



Azalea City Church of Christ

“A Place for Families, A Place for You”

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Satan, Fruit Stealer

Now that watermelon season is in, farmers have to be on watch for thieves in the night, like the four young men that crept silently toward the unattended watermelon field. One picked up a ripe melon and slipped to the edge of the darkness. He handed it to the second young man, who relayed it to the third young man, who relayed it to the fourth. The fourth put it into the trunk of their car. In a few minutes they had taken a dozen watermelons, and they sped off into the night.

There's another type of fruit that someone loves to steal from us. His name is Satan! Paul told the Christians in Galatia to develop the fruit, which includes love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23). But Satan doesn't want that fruit to be on display in our lives. The devil will use his “wiles” (schemings) to try and “steal them away” from us by tempting us to sin.

Many Christians don't understand that they were enrolled into **University of Christlike Character** the day they were converted to Christ. The one thing the devil wants us to do is replace our Christlike Character with an un-Christlike one. That means our fruit has been stolen. In order to protect ourselves (be on the offensive), we need to focus on what matters:

- 1 The truths of the Bible...
- 2 Choose to do what is righteous...
- 3 Remember our purpose as God's redeemed...
- 4 Trust God always... Believe in His presence.
- 5 Pray always (**Eph. 6:13-18**)

Please don't let yourself be the victim of the fruit-stealer. Also please read our scripture text from today's sermon- **Eph. 6:10-18, 2 Cor. 2:11, Col. 2:13-15.**

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

Terry Cagle - Youth Minister

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 6-9- Teen Service Week for V.B.S.

July 6- Tween Day

July 21-24- Teen Summer Trip

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM TERRY

I just wanted to say "Thank You" to everyone who has helped with the Wednesday Night Dinners. It has been a success so far. Thanks to all that have prepared food as well as those who have come to support our teens. This past week was Middle School Week at Gulf Coast Bible Camp. Nicole Russo was baptized on Friday while at camp. We are so proud of you, Nicole!

I Love You,
Terry

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	Theo Blankenship
Ushers	Taylor Copeland
	Ashton Jayroe
Song Leader	A.M. Steve May
	P.M. Steve May
Scripture Reading	A.M. Tyler Williams (Eph. 6:10-11)
	P.M. Aaron Myers
Opening Prayer	A.M. Robert Oliver
	P.M. Steven Roberts
Closing Prayer	A.M. Bob Williams
	P.M. Terry Cagle
9th Man	Mike Eubanks

Men to Serve the Lord's Table - July

Ray Campbell	Michael Davidson	Justin Thompson
Jim Wilkes	Stan Holland	James Galloway
Steve Whatley	Bob Bagwell	

Lord's Table PM: Scott Jayroe

Communion to Shut-Ins: Justin Thompson

Greeters for July

Front: Gerald & Linda Copeland **Side:** Dean Simmons

Information Booth: Margaret Istre

Nursery Attendants

A.M. JoAnn Brown **P.M.** Glenda Warren

Toddler Training Room: Glenda Carpenter

Children's Bible Hour: David & Melisa Kirby

Men to Serve Wednesday, July 7th

Song Leader: Bill Pierce **Prayer:** Rick Henebry

Lock up Building for month of July: Robert Stephenson

Prepare Communion: Deborah Moody

Coordinate Meals for Sick & Bereaved: Rachel Myers

ELDERS

Kevin Crowell	Mike Eubanks
Stan Holland	Dean Simmons

STAFF

David Myers Pulpit Minister	Terry Cagle Youth Minister
Glenda Carpenter Secretary	Jason Killough Admin. Assistant

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	147
Morning Worship	239
Evening Worship	115
Wednesday Bible Study	124
Contribution (Regular)	\$8,147.00
Weekly Contribution Need	\$8,096.56

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY - HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

July 9- PIONEER FELLOWSHIP

July 11-14- FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 24- HOMEBUILDERS CANOE TRIP

NEW SISTER

Nicole Russo was baptized at Gulf Coast Bible Camp this past Friday. We are so happy for you Nicole!

WEDNESDAY DINNER

Glenda Carpenter will be cooking Roast with potatoes and carrots, rice and gravy, green beans and salad. Please sign up on the white card if you plan on coming. All extra funds will go to helping the teens for their Summer Trip.

