



# Azalea City Church of Christ

“A Place for Families, A Place for You”

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## The Art of Fishing

When I was a teen back in the 70's, I went on a trip to Clayton, Georgia, with some very dear friends. That area is known for its beautiful mountains and fishing. While I was there I tried my hand at fly fishing for trout on a river near our cabin. I actually caught some beautiful rainbow trout that day. When I think of that trip and the fishing we did, *Matthew 4:19* comes to mind, “follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men”. During that time of my life, I would never have imagined that I would dedicate my life to preaching the Gospel full time and be a “fisher of men”.

A writer who lived in the 1600's wrote a book entitled, *A Soliloquy on the Art of Man Fishing*. In that book, he tells what he learned about soul-winning by following the **Master Angler**. He pointed out that the habits of fish and the habits of sinners are often quite similar. Even though what Thomas Boston said in his book is true, analogy can only take one so far. In my view, the best way to become an “effective fisher of men” is simply to follow Jesus and obey His teachings (*Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16*).

In today's lesson, we are going to watch (read) how a servant of the Master “fished” for souls, and then hopefully imitate him (*Acts 8:1-12,26-39*). I ask that you personally read the Scriptures text with me today and then linger over this true event in the life of Philip, and notice his words and deeds (guidelines), learning how he “caught souls”. Hopefully we'll cry out like Thomas Boston did centuries ago, “Make me a fisher of men”. ***Focus on what counts, follow the Savior by fishing for souls.***

David

### MISSION STATEMENT

We exist to **EXALT** Christ, **EVANGELIZE** the lost, **EDIFY** the saved, and be an **EXAMPLE** to our community.

## YOUTH GROUP

Jason Killough - Youth Minister  
(251) 455-6443- cell

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight- Our teens will return from GULF Youth Experience.

January 20- Sing His Praises

January 24- Area Wide at Scenic Hills

## BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence. The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

Proverbs 15:32-33

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Ashley Cagle for making the "A" Honor Roll at Mobile Christian

To Robin Campbell for making the "A" Honor Roll at Mobile Christian

## A NOTE FROM JASON

There are 21 who are in Orange Beach at a youth conference. Please pray for our safety as well as our spiritual growth while we are there. Our teens will be challenged to grow spiritually. Please always remember our young people in your prayers, they face a lot on a daily basis.

## 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	Robert Stephenson
Ushers	Jake Warren
	James Galloway
Song Leader	A.M. Steve May
	P.M. Steve May
Scripture Reading	A.M. Nathan Myers
	P.M. Aaron Myers
Opening Prayer	A.M. Jason Killough
	P.M. Dean Simmons
Closing Prayer	A.M. Theo Blankenship
	P.M. Todd Cagle

### 9th Man

### Bill Pierce

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

Jeff May	Ray Campbell	Michael Eubanks
Larry Tart	Tim Russell	Bobby Campbell
Gerald Copeland		Conrad Carpenter

**Lord's Table PM:** Michael Davidson

**Communion to Shut-Ins:** Rudy Pierce

### Greeters for December

**Front:** Skip Garner **Side:** Johnny & Joseph McDonald

### Nursery Attendants

**A.M.** Tanya Eubanks **P.M.** Jane Campbell

**Toddler Training Room:** Candi White

**Children's Bible Hour:** Candi White

### Men to Serve Wednesday, January 20th

**Song Leader:** Phil Massey **Prayer:** Justin Thompson

**Lock up Building for month of January:** David Myers

**Prepare Communion:** Deborah Moody

**Coordinate Meals for Sick & Bereaved:** Need Volunteer

## ELDERS

Kevin Crowell Mike Eubanks  
Stan Holland

## 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	151
Morning Worship	234
Evening Worship	108
Wednesday Bible Study	132
<b>Contribution (Regular)</b>	<b>\$6,665.54</b>
<b>Weekly Contribution Need</b>	<b>\$8,096.56</b>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**TODAY: BUDGET PRESENTATION**

**LADS TO LEADERS SONG LEADING PRACTICE 4:30**

**Jan 18th - MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER** dinner at 6, activities at 6:25; please sign up on white registration card

**Jan 19th - LADIES' BIBLE CLASS 10:30**

**Jan 22nd - PIONEER FELLOWSHIP NIGHT 6:30**

**Feb 4th - FOOD DISTRIBUTION 9-11**

**Feb 6th - ACCS/MCS FISH FRY 11:30-2**

**Feb 7th - MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 8:00**

**Feb 7th - FAMILY DAY**

**Feb 21st-24th - SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT**

## SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

The 18th Annual Southeastern Bible Lectureship, Spiritual Enrichment 2010, will take place here at Azalea City on February 21st-24th. This year's theme is "The Church: Walking Together in the Riches of Christ", Studies in Ephesians. We will be distributing a complete schedule of speakers a little later but here are the highlighted speakers from our church.

