



Azalea City Church of Christ

"A Place for Families, A Place for You"

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"Why Not Me?"

Someone said long ago, **"Affliction becomes Blessings when Blended with Acceptance."** Read our scripture text for today's lesson and see if the statement is true (**I Thess. 3:1-5; and Phil. 1:29**).

A young Air Force Academy student had a bright future, and his mother and father were very proud of all his accomplishments. One afternoon he was killed in a bombing practice while flying his jet. After the accident and for several days, many asked the question **"Why Tom?"** His father replied to his roommate, **"Why not Tom?"** His roommate struggled for a long time before coming to the same conclusion and belief Tom's father did. Could you say the same thing? Would you have a hard time accepting that statement?

Tragedies and accidents tend to deceive us with their subtle logic: **"Why me? If God controls everything and we're trying to please Him, why hasn't He kept me from trouble? Doesn't God care about me anymore? How can He be good and permit this to happen to me? Why doesn't He answer my prayer- is He dead?"** This brings to mind a Bible character that knows all about Suffering, Pain, and Affliction. Satan thought for sure that Job would trip over those same questions. Satan tried to make the case that people like Job who trusted in God's Goodness have only a fair-weather faith. Boy was Satan wrong. Job showed the strength of God's place in his heart. Now Mrs. Job did not have this type of strength because she said to him, "curse God and die." Job came to the correct conclusion by saying in effect, "Why should I be exempt from suffering? **Why Not Me?"**

When we finally stop saying, **"Why me?"** and start saying **"Why not me?"**, then we will take the first step to understanding what the apostle Paul, and Job stated about trials that will happen in our lives (**Jn 16:33**).

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

- 5/18: MGM's Graduation
- 5/19: Sing His Praises
- 5/22: MCS Graduation
- 5/23: Teen Breakfast
- 5/28: Picture Scavenger Hunt and Lock-In
- 5/30: Devo at the Istre's house

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit;" whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."

James 4:13-15

A NOTE FROM TERRY

As graduations quickly approach, it reminds me that throughout life there will be beginnings and ends. This end for our seniors is one filled with bittersweet emotions. I am sure that you all are very excited to graduate and move on to something new, but are sad to say goodbye to some dear friends and many great memories. In all of our lives we will have times that we are very excited about trying or doing something new, but we will also have some sad times knowing that we have to say goodbye and watch different things end. No matter what we face in life, let's make sure that God is at the center. Whether we are off to college, or starting a new job, or starting a family, or saying goodbye to a loved one, let's make sure that God is in control and it will make each transition that much easier! Have a wonderful week!

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	Mike Eubanks
Video Media	Robert Stephenson
Ushers	Jacob Durham
	Taylor Copeland
Song Leader	A.M. Steve May
	P.M. Steve May
Scripture Reading	A.M. Justin Thompson
	P.M. Aaron Myers
Opening Prayer	A.M. Drew Nelson
	P.M. Steven Roberts
Closing Prayer	A.M. Bob Bagwell
	P.M. Jacob Durham

9th Man

Dean Simmons

Men to Serve the Lord's Table - May

Jim Wilkes	Ray Campbell	Mike Wright
Kent Wilkerson	James Galloway	Theo Blankenship
Steve Whatley	Scott Jayroe	

Lord's Table PM: Robert Cornelison

Communion to Shut-Ins: Ken Murphy

Greeters for May

Front: Roy & Iris House Side: Ken Murphy

Information Booth: Margaret Istre

Nursery Attendants

A.M. Judy Jones P.M. Jennifer Crain

Toddler Training Room: Candi White

Children's Bible Hour: Mike Eubanks

Men to Serve Wednesday, May 12th

Song Leader: Bill Pierce Prayer: Claude Thompson

Lock up Building for month of May: Phillip Odom

Prepare Communion: Tammy Odom

Coordinate Meals for Sick & Bereaved: Clarice Kite/ Evelyn Cornelison

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	126
Morning Worship	218
Evening Worship	114
Wednesday Bible Study	116
Contribution (Regular)	\$6,324.37
Weekly Contribution Need	\$8,096.56

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY -

May 17th- MNFTM

May 22nd- HOMEBUILDERS FELLOWSHIP @ THE KIRBY'S

May 27th- ACCS END OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

July 11-14- FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

George Spurlock is preparing for a mission trip to Guyana this Summer. He will be going with Brother Jerry Davidson and a group of 15 or more to conduct a VBS during the day and an Evangelistic Gospel Meeting each night. The date of this trip is June 24 through July 8. The cost of this trip is \$2,250.00, so if you would like to contribute to Help Brother George and this great effort, please see him for details.

Camp Amerikraine Needs Your Help

"Camp Amerikraine" happens every summer in a beautiful place near Kramatorsk, Ukraine. At this Bible camp, a staff made up of Ukrainians and Americans works together to share Christ with the young people of Ukraine. Over the years, many members have participated in this great outreach effort, that has lead many precious souls to obey our Lord's gospel. This year, which is the 8th year for "Camp Amerikraine," it will cost \$90 per camper to rent the camp facility and to provide meals, Bible and other supplies. Your assistance is needed and would be greatly appreciated. If you can help a Ukrainian child attend this camp, please give your gift to the Azalea City office or to Terry Cagle, Ken Murphy or one of the elders. Thanks!

