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“A Place for Families, A Place for You”

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Living In Peace

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God” Matthew 5:9

Why do we repay evil for evil so often? Most of us would say that we would never do that. But we do. When we shake our fist at another motorist who cuts us off in traffic, that is paying evil for evil. When we shout back at our spouse, that is evil for evil. “Getting even” is by definition, giving bad because we received bad. It doesn’t matter that we call it “fair play,” almost always it is evil for evil.

Jesus is called the Prince of Peace. Jesus made peace between God man by providing a remedy for the guilt and penalty of sin. In addition to peace with heaven, Jesus came to establish peace among men. The Lord calls His disciples to be persons of peace. In the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord said things that seemed very radical. *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God” (Matthew 5:9). “But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court, and whoever says to his brother, You good-for-nothing, shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says You fool, shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell” (Matthew 5:22). “You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on the right cheek turn the other to him also” (Matthew 5:38, 39). “You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:43, 44).*

Rome was the city of the empire. Rome championed war. When the apostle Paul wrote that church, he had words of peace for the Christians there. Among the things he said are: *“Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse. ...Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord. But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:14-21).* Paul tells those who have been abused to not curse, but bless. He says respect all persons and their opinions, Do not cause trouble or strife. Live at peace if possible. Instead of vengeance, give charity. Overcome the evil around you by doing good.

The world respects power. The Kingdom of God is the “upside down” kingdom. We are led by servants, not dictators. We value love, not hate. If the only way we can get ahead is by lying and cheating, we do not get ahead. If the only way we can profit is dishonest, we suffer the loss. Christians are persons of peace.

Gerald Elliott
Winnsboro, TX

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

5/8: Service project for Mothers

5/9: Mother's Day

5/15: Senior Send Off

5/16: Baccalaureate for MCS

5/18: MGM's Graduation

5/19: Sing His Praises

CONGRATULATIONS

To Sarah Catherine Deck, she was inducted into the Elementary National Honors Society at Council Traditional

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Eph 4:25-29

A NOTE FROM TERRY

We had a lot of fun at Fun Friday Fellowship this past week. Thanks to all that came and participated! Remember that we will be having a service project this coming Saturday and it will benefit our mothers, so if you can please make plans to attend. Let's make sure that we are attending Bible classes at all times, as studying our Bibles is essential to our growth as Christians. I hope you have a great 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

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| Announcements | George Spurlock |
| Video Media | Tom Deck |
| Ushers | Jacob Durham |
| | Taylor Copeland |
| Song Leader | A.M. Steve May |
| | P.M. Steve May |
| Scripture Reading | A.M. Jacob Kirby |
| | P.M. Jake Warren |
| Opening Prayer | A.M. Todd Cagle |
| | P.M. Jason Killough |
| Closing Prayer | A.M. Michael Davidson |
| | P.M. Claude Thompson |

9th Man

Bob Williams

Men to Serve the Lord's Table - May

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

Lord's Table PM: Jeff May

Communion to Shut-Ins: Ken Murphy

Greeters for May

Front: Roy & Iris House **Side:** Ken Murphy

Information Booth: Margaret Istre

Nursery Attendants

A.M. Jamie Goleman **P.M.** Crystal Roberts

Toddler Training Room: Lisha May

Children's Bible Hour: Rachel Myers

Men to Serve Wednesday, May 5th

Song Leader: Frank Nelson **Prayer:** Tommy Blizzard

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

STAFF

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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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| 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

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Bible Study | 150 |
| Morning Worship | 235 |
| Evening Worship | Family Day |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 120 |
| Contribution (Regular) | \$7,135.56 |
| Weekly Contribution Need | \$8,096.56 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY -

May 6th- FOOD DISTRIBUTION 9-11 A.M.

May 7th and 8th- ACCS YARD SALE

May 9th- MOTHER'S DAY

May 14th- PIONEER FELLOWSHIP

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!

VBS NEED

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

ADULT BIBLE CLASS DIRECTORY

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| 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 - To Be Announced |
| 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 MEMBERS

Jared Colf and his two children Grayce and John Riley) have decided to place their membership with us here at Azalea City. Make sure to meet this family and make them feel welcome.

A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

Dean Simmons name was placed before the congregation Sunday, April 25, 2010 to become part of the eldership at Azalea City. If anyone has a concern about his appointment as elder in accordance with qualifications of elders in I Timothy chapter 3, please see Dean about this matter before May 9th.

FUND RAISER FOR ACCS

ACCS has started selling the Little Caesars Pizza Kits. The deadline will be around May 12th, so please get your orders in to any of the school staff members.

YARD SALE

ACCS is having their semi-annual Yard Sale May 7th and 8th. Please bring any items you would like to donate up to the school. They accept anything that is in good condition. **They are still in need of more items in order to make this yard sale a huge success.** Call the school at 649-5437 if you need help getting your items to the school. Thanks for your continued support.

FROM THE MAILBOX

To Our Beloved Church Family,
This extra-special thank-you note sent to you today holds more appreciation than any words can say, For you're among the nicest people I have ever known, And you'll never be forgotten for the thoughtfulness you've shown. Thanks for everything.

In Christian Love,
Bob & Frieda Bagwell

To my forever Church Family,
I want to thank you for your cards, prayers and calls. As of today I have not had any changes in the numbness in my feet! So please continue to remember me in your prayers that the numbness will go away in the near future!
In Christian Love,
Libby

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (members)

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

Jerry Carr - home feeling some better
Tim Russell - Spring Hill Hosp, given 2 pints of blood earlier this week
Conrad Carpenter - Providence 644
Myra Blizzard - Having foot surgery May 14
Holly Carpenter - Thyroid problems on medication
Melisa Kirby - Knee problems, may require surgery
Ruby Allsup - Cogburn West 108, Call 634-8002
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

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To Juanita, Joann and Rudy on the passing of their cousin, Doris Vice. The funeral was Wednesday in Moss Point, MS.

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Lori Holland (boy - Caleb Mitchell - June 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-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

Today- Michelle Jayroe,
Nathan Montgomery
Wednesday- Glenda Wilkes,
Michael & Margaret Istre
Thursday- Wendy Engel,
Jenny Spurlock
Saturday- Diane Dyess



REMEMBER IN PRAYER (friends & family)

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HAITI EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS
OUR BRETHREN IN JOS NIGERIA (Steve & Dee Worley should be there)
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 Thursday (friend of Terry C.)
Mary Buffkin - 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)
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