



Azalea City Church of Christ

“A Place for Families, A Place for You”

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DULL CHRISTIANS

Some Christians are dull. They have lost their zeal and grow weary of Christian living. Their learning about God and the Bible has reached plateau. Their edge has become dull. The problem is they have failed to see the importance of attending church services and fellowship. *Proverbs 27:17* says, “Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” Just as a file can shape and sharpen tools to a fine point, frequent interaction with other Christians can shape and sharpen us into useful tools for God.

First, Christian examples help shape us. Paul wrote, “Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ” (*1 Corinthians 11:1*). The lives of Christians imitating Christ are living lessons teaching us how to be better Christians. As a child, I remember the example of my father. We had to drive 25 miles to church one way, but we made every service including Wednesday Bible studies and devotionals. Gas prices were rising back then as well, but it didn't matter - church was important. When he was switched to working nights, he still made every service. He came home from work around 6:30 a.m. and left for church at 8:45 a.m. (still a 25 mile drive). The importance he placed on attending services and his dedication has stuck with me and helped shape me into the Christian I am today. By observing Christian role models and frequent interaction with Christians our lives can be shaped to better serve God.

Second, Christian conversation and discussion sharpens us. Too often, people think they know it all. Many have the attitude they do not need the church because they can do everything at home themselves. I have lost count of how many times I have studied a passage for hours. I thought I had looked at it from every angle. When I taught the passage however, someone in class brings up a point or question I never considered that added depth to the passage. *Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*, tells us two are better than one; if one falls the other is there to help - we can make up for each other's weakness. Alone, however, all we have is our weaknesses. By engaging in Christian conversation our knowledge of God's word is increased.

Don't be dull! Make sure you are taking every opportunity to interact with other Christians - Bible classes, worship services, devotionals, visiting, eating meals together, etc. Regular and continual interaction with other Christians is necessary for a good spiritual life. It will make you the best tool you can be for God. Why not make the commitment to be there every time the church meets? Then, make the commitment to bring someone else with you so you can help shape and sharpen them.

Jeremy Sprouse

West Side church of Christ

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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

Tonight- Teen Devo in the MPB Bring 3 dollars for pizza after pm services

October 26- MNFTM 6-8

December 4-6- FUEL at GCBC, Registration forms are on the camps website

December 27-30- Exposure Youth Camp, Cost \$100, See me to sign up

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:27-28

CONGRATULATIONS

To Ashley Cagle, who made the A/B Honor Roll at Mobile Christian.

To Joshua Deck, who made the A/B Honor Roll at Phillips Middle School

To Sarah Catherine Deck, who made the A/B Honor Roll at Council Traditional School.

Great job! Keep up the good work!

A Note from Jason

I hope everyone had a good week. Thanks for everyone's cooperation while I was sick last week. I appreciate all the prayers and calls. It is great to be a part of a loving church family. Don't forget to invite someone to come with you to Bible class this week. Don't miss the opportunities that you face to make a difference in other peoples lives. 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	Theo Blankenship
Ushers	Alex Layton Phillip Odom
Song Leader	A.M. Steve May P.M. Steve May
Scripture Reading	A.M. Taylor Copeland P.M. Jake Warren
Opening Prayer	A.M. Phil Massey P.M. Robert Oliver
Closing Prayer	A.M. Larry Tart P.M. Drew Nelson

9th Man

Bob Williams

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: Ray Kemp/Phillip Odom

Communion to Shut-Ins: Rudy Pierce

Greeters for October

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

Nursery Attendants

A.M. Brandie May **P.M.** Michelle Cagle

Toddler Training Room: Lisha May

Children's Bible Hour: Candi White

Men to Serve Wednesday, October 28th

Song Leader: Bill Pierce **Prayer:** Dean Simmons

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	159
Morning Worship	262
Evening Worship	121
Wednesday Bible Study	126
Contribution (Regular)	\$7,879.31
Weekly Contribution Need	\$8,607.80

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY: LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES Song Leading & Songs of Praise Practice at 4:30

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 5:30

Oct 26th - MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER dinner at 6, activities at 6:25; please sign up on white registration card

