



Azalea City Church of Christ

“A Place for Families, A Place for You”

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No-Fault Divorce

One of the major principles of good communication among married couples is the principle of learning how to “fight fair”. One of the ways I teach couples how to do that is to start praying about this issue to God, before the big argument happens. One of the reasons why I suggest that is because too many big arguments can lead to a desire to get a divorce. One key element in all this is that they should make Jesus Christ their focal point which will help them remain true to their commitment to each other.

It is a fact that many couples mutually agree to dissolve their marriage because they can't seem to get along. When that happens, they believe they are no longer compatible and their love for each other is gone. When these feelings happen within them, they begin to develop hard-heartedness toward each other. Emotionally and physically they begin to divorce themselves from each other, which will affect them spiritually as well.

Today we will study that, according to Matthew 19:9, the Lord does allow a married couple to divorce, but it must be understood in the context of Jesus' words, “What God has joined together, let no man separate” (Matthew 19:6). There is no such thing as a no-fault divorce, according to Jesus. Just because your marriage is in trouble doesn't mean that you have to call it quits and get a divorce. I'm a firm believer that a troubled marriage can grow into a loving and lasting relationship again, if husband and wife will start by doing three things:

1. Recognize any hardness in each of their hearts and ask God to help them change.
2. Ask God to soften them and fill them with Christ's love every day.
3. In that prayer they will ask to the Lord to help them not only “fight fair”, but also to “love freely” as they did after they were married (This is only the beginning)

Don't give up on your marriage! God hasn't!

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- Mobile Christian Chorus coming tonight

March 23- MNFTM, 6-8

March 25- Sing His Praises

March 27- Tween Devotional at the Busbys house at 6:00 - bring finger foods and drinks. See Margie for more info.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:31

CONGRATULATIONS

To those inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Mobile Christian. They are Kamryn Busby, Robin Campbell, Nathan Myers, and Kyle Phillips.

To Mallory Helms and Haley Durham for being inducted into the National Elementary Honor Society at Mobile Christian

To Joey Crowell, President of the National Honor Society at Mobile Christian. He was presented with his Senior Honor Cord

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

A NOTE FROM JASON

Please make plans to stay and eat with the members of the chorus for a period of fellowship. We are having a "Mexican" Theme Dinner. I hope everyone has 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		Kevin Crowell
Video Media		Theo Blankenship
Ushers		Phillip Odom
		Taylor Copeland
Song Leader	A.M.	Steve May
	P.M.	Steve May
Scripture Reading	A.M.	Ashton Jayroe
	P.M.	Justin Wilkerson
Opening Prayer	A.M.	Frank Nelson
	P.M.	Chris Helms
Closing Prayer	A.M.	Drew Nelson
	P.M.	Jacob Durham

9th Man

James Graham

Men to Serve the Lord's Table - March

Tom Deck Terry Cameron Phil Massey
John Allsup Bob Bagwell Scott Jayroe
Justin Thompson Johnny McDonald

Lord's Table PM: Jason Killough

Communion to Shut-Ins

Ken Murphy

Greeters for March

Front: Kevin & Mary Ella Crowell Side: David Myers

Nursery Attendants

A.M. Julie Cameron P.M. Brittany Moss

Toddler Training Room: Tanya Eubanks

Children's Bible Hour: Randy & Tammy Miller

Men to Serve Wednesday, March 25th

Song Leader: George Spurlock **Prayer:** Michael Davidson

Lock up Building for month of March: Bob Williams

Prepare Communion: Evelyn Cornelison

Coordinate Meals for Sick & Bereaved:

Lisha May/Tanya Eubanks/Glenda Warren

ELDERS

Kevin Crowell Mike Eubanks

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	173
Morning Worship	287
Evening Worship	No Count
Wednesday Bible Study	124
Contribution (Regular)	\$6,753.49
Weekly Contribution Need	\$8,607.80

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY:

MOBILE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHORUS PERFORMING after PM service

Mar 23rd - MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER dinner at 6, activities at 6:25; please sign up on your white registration card

