



# Azalea City Church of Christ

“A Place for Families, A Place for You”

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## Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World

To add to our discussion today, I read about a book that was written in 1937 entitled, If I Open My Door. In it the author described a church that was planning to build a new building to fellowship and worship in. In the main building where they would worship together, there was a stained glass window depicting children worshipping Jesus.

The elders of the church hired an artist to paint a picture of the proposed window. He fulfilled the assignment, and that night he dreamed he heard a noise in his studio. Going to investigate, he saw a stranger altering his picture. He cried out, **“Stop! You’ll ruin it!”**. But the stranger answered, **“You have already ruined it”**. The intruder then explained that the children’s faces had all been one color, but he was using many colors. When the intruder said that he wanted children of all nations and races to come to him, the artist realized he was talking to Jesus Himself.

In our lesson today, we will learn from Peter that in a world where racial differences often lead to separation and conflict, it’s imperative that Christians work for change, unity, and peace (*Acts 10:34-35*). He was taught a very important lesson that Jesus went to the cross to bring salvation to people of every nation, both Jew and Gentile.

Our focus and commitment must go beyond the barriers that have historically divided the human family. Before we worship together this morning, please take the time to read *Romans 1:16-17*; *Galatians 3:26-28*; and *Revelations 5:9*. True transformation will help us to remember: **Jesus loves all people, not just the ones who look like you.**

David

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

### 2010 THEME:

### FOCUS...WHAT COUNTS?

“Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...” *Hebrews 12:2*

## YOUTH GROUP

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Today- Area Wide at Scenic Hills, we will leave the building at 3:45 and will return around 8:30.

February 12- Teen Valentine Progressive Dinner

February 14-Area wide at Creekwood.

## BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live.

Deuteronomy 30:19

## CONGRATULATIONS

-To Branson White, He made the "A" Honor Roll at Chickasaw Magnet School.

-To Isabella White, She made the "A" Honor Roll at Chickasaw Magnet School.

-To Joseph McDonald, He received the "A" Honor Roll and has the highest grade point average for the 6th grade. He earned a \$50 Savings bond from his school for that accomplishment

## A NOTE FROM JASON

Those who attended GULF had a great time together. There were around 450 people total at GULF last weekend. I hope that you will find a way to be involved with what we have going on. I hope yall have a great week and lets remember to tell our friends the wonderful things that Jesus has done for us.

## 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	Theo Blankenship
Ushers	Jake Warren
	James Galloway

Song Leader	A.M. Steve May	P.M. Steve May
Scripture Reading	A.M. Tyler Williams	P.M. Jacob Kirby
Opening Prayer	A.M. Mike Eubanks	P.M. Rudy Pierce
Closing Prayer	A.M. Phillip Odom	P.M. Drew Nelson

### 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:** Don Jones

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

### Greeters for December

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

### Nursery Attendants

**A.M.** Christina Blankenship      **P.M.** Michelle Cagle

**Toddler Training Room:** Rachel Myers

**Children's Bible Hour:** Wanda Hankins

### Men to Serve Wednesday, January 27th

**Song Leader:** Bill Pierce      **Prayer:** Ken Murphy

**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	104
Morning Worship	210
Evening Worship	104
Wednesday Bible Study	115
<b>Contribution (Regular)</b>	<b>\$6,494.45</b>
<b>Weekly Contribution Need</b>	<b>\$8,096.56</b>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TODAY:

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

**Jan 26th - LADIES' BIBLE CLASS** 10:30

**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**

## SOUPER SUNDAY

We will be having Family Day on Sunday, February 7th. We are asking everyone to bring SOUPS, salads, sandwiches, breads, desserts, and drinks. We will have a meal together in the multi purpose building immediately following our morning service. After we eat, we will have a short afternoon devotional and then services will be dismissed for the rest of the day. Make sure you invite all your friends and family to join us on this special day!

## 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 just another denomination (Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:41,47; Romans 16:16)

## 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!

## 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 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.

Central Church of Christ will be having a friends and family day on Sunday, January 31st. They will have a fellowship meal immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service.

## 2010 CENSUS WORKERS

The 2010 Census team is in need of people to work the 2010 Census. You will receive paid training, work flexible hours, and get paid weekly. There is a brochure on the bulletin board by the office for you to look at if your interested. For more information, you can go to [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov) or call 1-866-861-2010.

## 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

## FROM THE MAILBOX

Thank you for continuing to support Rainbow Omega in 2010. Happy New Year!

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER (members)

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

**Jan Fogle** - Has an enlarged heart and broken vertebrae (may need surgery)  
**Dean Simmons** - Prov Rm 630, recovering well from bypass surgery  
**Rudy Pierce** - Home, recovering from outpatient surgery  
**Robert Cornelison** - Surgery on carotid artery rescheduled for 2/3 at Providence  
**Rainie McInvale** - Home from hospital, able to walk with assistance  
**Esther Bell** - Mob Inf, Rm 4321, improving  
**Brad Tart** - 3rd degree burns on hand, home, will be having outpatient treatment  
**Brandon Schmitz** - Health Issues, on medication  
**Paige Schmitz** - Extremely bad allergies  
**John Allsup** - Has infection in his arm  
**Ruby Allsup** - Bronchitis  
**Violet Tart** - Progressing well, at her daughter's home - 3753 Arlington Cr E, Mobile, 36695, 607-0787  
**Betty Graham** - Health issues, not feeling well  
**Deborah Moody**  
**Myra Blizzard** - Back pain  
**Brenda Odom**  
**Irene Odom** - Sprained ankle, can't drive  
**Billy Allsup** - Back problems, deteriorated discs  
**Nita Mae Eubanks**  
**Bill & Eunice Day** - Health problems  
**James Bell** - Lung infection, on antibiotics  
**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)

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER (friends & family)

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### HAITI EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

**Billy Lambert** - Providence Rm 930, had knee surgery  
**Sebastian Radford** - 1 yr old, needs heart transplant (friend of Margaret Istre)  
**Heath Davis** - USA, critical, was in car accident (member at Rocky Creek)  
**Jeff Abrams & Ken Murphy** - In Ukraine  
**Edward Crabtree** - Mob Inf Rm 3127, blood clots  
**Don Thomaston** - Knee problems, having a biopsy  
**Betty Williams** - Crowne Health Care 954 Navco Rd Mobile 36605 473-8684  
**Clara Williams** - Home from hospital (Bob's mother)  
**Steve Stewart** - Brain tumor (Randy Warren's cousin)  
**Betty Ward** - Lung cancer (friend of Carpenters)  
**Kaylee Wilson** - Has a rare disease, 8 yrs old  
**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** - Home from hospital (Don&Sara Andrews 6 wk old grandson)  
**Veola Colley** - Sugar elevated (Carlotta Russell's sister)  
**Joan Rogers** - Hole in intestines (friend of Deborah Moody's)  
**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)  
**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)  
**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)  
**Freddy Corina's father** - Health issues  
**Toni Lucas** - Lymes Disease (Perry & Donna's daughter-in-law)  
**Temple Anderson** - Cancer (elder at Opelika Church)  
**Jessica Weller** - Cancer free (friend of the Roberts family)  
**Mary-Kathryn Harrison** - Has Gorlin's Syndrome  
**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**

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

**Monday** - Maggie Blankenship  
**Friday** - Jerry Hornbuckle, Hester Joseph  
**Saturday** - Leavie King

