



Azalea City Church of Christ

“A Place for Families, A Place for You”

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Bread or Stones

In one of our scripture texts that we will be discussing today, the Lord said that no loving father would give a stone or a snake to his hungry son if he asked him for a piece of bread or fish. The absurdity of this analogy in *Matthew 7:9-11* helps to underscore God's readiness to give good things to His disciples when they depend on Him and persistently ask for His help. Our Lord wants us to have a **child-like faith** and **trust** (confidence) in our Heavenly Father's provision for our **spiritual, physical, and emotional needs**.

During hard financial times, it's very easy to believe that the Lord is giving us “**stones**” instead of “**bread**”. But we need to remember, He is actually working with us through our circumstances to give us something far better than what we requested in prayer. An unknown author expressed it this way:

I asked for health that I might do greater things;
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.
I asked God for strength that I might achieve;
I was made weak that I might learn to obey.
I asked for riches that I might be happy;
I was given poverty that I might be wise.
I asked for power and the praise of men;
I was given weakness to sense my need of God.
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing I asked for but everything I hoped for;
In spite of myself, my prayers were answered --
I am among all men most richly blest.
Yes, God always gives us what's best for us.

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

October 11-13- Trip to Freed Hardeman and Harding for the Juniors and Seniors. We will leave at 6 a.m. On Sunday morning and return Tuesday evening. Bring \$20 for a couple of fast food meals.

October 12- MNFTM 6-8

October 16- Fifth Quarter in the multi-purpose building. We will have an inflatable boxing ring. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

October 18- Juniors, Seniors and their parents are invited to have lunch with Leigh Walker, who is a recruiter for Faulkner University. Please plan on going to meet with her, she will be able to answer any questions you may have. More info to come.

October 18- Area wide at Summer dale Sunday Evening

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1

CONGRATULATIONS

To Dereka and Darriell Johnson, their team won the girls middle school volleyball championship. They go to Calloway Smith Middle School. Their mother, Cassie Labounty is the coach of that team.

A NOTE FROM JASON

Dont forget about the area wide at Summerdale on October 18. We will leave the building at 4 and return around 8 p.m. Bring a visitor to class this week. I hope yall 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	Claude Thompson
Ushers	Alex Layton
	Phillip Odom
Song Leader	A.M. Steve May
	P.M. Steve May
Scripture Reading	A.M. Caleb Cameron
	P.M. Branson White
Opening Prayer	A.M. Terry Cagle
	P.M. Stan Holland
Closing Prayer	A.M. Roy House
	P.M. Steve Roberts

9th Man

Bill Pierce

Men to Serve the Lord's Table - October

Ray Campbell	David Kirby	Todd Cagle
Kent Wilkerson	Ken Murphy	Tim Russell
Theo Blankenship	Conrad Carpenter	

Lord's Table PM: Gerald Copeland

Communion to Shut-Ins: Rudy Pierce

Greeters for September

Front: Leavie King & Ashley May **Side:** Rudy Pierce

Nursery Attendants

A.M. Ashley May **P.M.** Judy Jones

Toddler Training Room: Pam Carpenter

Children's Bible Hour: Johnny & Alicia McDonald

Men to Serve Wednesday, October 14th

Song Leader: Phil Massey **Prayer:** Tommy Blizzard

Lock up Building for month of October: Bob Hankins

Prepare Communion: Clarice Kite

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	154
Morning Worship	252
Evening Worship	121
Wednesday Bible Study	134
Contribution (Regular)	\$8,832.81
Weekly Contribution Need	\$8,607.80

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY: ELDERS/MINISTRY LEADERS MEETING 4:30

LADS TO LEADERS BOYS' SONG LEADING PRACTICE 4:30

FALL FESTIVAL MEETING tonight after PM service

Oct 12th - MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER dinner at 6, activities at 6:25; please sign up on white registration card

Oct 13th - LADIES' BIBLE CLASS 10:30

Oct 15th - HOMEBUILDERS' PROGRESSIVE DINNER 6:30

Oct 17th - FALL FESTIVAL WORK DAY

Oct 23rd - PIONEER GAME NIGHT

Oct 24th - FALL FESTIVAL 2-4

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

ELDERS/MINISTRY LEADERS MEETING

We will have our monthly elders/ministry leaders meeting this afternoon at 4:30. Your 2010 update forms are due. If you need a blank form, please see David Myers this morning. Please make plans to attend this meeting.

HOMEBUILDERS' PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The homebuilders will have a progressive dinner/hayride on Thursday, October 15th. Meet at Mike & Tanya Eubanks' home for appetizers at 6:30, then hayride over to Steve & Lisha Mays' home for dinner, then hayride over to Jeff & Brandie Mays' home for dessert. Dress is casual. If you plan to attend, please sign the sheet located in the front foyer.

DAVID'S GUYANA TRIP

Once again, David will be traveling to Guyana, South America, to participate in campaign for Christ to the Amerindian village of Karandarnawan. He will be going with Jerry Davidson and 15 others from America and a host of Guyanese brethren to teach the gospel and establish the church of Jesus Christ for the first time in that village. Because the cost of this trip (\$2,500.00) is not fully budgeted for this year, the elders request that Azalea City members please consider contributing to David's travel fund. David and the campaign members to Guyana will leave October 13th and arrive back home on the 26th. Please pray for the success of this trip. You can make your checks to Azalea City Church of Christ, for Guyana trip.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS DIRECTORY

Sun Aud. David Myers - The Book of John

Sun F'hall Terry Cagle/Bill Pierce - Fundamentals of Faith

Wed Aud. David Myers - Hebrews: Beautiful Savior

Wed F'hall Ladies' Class - Various Topics

FALL FESTIVAL

Our annual fall festival is almost upon us! We will be having a meeting tonight after our PM service to finalize things. Please come to the meeting and **volunteer** to help out with games or food or anything! Please also plan on coming to the **work day** this coming Saturday to help us get the grounds ready for all the kids. There is a shopping cart in the hall outside the church office for **drinks**. Please bring canned and small bottled drinks only, no two liters. There are sign up sheets in both foyers for the **cakewalk**. Please sign up if you plan to bring cakes, brownies, cookies, etc. so we can get a rough count of the number we'll have. There are **flyers** (with the registration form on the back) in both foyers. Please take some and distribute them anywhere you can (school, neighborhood, etc.) so we can have more kids this year than we've ever had.