HOMEBUILDERS CANOE TRIP

The Hombuilders will be having a canoe trip on Saturday, July 24 at 9 am. This will be at the Escatawpa Hollow Campground. This will be \$20 per person and the money is due on July 18. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer. For further information see Bill or Tricia Pierce or Bob or Wanda Hankins.

AREA EVENTS

Eastern Shore will be having their VBS on July 12-15 from 6-8 pm. Their theme is "Training Superheroes for God." They will have classes for 4 year olds through 5th grade. They are located at 1209 Daphne Ave.

Rocky Creek will be having their VBS on July 11- July 15 from 6:30- 9 pm. Their theme is "Jungle Journey, Exploring the Nature of God."

ADULT BIBLE CLASS DIRECTORY

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| Sun Aud. | David Myers- "Living the Christian Life: Time Tested Principles (Psalms and Proverbs) |
| Sun Fhall | Bob Williams- Restoration, A Continuing Challenge |
| Sun MPB | Young Adults Class- "The Christians Influence"
The teachers will be different members of the class |
| Wed Aud. | David Myers - The Book of Ecclesiastes: Living a Satisfying Life |
| 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.

VBS NEWS

Please start saving comics and bringing them in. These will be used for a craft at VBS, July 11-14

There is a poster near the offices to sign up for VBS. There are still some spots available to help. This years theme is "Light the Fire", The story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego

We also need for everyone to start bringing in Lemonade, chips, cookies, coke etc, these will be used for refreshments.

FROM THE MAILBOX

Dear Christian Family,

Thank you seems like such a small thing to say to a family that gives and loves so easily. This thank you comes from the bottom of our hearts for the calls, visits, food but most of all the love and prayers shared with Don and myself. To have such a blessing in our lives like this Christian family is truly a gift from God and His son. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

We love you all, Don & Judy Jones

To Our Forever Family,

These last two weeks have been very hard on myself and my family. We would like to thank each of you for the calls visits, and especially for the prayers. Because without you and our faith in God I would not have made it this far. As most of you know I am at UAB. I am getting the best medical treatment possible. I am resting and trying to get my strength back. Each of you mean the world to me and my family. Even though I am away from my physical and my Forever Family I still feel the prayers on my behalf. Please keep the prayers coming not only for me but Bob as he stays by my bedside and also for Mom, Dad, Brandi and the girls as they travel back and forth, and also give them the strength because its trying for them also. Again Thank You, I love and miss each of you very much. I have a long road ahead of me but with Faith, I will make it.

In Christian Love, Bob, Belinda, Brandi and Family

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (members)

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

Skip Garner- Had stint put in and is dealing with kidney stones

George Spurlock- Is in Guyana on Mission Trip

Belinda Moss- At Christy's in B'ham

Rachel Logan- Home

Alex Layton- Surgery July 7th Mob Inf 9 a.m.

Randy Warren- Home recovering from surgery

Tammy Cade- Broken Foot

Lou Holland- Home

Eunice Day - Lynwood Health & Rehab Room 89, Cell Number 656-8259

Anastasia Overton- Had Tonsils & Adnoids surgery

Don Thomaston- Home

Tim Russell- Home

Nita Pierce- Blood pressure issues

Jaxon Crain- Viral Infection, high fever

Dorothy Taylor- Had stints put in.

Ruby Allsup- Home

Icleatus Albritton- Home, but weak

Ray Kemp- Had nose surgery

Jerry Carr- Doctors say he is cancer free

Gail Carr- feeling some better

Michelle Epperson- In treatment (Eleanor Kemp's daughter)

Holly Carpenter- Thyroid problems on medication

Jean Fogle- has cellulitis in her leg, feeling some better

Libby Phillips- surgery did not solve problem

Deborah Moody- home from Hospital, trouble with back

James & Esther Bell- Home, doing better

Rainie Mc Invale- Home

Rod Kite- In Severe Back Pain

Gerald King- Shingles, still having severe pain in arm, hand and neck

Violet Tart- Progressing well, home

Betty Graham- Health issues,

Billy Allsup- Back problems, deteriorated discs

Linda Lockler- having to resume treatments for blood problem

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (friends & family)

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HAITI EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

OUR BRETHREN IN JOS NIGERIA (Steve & Dee Worley should be there)

OIL SPILL IN THE GULF

Jerry Goleman- Open heart surgery Friday at Providence (Tammy Odom's dad)

Family of David Curtis- Killed in the line of duty in Tampa (MCS Grad)

