my reading about Heaven to prepare for this series, I came across this wonderful story by Don Baker.

The story is told of a little girl who, one dark night, was walking through the woods to the river with her father. Far away the lights twinkled on a distant shore. The child was weary, sleepy, and frightened. Her father held her close as they watched the ferry drawing closer and closer until finally they were safe in the boat. After leaving the land, she again became frightened and said, “Daddy, I can’t see the shore. It’s very dark. Daddy, I’m afraid.” “Don’t be frightened, dear,” said her father. “The pilot knows the way - we’ll soon be there.” It wasn’t long before they were at home and in the arms of loved ones. Some time later this same little girl was dying, and she stood beside another river far deeper and darker. She awakened for a while and looked up to her mother and father standing beside her bed and said, “Daddy, I have come to the river again, and the ferryman is waiting to take me across.” “Does it seem as dark and as cold as when you went over the other river?” her daddy asked. “Oh no - there is no darkness here. The river sparkles like diamonds and the boat is bright with light. I am not afraid of the ferryman.” “Can you see over the river?”, he asked. “Oh yes, there is a great and beautiful city there all filled with light, and I hear the angels singing,” she said. “Do you see anyone on the other side?”, he asked. “Yes, yes, I see the most beautiful form, and He’s calling to me. Oh, ferryman, hurry, hurry, it’s Jesus, my beautiful Jesus. Oh, I’m coming, Jesus.” And she crossed over the river of death made smooth and beautiful by the grace of God.

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- The Teen Devo that was scheduled tonight will be postponed due to the baby shower for the Thompson's.

August 31- MNFTM starts back. 6-8 pm

September 4- 5th Quarter at Creekwood. 9-12. If you want to ride the van from Azalea City, Please let me know ahead of time. The van will leave at 8:45 p.m. and return around 12:15 a.m.

September 6- Teens take communion to the Shut-Ins. 12-2, Bring money for lunch.

## BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

## A NOTE FROM JASON

The members at this congregation never cease to amaze me. Thanks to everyone who had a part in making our area-wide a success. Thank you very much, I could not have done it without you. Don't forget that Monday Night for the Master starts back this week from 6-8. This is an opportunity to serve our community and show other that Christ is living in us. I hope you 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		George Spurlock
Video Media		Claude Thompson
Ushers		Phillip Odom
		Taylor Copeland
Song Leader	A.M.	Steve May
	P.M.	Steve May
Scripture Reading	A.M.	Taylor Copeland
	P.M.	Daniel Jayroe
Opening Prayer	A.M.	Jeff May
	P.M.	Larry Tart
Closing Prayer	A.M.	Phillip Odom
	P.M.	Rick Henebry

**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:** Don Jones

**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.** Crystal Roberts **P.M.** Kim Helms

**Toddler Training Room:** Glenda Carpenter

**Children's Bible Hour:** David & Melisa Kirby

**Men to Serve Wednesday, September 2nd**

**Song Leader:** **Prayer:**

**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	162
Morning Worship	252
Evening Worship	No Count
Wednesday Bible Study	152
<b>Contribution (Regular)</b>	<b>\$6,513.50</b>
<b>Weekly Contribution Need</b>	<b>\$6,513.50</b>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**TODAY: 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 3rd - FOOD DISTRIBUTION** 9-11

**Sept 6th - MENS' PRAYER BREAKFAST** 8:00

**Sept 6th - CONGREGATIONAL SINGING** 5:30

**Sept 8th - LADIES' CLASS RESUMES** 10:30

**Sept 11th - PIONEER GAME NIGHT** 6:30

**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 SHOWER

We will have a baby shower for Justin & Terra Thompson tonight following our evening service. They are expecting a girl in October. Everyone is welcome!

## 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.

## ADDRESS CORRECTION

Please make the following address correction to Brittany Moss's college address we gave out last week. It should be Box 821604 everything else is correct.

## 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

## 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

## MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

School's back in, we've had a nice summer break, it's time to go back to our weekly meetings for Monday Night for the Master! We will resume our weekly meetings tomorrow night with the meal at 6:00 and the activities beginning at 6:25. If you are a regular, we look forward to seeing you back. If you've never attended, we would love to have you come and try it out. If you are new and aren't sure what it involves, you can see Bill Pierce or David Myers for information. If you plan to attend, please be sure to fill out your registration form, indicating what you would like to do and how many we can count on for dinner.

## 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.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity every week to be spiritually nourished and encouraging to others. Please be making plans to attend one of these excellent classes.

## FROM THE MAILBOX

To our Azalea City Family,

Words cannot describe how thankful we are for every member of this congregation. We've always known that we were blessed by God when we became members but you all have truly stepped up for us these past few weeks. During Tom's mother's weeklong sickness, you were there for us with your thoughts, your prayers, your phone calls, and your visits. After her passing away, your offers of condolence, prayers, and food were overwhelming. We are truly grateful to be siblings in Christ with all of you. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything and thank God from the bottom of our hearts for giving us you.

In Christian love, Tom & Carra Deck

**REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE, [WWW.AZALEACITY.ORG](http://WWW.AZALEACITY.ORG)**

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER (members)

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

**Glenda Carpenter** - Had gallbladder surgery Friday, home, doing well  
**Brenda Odom** - Has a tumor, tests on Friday  
**Rod Kite** - Recovering well from back surgery  
**Dora Wright** - Tests, has been very weak, may need pacemaker  
**Jean Fogle** - Pneumonia  
**Bill & Betty Nichols** - Bill is on hospice care  
**Billy Allsup** - Feeling better  
**Jessica Mastin** - bronchitis  
**John Allsup** - Aneurysm in stomach, will not have surgery  
**Trez Rudder** - Surgery to be scheduled soon  
**Nita Mae Eubanks**  
**Bill & Eunice Day** - Health problems  
**Audrey Anderson** - Thyroid problem, on medication  
**Cubby Merrell** - Lots of health problems (Paul & Debora's grandson)  
**Rainie Mclinvale** - 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

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER (friends & family)

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

**Gil Ludlam** - Blood clots in leg, on medication (Mandy Schmitz's father)  
**Elaine Murff** - Tupelo hospital, extremely ill (Ruth Rush's daughter)  
**Barbara Leytham** - Had surgery Thur, doing well (Juanita's daughter-in-law)  
**Cindy Buford** - 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)  
**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)  
**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, doing well (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)  
**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**

## EXPECTANT MOTHERS

**Holly Crowell** (September 17, 2009)  
**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** - Walter Brock, Isabel Helms  
**Monday** - Bob Hankins, Lindsey Windham  
**Tuesday** - Jake Warren, Walter & Barbara Brock  
**Thursday** - Larry Dye, Beverly Hall, Dean Simmons  
**Saturday** - Bobby Crowell, Bill & Eunice Day