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Senior Class of Mobile Christian School announces its Commencement Exercises Saturday afternoon, May twenty-second Two Thousand Ten at Two o'clock. This will take place at the University of South Alabama, Mitchell Center in Mobile, Alabama. Baccalaureate will be on Sunday afternoon, May sixteenth at Two o'clock at Regency Church of Christ.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT CDS

The cds from the Spiritual Enrichment are ready. The cost of the whole set is \$20. They are in the church office.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS DIRECTORY

Sun Aud.	David Myers- Gospel of John, His hour has come (Ch 18-21)
Sun Fhall	Frank Nelson/ Rudy Pierce- Restoration, A Continuing Challenge
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.

NEW BROTHER

We rejoice that Ricky Buford was baptized this past Wednesday evening.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY BENEFIT

Coach Gene Stallings will be speaking at the Alabama Gulf Coast Christian Academy Golden Opportunity Benefit on June 1st. Call 251-952-5601 to order tickets. \$100 ticket price includes a prime rib dinner prepared by the Magnolia Court Restaurant and is a charitable donation.

HOMEBUILDERS MEXICAN FIESTA

This will take place at the Kirby's Home on Saturday, May 22. The cost will be \$5.00 per person for the meal. The Sign up sheet in the main foyer. Deadline for sign-up is May 19.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be June 6. We still need volunteers to sign up to cook for this as well.

BASKET FOR BABY ITEMS

Baby gifts basket for Jimmy & Lorie Holland is located in the side foyer near office. Their son, Caleb Mitchell, is due in June.

FROM THE MAILBOX

Thank you for your prayers, I couldn't get through this without the church, each day will be different for me. May God bless you.

Love, Barbara and Walter Brock

Dear family,

Tonight (this past Wednesday) will be our last service to worship with you, Brian will be offshore until June assisting with the oil spill so he is not here. The rest of the month we will be spending out of town and busy with our move. You have been dear to us since 1999. We have encouraged each other in happy times and rough patches. Thank you for your love, hope, faith and forgiveness. You have helped us on our journey toward heaven. Thank you for not expecting us to be perfect people and forgiving us with the grace of God when we have made mistakes. We sincerely love you. Pray for our transition to Knoxville, Tennessee and that we find a family of believers whose mission is to spread the gospel. We will miss you. Many blessings!

Brian, Margie, Kamrym & William

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (members)

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

Icleatus Albritton- Spring Hill 4225, pneumonia
Ryan Myers- with group on mission trip to Scotland
Jerry Carr- home feeling some better
Gail Carr- Home from Hospital
Tim Russell- Home from hospital
Michelle Epperson- In treatment (Eleanor Kemp's daughter)
Myra Blizzard - Home after foot surgery Friday, minimal pain
Holly Carpenter- Thyroid problems on medication
Melisa Kirby- Knee problems, may require surgery
Ruby Allsup- Providence 1222, sodium level is low
Tommy Blizzard- various health problems, more test upcoming
Jean Fogle- has cellulitis in her leg, feeling some better
Libby Phillips- At home recovering from back surgery
Deborah Moody- home from Hospital, trouble with back
Frieda Bagwell- recovering from broken shoulder and elbow
James & Esther Bell- several health issues
Mary Nelson- Pneumonia and asthma (Terry W and Tammy M's grandmother)
Dianne Dyess- possible heart problems, Dr appt soon
Bob Moss- recovering well
Dorothy Taylor - broke her arm
Eunice Day - Health problems
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

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Lori Holland (boy - Caleb Mitchell - June 2010)
Misty Eubanks (girl- September 1, 2010)
Michelle Cagle (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 - 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-fiancee)
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- Hannah Cagle,
Bill & Tricia Pierce,
Jason & Lindsey Killough
Tuesday- Ruth Rush,
Wednesday- Alan & Anna Layton
Thursday- Aaron Spurlock
Friday- Madison Massey
Saturday- J.T. McClure



REMEMBER IN PRAYER (friends & family)

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HAITI EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS
OUR BRETHREN IN JOS NIGERIA (Steve & Dee Worley should be there)
Joyce Brookshire- Cancer (Rachel McDonald's cousin)
Brittney Sargent- sick, Dr's still unsure about whats wrong
Buddy Ross- ICU had to remove part of skull (friend of Brian Busby's stepdad)
Barbara Finch- Bladder cancer, taking chemo (Rhoda's grandmommy in Wash.)
Dave Finch- Prostate cancer (Rhoda's Uncle in Wash. State)
Ricky Owens- Cancer (Relative of Hayward Tart)
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)
Sandra Ammons- Home, (Rudy's neice)
Gil Ludlam- good report from pathologist, (Mandy Schmitz Dad)
Brent Pollard- had exploratory cancer surgery (friend of Terry C.)
Mary Bufkin- colon cancer (friend of Jerry Carr)
Brenda Maxwell- several health problems (Wanda Hankins' Sister)
Larry Williams - home, not well (Easter's son)
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 is home, Dad is in Rehab
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)
Heath Davis - USA, critical, was in car accident (member at Rocky Creek)
Don Thomaston - Home recovering from surgery
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)
Loretta Vaught - Cancer has returned in her liver (Tricia Pierce'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