Jeff Abrams Family & Others- Ukraine Mission Trip, June 17- July 2

Sherry Radcliff- Had emergency surgery last week (Beth Overton's Sister)

Tereasa Havard- ICU with cancer & pneumonia (Melba Nash's Niece)

Pearl Covington- Mob Inf (Joyce Simmons Mother)

Maureen (Bunny) Turner- Stage 4 Lung Cancer (friend of Mike Eubanks)

Ben & Corey Stephens- Expecting baby in Dec., Has had 3 miscarriages (works with Larry Dye)

Brooke Moore- Many health issues (Patrice Sargent's Sister)

Danny Crowell- Special Needs

Loretta Vaught- On 24 hour care, very serious (Tricia Pierce's mother)

Larry Williams- In USA ICU (Easter's son)

Joyce Brookshire- Cancer (Rachel McDonald's cousin)

Brittney Sargent- improving each day (David's daughter)

Barbara Finch- Bladder cancer, taking chemo (Rhoda's grandmommy in Wash.)

Dave Finch- Prostate cancer (Rhoda's Uncle in Wash. State)

Edith Stacey- stint (Relative to Rudy, Joann and Juanita)

Jeff Wilkinson- Cancer (Hazel Brown's Grandson)

Dian Williams- Serious Health Issues (Jackie Null's Sister)

Mary Bufkin- colon cancer (friend of Jerry Carr)

Brenda Maxwell- several health problems (Wanda Hankins' Sister)

Barbara Lee- Tumor & leukemia (relative of Ruby Allsup)

David Fajardo- Serious health issues (Nita Mae Eubanks Son-in-law)

Billy Ray Richards- Cancer, not doing well (Ken Murphy's brother-in-law)

Ben Clay-Health issues (Jim Wilkes' brother-in-law)

Berge Littrell- Rare disease but treatable (Jim Wilkes' brother in law)

Sara Christopher- on dialysis, needs kidney transplant (Evelyn Wright's niece)

William Hunt- Blood Clot behind right eye,

Scott Watkins- cancer on lymph nodes, not looking real well

Freddy Corina's Mom and Dad are doing well

Winnie Thrower is on Hospice (Glenda Wilkes Mother)

Naomi Woodard- Tumor & other health issues (Joyce's & Judy's aunt)

Chris Hayes- Multiple Sclerosis (friend of Crowells')

Jim Gordon- Cancer (cousin of Judy Cagle & Joyce Galloway)

Vera Hill- Cancer, radiation treatments, not doing well (Dora Wright's sister)

Betty Williams- Crowne Health Care 954 Navco Rd Mobile 36605 473-8684

Steve Stewart- Brain tumor, in a coma (Randy Warren's cousin)

Kaylee Wilson- Has a rare disease, 8 yrs old

Avery Smith- Leukemia, 1 yr old (relative of Justin & Jennifer Crain)

Joan Rogers- Hole in intestines (friend of Deborah Moody's)

Cathy Finch- Renal failure, beginning stage (Rhoda Carpenter's mother)

Judy Lincoln- Needs liver transplant (former member)

DC Mosley- Bone & blood cancer (Quincy & Pat Woodard's neighbor)

Temple Anderson- Cancer (elder at Opelika Church)

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)

Charlie Peterson- Cystic Fibrosis (child) (Mac & Jamie Goleman'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**

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Misty Eubanks (girl- September 1, 2010)

Michelle Cagle (girl- October 29, 2010)

Natasha Geroux (November 11, 2010)

OUR MILITARY

Josh Henebry - Marines, Afghanistan (Rick & Kathy's nephew)

Chris Campbell - Navy

Randy Pierce - Camp Pendleton, California (Rudy & Nita's grandson)

Kenneth Andrews - In Germany (Terry & Sue's son)

Aaron Allsup - Stationed in Italy (John & Ruby Allsup's grandson)

Jacob Pierce - In Iraq

Matthew Geroux - Back in the states, home (Phillip & Tammy's son-in-law)

Keith Moss - Back in the States (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)

Sammie Girod - Qatar (church member in Vancleave, MS, friend of Libby Phillips)

Charles Lowery, Jr. - Army, stationed in Baghdad (friend of Carpenters)

BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARIES

Monday- Tammy Buford, Angie Harville,

Gerald & Linda Copeland

Wednesday- Jean Fogle, Tony & Pam Carpenter

Saturday- Aaron Myers

