



# Azalea City Church of Christ

“A Place for Families, A Place for You”

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## Ingredients of a Great Church

What does God want the church to be? What is the church about? A study of **1 Thessalonians** reveals God's pattern for the ideal church. Interestingly, nothing is said about numbers, goals, programs, preachers, budgets, staffs, or facilities. Instead, it is the spiritual qualities of the church that are noticed.

**1. It was a *called* church.** In chapter 1:4,5,11, Paul said they were “*chosen, predestinated*” unto the adoption of sons - according to the purpose of His will. The church was no accident, but was the result of God's eternal purpose. Ours is a holy calling according to His purpose and grace, to become conformed to the likeness of His Son and our Brother - Jesus Christ. The church is God's called, chosen, and elected! How, though, were the Thessalonians called? Paul answers in **2 Thessalonians 2:14**, “*You were called by the gospel.*” We have been called out of sin - that's **salvation**; we have been called unto holiness - that's **sanctification**.

**2. It was an *exemplary* church.** “*Ye became followers of us, and of the Lord*” (**1 Thessalonians 1:6**). They modeled their lives after the ministry of Jesus Christ. The word “*followers*” is from a word that means, “to mimic”. Theirs wasn't just talk, but action. The church, the spiritual body of Christ, is to mimic Christ - love as He loved; teach as He taught; serve as He served. It wasn't easy for the Thessalonians, for they were formed in affliction, yet they continued in joy. Their lives were examples to the believers throughout the region. They were serious about living and spreading the Gospel.

**3. It was an *anticipating* church.** They turned from idols to serve God and to wait for His Son's appearing (**1 Thessalonians 1:10**). While serving, they were waiting, and while waiting they were serving. Anticipation of Jesus' return will accomplish two things: (1) It will keep us from being too “this world” oriented; and (2) It will motivate godly living and diligent service. It will create an urgency in our work. Let us be like the church in Thessalonica, chosen and called, thus assured of our redemption in Christ; exemplary, thus imitating Christ in life and mission; and anticipating the Lord's return, let's be motivated and urgent about our business.

Clarence DeLoach, Jr  
Bulletin Digest, August 2008

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

September 7- No MNFTM due to Labor Day

September 11- 5th Quarter at Azalea City, We will be  
providing dinner at this 5th Quarter, 9-12

September 13- Lads to Leaders Kicks off

September 16- Sing His Praises

September 18- Tween Devo at Jeff and Brandie May's.  
This was originally scheduled for the 11th.

## 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. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:1-3

## A NOTE FROM JASON

I hope you had a good week. Please take the opportunity to get involved with the things we have going on, especially 5th Quarter, it is a lot of good fun and fellowship. Remember that we are currently doing a study on evangelism on Sunday mornings and doing a relationships class on Wednesday nights. Please make sure you come to class each week. Remember to let your light shine this week to all those around you.

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		Jason Killough
Video Media		Claude Thompson
Ushers		Jacob Durham Taylor Copeland
Song Leader	A.M.	Steve May
	P.M.	Steve May
Scripture Reading	A.M.	Nathan Myers
	P.M.	William Busby
Opening Prayer	A.M.	Kevin Crowell
	P.M.	Bill Pierce
Closing Prayer	A.M.	David Kirby
	P.M.	Drew Nelson

### 9th Man

Mike Wright

### Men to Serve the Lord's Table - September

Harold Enke	Robert Oliver	Scott Jayroe
Don Jones	David Durham	Phillip Odom
Johnny McDonald		George Spurlock

Lord's Table PM: Roy House

Communion to Shut-Ins: Ken Murphy

### Greeters for September

Front: Youth Side: Youth

Information Booth: Youth

### Nursery Attendants

A.M. Glenda Warren P.M. Melisa Kirby

Toddler Training Room: Rachel Myers

Children's Bible Hour: Rachel Myers

Men to Serve Wednesday, September 9th

Song Leader: John Allsup Prayer: Jeff May

Lock up Building for month of September: Bill Pierce

Prepare Communion: Need Volunteer

Coordinate Meals for Sick & Bereaved: Sarah Oliver/Frieda Bagwell

## 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	121
Morning Worship	198
Evening Worship	166
Wednesday Bible Study	133
Contribution (Regular)	\$7,248.46
Weekly Contribution Need	\$8,607.80