Mar 24th - LADIES' BIBLE CLASS - 10:30 in the fellowship hall

Mar 28th - LADIES' DAY

Apr 2nd - FOOD DISTRIBUTION 9-11

Apr 4th - ACCS/MCS FISH FRY

Apr 5th - MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST at 8:00

Apr 5th - SANDWICH SUPPER & LLL PRESENTATION

Apr 9th-11th - LADS TO LEADERS CONVENTION

Apr 12th - ELDERS/MINISTRY LEADERS MEETING at 4:30

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

MOBILE CHRISTIAN CHORUS

The Mobile Christian School Chorus will be performing for us tonight after our evening service. They will be staying afterward to eat dinner with our youth. We would like to provide a Mexican themed dinner for them. If you would, please bring some type of Mexican dish, desserts, and drinks so that we can show our appreciation to the chorus for their hard work.

LADIES' DAY

Ladies' Day is this coming Saturday (March 28th)! We need everyone to start bringing door prizes! Please make sure they're wrapped or in gift bags and put them on the secret sister table in the fellowship hall. Also, if you signed up to bring food and can't remember what you signed up for, the list is on the bulletin board across from the office.

ACCS PECANS

Pecans are still available from the school. They have 11 packs of pecan halves left at \$9 per pack. If you would like to purchase one (or more), please see Kim, Evelyn, or Rachel.

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

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

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.

ACCS/MCS BENEFIT FISH FRY



The next benefit fish fry for Azalea City Christian School and Mobile Christian School will take place in the multi-purpose building on Saturday April 4th from 11:30-3:00. We would encourage you to buy your tickets in advance at the welcome center in the front foyer or from any ACCS or church staff member.

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.

DAVID'S LESSON SCHEDULE

For the month of March, David's Sunday morning lessons will be about marriage and family. Please make plans to be here every Sunday for this lesson series!

Today - "Divorce - What Happened?" (Matthew 19:3-12)

Mar 29th - "Remarriage - When is it Permissible?" (Matthew 19:9; 1 Corinthians 7:8-16,39)

CONGRATULATIONS

To proud grandparents, Stan & Lou Holland, and proud parents, Kim & Jessie Claunch, on the birth of Joshua Brinton Claunch. Joshua was born Thursday, March 19th at 11:30 p.m. He weighed 9 lbs 15 oz and is 22" long.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER (members)

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW OF ANY CHANGES IN THE PRAYER LIST
Greeta Taylor - Providence, room 1213 - pneumonia
Clara Frost - Recovering well from cornea transplant surgery
Irene King - More tests to determine cause of back problems
Ruby Allsup - Doing better
Brenda Odom - Health issues
Trez Rudder - Home
Gail Carr - Mild stroke a couple weeks ago, therapy progressing well
Bill Pierce - Still improving
Ray Kemp - Has cancer on his lip, surgery on April 2nd at Infirmary 65
Rainie McInvale - 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

Kim Holland Claunch (March 09)
Holly Crowell (September 09)
Terra Thompson (October 09)

OUR MILITARY

Chris Campbell - Navy, basic training in Great Lakes, IL
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 - Mac & Jamie Goleman
Monday - James Galloway, Terra Thompson
Tuesday - Dylan Davidson
Wednesday - Bobby Campbell
Friday - Jamie Goleman
Saturday - Daniel Jayroe,
Theo & Christina Blankenship



REMEMBER IN PRAYER (friends & family)

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW OF ANY CHANGES IN THE PRAYER LIST
Brynn Woods - Malignant Fibrous Histiocytoma (3½ yrs old)
Mia West - SMH, 3 yr old ACCS student - hematoma on her brain
Leroy Beech - Mob. Inf., slowly recovering (Myra & Deborah's uncle)
Elaine Weldon - Hospital - Blood clot in lung (Sarah Oliver's sister)
Merlin Boudreaux - Cancer - adrenal gland & mass in lung (Istre's relative)
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)
Robert Williams - Cancer in liver & lungs (friend of Myers', in Pensacola)
Vera Hill - Home, much better, still on dialysis (Dora Wright's sister)
Betty Lee - Hip replacement surgery went well (Glenda Warren's mom)
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)
Marion Logan - Kidney cancer (friend of Skip Garner)
Charlie Peterson - Cystic Fibrosis (child) (Mac & Jamie Goleman's friend)
Billy Jones - Loss of wife & mother has cancer (Kevin Crowell's friend)
Jerrod 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)
Alden Douglas - Stroke (friend of Robert Stephenson's)
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.