Oct 27th - LADIES' BIBLE CLASS 10:30

Nov 1st - MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 8:00

Nov 5th - FOOD DISTRIBUTION 9-11

Nov 7th - ACCS/MCS BENEFIT FISH FRY 11:30-2

Nov 8th - FAMILY DAY to recognize new members

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

Nov 21st - GULF COAST BIBLE CAMP BENEFIT DINNER 6:00 at Creekwood - please see George Spurlock for tickets and more information

Dec 8th - SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 11:00

ACCS/MCS FISH FRY SPECIAL OFFER

Our benefit fish fry for Azalea City Christian School/Mobile Christian School is coming up November 7th from 11:30-2 in the gym. We would like every member of Azalea City to come and enjoy great food and fellowship that day. Once you come you will wonder why you haven't been before! This month we are offering our members **"BOGO"**... buy one get one free. If you buy your ticket **IN ADVANCE** for \$9.00 (or \$5.00 for kid's meal tickets), you will get the second ticket free. Please come, you'll be glad you did! **AGAIN, TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE.** You can see any school staff member for tickets.

AREA EVENTS

Church of Christ in Gautier, MS will be having their Fall Gospel Meeting Nov 1st-4th. The speaker is Brother Winford Claiborne, speaker for the International Gospel Hour. The schedule for Sunday, Nov 1st is 9:30, 10:30, and 6:00. Services will be at 7:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

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

WE ARE TRYING TO COMPILE A LIST OF ADDRESSES FOR OUR MILITARY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE ON THE LIST, PLEASE MAKE SURE THE OFFICE HAS THEIR ADDRESS.

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

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 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.

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.

DON'T STAY AWAY FROM CHURCH

- Because you are poor. There is no admission charge.
- Because you are rich. Money is not everything.
- Because it rains. You go to work and school in the rain.
- Because it is cold. It is warm and friendly inside.
- Because it is hot. So are fishing, attending ball games and golfing.
- Because no one invited you. People go to a lot of places uninvited, and even pay to get in.
- Because of hypocrites. We associate with them in the world every day.
- Because of company. Bring them along; they will admire you.
- Because you have little children. Jesus says, *"Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me"* (Matthew 19:14).
- Because your clothes are not nice enough. God looks on the heart (1 Samuel 16:7).
- Because you have plenty of time in the future. Are you sure? (James 4:13-17).

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

FROM THE MAILBOX

Thank you so much for your kind of expression of sympathy during the loss of our loved one.

The family of Marjorie Elaine Murff

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
Deborah Moody - Home, continues to have pneumonia
Jane Campbell - diverticulitis has returned, on medication, may need surgery
Sarah Myers - Tests this week
JoAnn Brown - Knee replacement surgery scheduled for 11/9 at Providence
Don Andrews - Had procedure 10/21 to dilate his esophagus
Jason Killough - Recovering from the flu
Ruby Allsup - Staph infection in her leg
BriAnna Montgomery - Fractured her foot, on crutches
Nicole Frost - Surgery went well, she's home recovering
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 to repair torn ligament
Chris White
John Allsup
Brandi Moss - On medication for health issues
Myra Blizzard - Back pain
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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (friends & family)

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW OF ANY CHANGES IN THE PRAYER LIST
Mandi Fisher - Baby born last week very premature (friend of Eubanks')
Carley Stewart - SMH 3219, cancer has returned (Iris House's brother)
Addie Jones - Congestive heart failure, on hospice care (June Tart's mother)
Mandy Shaw - Baby Isaiah born 10/13 in USA Women's & Childrens
Connor Eubanks - Flu
Jane Campbell's Aunt Lucille - Lung cancer
Petersen Family - House burned, lost everything, son has cystic fibrosis and has been on our prayer list (friends of Mac & Jamie Goleman)
George Loden - Heart problems (Pauline King's brother)
Lamar Harrison - Home, recovering 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)
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

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Terra Thompson (any day now)
Geralyn Smith (November 09) - on bed rest
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)

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday - Belinda Moss, Mike & Tanya Eubanks, Jim & Joyce Galloway
Wednesday - BriAnna Montgomery, Chris White
Thursday - Shelby Champion, Brittany Moss
Friday - Samantha Spurlock, Johnny & Alicia McDonald
Saturday - Nathan Myers