SUNDAY, February 21st at 7:10 p.m.

David Myers - "Exalting Christ in the Home"  
(Ephesians 5:22-6:4)

Monday, February 22nd at 9:30 a.m.

Marion Barnette - "My Place in Christ"  
(Ephesians 1)

TUESDAY, February 23rd at 9:30 a.m.

Carlotta Russell - "My Place in the Church"  
(Ephesians 3)

TUESDAY, February 23rd at 11:00 p.m.

Terry Cagle - "God's Growth Plan"  
(Ephesians 4:7-16)

WEDNESDAY, February 24th at 9:30 a.m.

Sarah Myers - "My Place in the Home"  
(Ephesians 5)

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend every day (and night) of this wonderful spiritual enrichment experience.

## SUNDAY PM SERMON TOPIC

What have you heard about the Church of Christ - "It's a Cult"  
(Part 1)

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS DIRECTORY

Sun Aud. Bob Williams - Persecuted Christians in a Troubled World  
Wed Aud. David Myers - How to Shepherd, Serve, & Steer God's Flock Effectively  
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.

## SUNSHINE BASKETS

The ladies' ministry is starting up a program called "sunshine baskets". If you have anything yellow (candy, stickers, flowers, pens, etc.) that you can donate to this program, please bring it and give it to Lou Holland or Marion Barnette or put it in the library. Thanks!

## LADS TO LEADERS

All lads to leaders participants need to see David or Sarah Myers for a registration form. Every participating youth (whether attending convention or not) needs to fill out a registration form. Every adult attending the convention will also need to fill out a registration form.

## ACCS/MCS ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY

The next fish fry is coming up on Saturday, February 6th from 11:30-2. Tickets are \$9 at the door or \$8 in advance. Kids' tickets are \$5. Please see any school staff member or Ken Murphy to purchase your advance tickets.

## AREA EVENTS

The Andrews Street Church of Christ will be having a gospel meeting today through Thursday. The speaker will be Brother Willie Baldwin. Monday through Thursday services will be at 7:00

The Church of Christ Westside in Pensacola will be having a gospel meeting January 24-27. The speaker will be Gregory Dismuke. Monday through Wednesday services will be at 7:30.

## FROM THE MAILBOX

Dear Azalea City Family,

There are just no words to thank you for your loving kindness and expressions of sympathy during the passing of my husband, Bill. Your thoughts, prayers, and phone calls meant so much to us. We are forever grateful to be a part of such a loving Christian family. On behalf of my family, I thank you.

In Christian love, Betty Nichols & family

Dear Forever Family,

I had a wonderful trip to St. Augustine for four days (COLD, but otherwise great). Saw lots of historically interesting places, including the lighthouse, fort, oldest house in U.S., old church buildings, and Flagler College. I miss you all!

Love, Jean Fogle

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER (members)

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

**Dean Simmons** - Prov, had bypass surgery Thursday  
**Rainie Mclinvale** - SMH Room 4205, slowly recovering  
**Esther Bell** - Mob Inf ICU, congestive heart failure, pneumonia  
**Brad Tart** - USA, 2nd degree burns on hand, will need skin grafts  
**Brandon Schmitz** - Health Issues, on medication  
**Paige Schmitz** - Extremely bad allergies  
**Rudy Pierce** - Had outpatient surgery Friday, doing fine  
**John Allsup - Has infection in his arm**  
**Ruby Allsup** - Leg wound is better, had an epidural Mon for lower back pain  
**Betty Nichols**  
**Violet Tart** - Progressing well, at her daughter's home - 3753 Arlington Cr E, Mobile, 36695, 607-0787  
**JoAnn Brown** - Recovering from knee surgery, doing extremely well  
**Betty Graham** - Health issues, not feeling well  
**Deborah Moody**  
**Myra Blizzard** - Back pain  
**Brenda Odom**  
**Billy Allsup** - Back problems, deteriorated discs  
**Nita Mae Eubanks**  
**Bill & Eunice Day** - Health problems  
**Audrey Anderson** - Thyroid problem, on medication  
**Cubby Merrell** - Lots of health problems (Paul & Debora's grandson)  
**James & Esther Bell** - Health problems  
**Paul & Debora Merrell**  
**Linda Lockler** - having to resume treatments for blood problem