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**TODAY: CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 5:30**

**Sept 7th - NO MNFTM** due to the Labor Day holiday

**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 13th - ELDERS/MINISTRY LEADERS MEETING 4:30**

**Sept 20th - FAMILY DAY**

**Sept 26th - HOMEBUILDERS' CANOE TRIP**

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

## FAMILY DAY

Family Day is in 2 weeks! Please start inviting your friends and family to come on this special Sunday. As a reminder, evening services will be dismissed that day.

## HOMEBUILDERS' CANOE TRIP

The homebuilders' canoe trip is scheduled for Saturday, September 26th at Blackwater River in Milton, FL. All information and the sign up sheet is in the side foyer. Please sign up by Sept. 13th.

## 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 GIFT BASKET

We will keep the baby basket for Danny & Holly Crowell out until next Sunday.

## ADDRESSES

Please update your directory with the following addresses:

Daniel Jayroe	Steven & Crystal Roberts
Univ. Of Southern Mississippi	8631 Country View Dr
118 College Dr #9096	Wilmer, AL 36587
Hattiesburg, MS 39406	

## MONTHLY BULLETIN CORRECTION

In the Elders' article in the September monthly bulletin, Galatians 8:1 was incorrectly given as the scripture to look up in the first paragraph. Please read Galatians 6:1 as the correct scripture. Thank you to those who read and noticed the misprint.

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

## 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

## NEW SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

The Fall Quarter 2009 begins today. 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.

## AREA EVENTS

Ladies Day at **Scenic Hills Church of Christ** in Pensacola is this coming Saturday at 8:30. If you would like to go, we need you to sign the sheet in the side foyer TODAY. The topic is "Bloom where you are planted" and the guest speaker is Alesia Andry. Lunch will be served at 12.

**Fairhope Church of Christ** is having a gospel meeting from September 20th-23rd. Sunday service times are 9am., 10am, and 6pm with lunch following the morning service. Monday - Wednesday services are at 7:00. The speaker is Bobby Liddell.

**Rocky Creek Church of Christ** is having their ladies' day on September 26th beginning at 8:30. Their theme is "Be still and know that I am God". Lunch will be served at 11:00. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by September 20th to 601-947-2231.

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

## FROM THE MAILBOX

Azalea City,

Thank you so much for all your baby gifts and love. They will all be put to well use.

The Moss Family

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER (members)

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

**John Allsup** - Providence hospital, has been moved to a regular room, he has decided not to have surgery  
**Myra Blizzard** - Having neck pain again, seeing Dr. in a couple weeks  
**Deborah Moody** - Flu  
**Glenda Carpenter** - Feeling well after surgery  
**Brenda Odom** - Has a tumor  
**Rod Kite** - Recovering well from back surgery  
**Dora Wright** - Tests, has been very weak, may need pacemaker  
**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 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 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)

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER (friends & family)

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

**Elaine Murff** - In hospice, doctors have told her she only has weeks left to live (Ruth Rush's daughter, Eleanor Kemp's sister)  
**Fred Roschen** - Cancer, not taking any more treatments (Margaret Istre's friend)  
**Gil Ludlam** - Blood clots in leg, on medication (Mandy Schmitz's father)  
**Barbara Leytham** - Had surgery, 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)  
**Doris Moss** - Doing better (Bob's mother)  
**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, on 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** - 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)  
**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)  
**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

**Tuesday** - Audrey Layton, Joseph McDonald

**Wednesday** - Ricky Buford, Jaxon Crain,  
Drew Nelson

**Friday** - Jim Galloway

**Saturday** - Maggie Hornbuckle,  
Kevin & Mary Ella Crowell, Ed & Joyce Geci