FROM THE MAILBOX

To our Dear Azalea City Forever Family!

We want to thank you for the love you have shown to us, the kind words, the loving hugs, the cards, the awesome meal that was prepared, the beautiful singing, the way you have met the needs of our family during the loss of our mother and grandmother. We love you all.

Judy Cagle & family, Joyce Galloway & family

Azalea City Members,

Thank you so very much for your concern and prayers during my recent illness. It is so great to be surrounded by the love and prayers of God's family during our times of need. I deeply appreciate all your church means to me and my family.

Sincerely, Barte Miller

I have been thinking a lot about the Christians in Ukraine, especially those in Kramatorsk. I want to tell you that my visit there this past February has given me a stronger faith in the future of the church there. I am not skillful in expressing myself in words, but I wanted to tell all of you how much you have come to mean to me and to inspire me to want to be a better man, a better Christian man. I am not sure how much I have been able to help the church there, but you have certainly made me stronger. I love all of you dearly and pray for you that you will be successful in your lives in every way.

Love in Christ, Ken Murphy

Tanya, Lisha, Tasha, Evelyn, Glenda, Kim, & all others,

When God made special people, He put a good many in our church. Whenever the need arises you are there to do all you can in His name. The care and love you gave to our family in seeing to the food and serving was greatly appreciated more than we can ever say. There was many that expressed how much they were appreciative of not having to worry about food at this sad time. How the smiles and condolences made them feel that is truly a Christian group of ladies in every sense of the word. Thank you all so very much for the food, serving, and the love.

The Hall Family

ANSWERS TO DAVID'S LESSON OUTLINE

Intro2a: Jesus; Intro2b: pain, disappointment; Intro2c: frank; IB1: Marriage is between one man and one woman; IB2: They are brought together by God; IB3: They are to live out their lives for His glory; IC1: Severance; IC2: Permanence; IC3: Unity; IC4: Intimacy; ID1: Sin; IE1: God is not pleased with divorce; IE3: cycle; IIB2b: Malachi; IIB2c: "For I hate divorce" IIC1: permanence, sanctity; IIC3a: Moses permitted it; IIC3b: Divorce was never in God's original plan; IIC3c: The Greek word is porneia – immorality, lewd sexual conduct; IIC4a: incest, homosexuality, sodomites, adulterers, fornication; Concl1a: The sanctity of marriage necessitates commitment; Concl1b: The necessity of commitment is weakened by sin; Concl1c: The sinfulness of humanity is counteracted only by Christ

At this sad time, may it help to know how many hearts are touched by your loss, how many thoughts are with you and your family. In loving memory of Bob Brantley.

Love, Helen Jones & children - Tommy, Debbie, Jim, Dan, & Joanna

A DONATION HAS BEEN MADE TO AZALEA CITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN MEMORY OF BOB BRANTLEY.

To Azalea City Church of Christ,

There are not enough words to express our heartfelt appreciation for all the cards, calls, and food from Miss Nellie's Forever Family at Azalea City. She was well loved as was evident by all the love that everyone showed to the family. We know your continued prayers will help to get us through this most difficult time. Thank you for all you have done for us.

The Nellie Hall Family

I would like to take this time to thank each of you for the prayers, visits, calls, and cards during my unexpected surgery. Each of you mean the world to me and my family. Please still continue to remember me in your prayers as I am still recovering. Again thank you for being there for me and my family.

In Christian love, Emily Moss



Lutie's Day
March 28, 2009
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
at
Azalea City Church of Christ
2579 Schullinger Road North
Summers, AL 36575
Theme:
"Pearl of Great Price"
Sponsor:
Carlotta Russell
Registration from 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.
Coffee, juice, and sweet rolls
Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
Door Prizes
Hosted by *RSVP* by March 22, 2009
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