## EXPECTANT MOTHERS

**Lori Holland** (June 2010)

## OUR MILITARY

**Josh Henebry** - Marines, Afghanistan (Rick & Kathy's nephew)  
**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** - Leaving 12/1 for Iraq  
**Matthew Geroux** - Deployed to Kyrgyzstan, 6 mths (Phillip & Tammy's son-in-law)  
**Keith Moss** - Marines, in Afghanistan (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, back in the states (Irene King's son)  
**Layne Ortiz** - London & **Ryan Ortiz** (Beverly Hall's niece and her husband)  
**Shaun Christian** - Afghanistan (Phillip & Tammy Odom's nephew)  
**Sammie Girod** - Qatar (church member in Vancleave, MS, friend of Libby Phillips)  
**Charles Lowery, Jr.** - Army, stationed in Baghdad (friend of Carpenters)

## DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

To Sandy Williams and her family in the loss of her aunt this past week.

To Anna Layton and family in the loss of her uncle this past week.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

**Today** - Rick Henebry  
**Wednesday** - Kent Wilkerson  
**Thursday** - Anje Cagle, Lindy Wright  
**Friday** - Michele Evans  
**Saturday** - Jady Goleman, Tammy Odom



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER (friends & family)

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

**Jeff Abrams & Ken Murphy** - Leaving for Ukraine tomorrow  
**Edward Crabtree** - Mob Inf, blood clots  
**Don Thomaston** - Knee problems, having a biopsy  
**Clara Williams** - In hospital with chest pains (Bob's mother)  
**Steve Stewart** - Brain tumor (Randy Warren's cousin)  
**Bridget Archer** - Mob Inf, tests (Bob & Wanda Hankins' daughter-in-law)  
**Billy Ray & Elizabeth Richards** - He has cancer & she has several health issues (Ken Murphy's sister)  
**Avery Smith** - Leukemia, 1 yr old (relative of Justin & Jennifer Crain)  
**Coach Leslie (MGM)** - Melanoma  
**Mackenzie Fisher** - USA Childrens, rare syndrome (3 mths, friend of Eubanks')  
**Elijah Lewis** - USA Childrens, Has RSV (Don&Sara Andrews 6 wk old grandson)  
**Betty Williams** - Has been moved to rehab center  
**Veola Colley** - Sugar elevated (Carloitta Russell's sister)  
**Joan Rogers** - Hole in intestines (friend of Deborah Moody's)  
**Kaitlan Goode** - has stabilized and is doing better (Eleanor Kemp's niece)  
**Charles McMillian** - Home (Belinda Russo's father)  
**Cathy Finch** - Renal failure, beginning stage (Rhoda Carpenter's mother)  
**Kathy Ferguson** - Broke femur (Beverly Hall's daughter)  
**Jeff Ludlam** - Recovering from back surgery (Mandy Schmitz's brother)  
**Loretta Vaught** - Cancer has returned in her liver (Tricia Pierce's mother)  
**Wanda Browning** - Received good report (Nita Mae Eubanks' daughter)  
**Lillie Pierce** - Health problems (Kathy Henebry's mother)  
**Faye Smith** - Had a bad fall (friend of Rachel Myers')  
**Michelle Batchelor Mills** - cancer, had double mastectomy, in Atlanta  
**Chris Barrett** - Cancer (friend of Lisa Marler's)  
**George Loden** - Heart problems (Pauline King's brother)  
**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)  
**Fred Roschen** - Cancer, not taking any more treatments (Margaret Istre's friend)  
**Gil Ludlam** - Blood clots in leg, on medication (Mandy Schmitz's father)  
**Judy Lincoln** - Needs liver transplant (former member)  
**Larry Williams** - Complications from 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  
**Michelle Epperson & Darian Guy**  
**Pauline Russell** - cancer (Tim's sister)  
**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)  
**J.T. Harrison** - Back problems  
**Charlie Peterson** - Cystic Fibrosis (child) (Mac & Jamie Goleman's friend)  
**Billy Jones** - Mother is battling ovarian cancer (Kevin Crowell's friend)  
**Michael Hornbuckle** - Head injury, another 6 months of recovery  
**Teddy Mears** - Bone cancer  
**Ronin White** - Cancer (Linda Lockler's 7 yr old nephew)  
**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**