AREA EVENTS

Central Church of Christ will have their ladies' day on Saturday, October 17th from 9:30-11:30. The theme is "This little Christian light of mine" and the speaker is Lynn Boyett.

South Side Church of Christ is having a gospel meeting Oct 18th through Oct 22nd. Sunday service is 9:45-2 with lunch served. Weeknight services are at 7:00 p.m.

Andrews Street Church of Christ is having their ladies' day on Saturday, October 24th from 9-1. The speaker is Doris Dansby. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

More details on these events are located on the bulletin board by the church office.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We will be giving away Thanksgiving baskets to needy families again this year. If you know of a family in need, please give their information to the church office. Also, we would like for our members to bring in non-perishables to put in the baskets. We will have a table set up in the fellowship hall if you can start bringing in Thanksgiving related canned and boxed goods.

ACCS PECAN SALES

PECAN SALES HAVE BEGUN! Order sheets are in both foyers. Please see Evelyn, Sarah, or Rachel for more information. Checks should be made payable to Azalea City Christian School.

FROM THE MAILBOX

Dear Azalea City Family,

Kevin and I wanted to thank everyone for their outpouring of love shown in the gifts for Holly and Danny. It was so fun to watch them open everything up the afternoon they got out of the hospital. It was like a whole baby shower! They were amazed at everyone's generosity. Thanks again.

In Him, Kevin & Mary Ella

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

Nicole Frost - Surgery to remove cyst on back Oct 13th
Emily Moss - Had sinus surgery Friday
Ray Kemp - Gallbladder surgery went well, home recuperating
Deborah Moody - Home, was at church last Sunday, doing some better
Rod Kite - Recovering well from back surgery, home
Dora Wright - Had stitches removed, doctors say she's progressing well
Dorothy Taylor - Both eyes doing well after her surgeries
Kathy Matherne - Had knee surgery Friday to repair torn ligament
Chris White
Stan Holland - Recovering well from eye surgery
Jane Campbell - Had colonoscopy and endoscopy Friday
John Allsup - Had a spinal block
Ruby Allsup - Could not get epidural because of her leg
Brandi Moss - On medication for health issues
Myra Blizzard - Having neck pain again, had spinal block last Friday
JoAnn Brown - Knee and ankle problems
Brenda Odom - Has a tumor, awaiting test results
Bill & Betty Nichols - Bill is on hospice care
Billy Allsup - Back problems, deteriorated discs
Trez Rudder - Will have surgery Nov. 12th at Mobile Infirmary
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 McInvale - Had spinal block, continues to be in a lot of pain
James & Esther Bell - Health problems
Paul & Debora Merrell
Linda Lockler - having to resume treatments for blood problem

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Terra Thompson (October 09)
Geralyn Smith (November 09)
Stephanie (Andrews) Lewis (December 09)
Lori Holland

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-fiancee)
Michael L Burroughs - Navy, in Iraq (Irene King's son)
Layne Ortiz - London & **Ryan Ortiz** (Beverly Hall's niece and her husband)
Shaun Christian - Afghanistan (Phillip & Tammy Odom's nephew)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (friends & family)

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

George Loden - Heart problems (Pauline King's brother)
Lamar Harrison - Had knee surgery Friday, went well
Vera Hill - Cancer returned, radiation treatments soon (Dora Wright's sister)
Madelyn Fetner - Neonatal diabetes, treating with insulin (Ben & Jennifer's baby - members at Univ. COC)
Frances Davidson - Been sick for long time, Drs don't know why (Jerry's wife)
Eugene Neese - Home from hospital (Jeff Abrams' uncle)
Lynn Snellgrove - In hospital with scleroderma (friend of Cecilia McCain's)
Fred Roschen - Cancer, not taking any more treatments (Margaret Istre's friend)
Gil Ludlam - Blood clots in leg, on medication (Mandy Schmitz's father)
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)
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)
Doris Moss - Doing better (Bob's mother)
Freddy Corina's father - Health issues
Toni Lucas - Lymes Disease (Perry & Donna's daughter-in-law)
Mary Bauer - Cancer, on chemo (Tom Deck's aunt)
Icleatus Albritton - home
Temple Anderson - Cancer (elder at Opelika Church)
Jessica Weller - Cancer free (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)
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)
Marley Nix - Endoscopy 10/6, may have Celiac disease (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, got a good report (Tricia Pierce's mother)
Teddy Mears - Bone cancer
Michele Wheeler - On medication for brain tumors
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

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Monday - Jerry Medders, George Spurlock,
Dorothy Taylor, Bob Williams
Tuesday - Melba Nash
Saturday - Robert & Charlotte Stephenson



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

To Irene Odom, whose mother passed away last Saturday.
To the family of Joe English, who passed away this past week from an infection after his fall a couple weeks ago
To the family of Randy Robbins, who passed away Monday.