

Azalea City Church of Christ Family News



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KEEPING CHRIST IN YOUR LIFE THIS SEASON

The number one way to keep your mind focused on Jesus Christ at Christmas is to have him present in your daily life. Keeping Christ in Christmas is more about the way you live your life than the things you say—such as "Merry Christmas" versus "Happy Holidays." Keeping Christ in your life at Christmas and throughout the rest of the year means daily revealing the character, love and spirit of Christ that dwells in you, by allowing these traits to shine through your actions. Here are simple ways to keep Christ the central focus of your life this Christmas season and throughout every season.

- 1) Give God one very special gift just from you to him. Let this gift be something personal that no one else needs to know about, and let it be a sacrifice. David said in 2 Samuel 24 that he would not offer a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing. Maybe your gift to God will be to forgive someone you've needed to forgive for a long time. You may discover that you've given a gift back to yourself. Perhaps your gift will be to commit to spending time with God daily. Or maybe there is something God has asked you to give up, like last New Year's resolution. Make this your most important gift of the season.
- 2) Plan a project of good will this Christmas. Find someone with a genuine need, involve your whole family and see how happy you can make someone this Christmas.
- 3) Take a group Christmas caroling in a nursing home or a children's hospital.
- 4) Give a surprise gift of service to each member of your family. Jesus taught us to serve by washing the disciples feet. He also taught us that it is "more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35 The idea of giving an unexpected gift of service to members of your family is to demonstrate Christ-like love and service. You might consider giving a back rub to your spouse, running an errand for your brother, or cleaning out a closet for your mother. Make it personal and meaningful and watch the blessings multiply.
- 5) Set aside a time of family devotions on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning. Before opening the gifts, take a few minutes to gather together as a family in prayer and devotions. Read a few Bible verses and discuss as a family the true meaning of Christmas.
- 6) Send Christmas cards that convey a spiritual message. This is an easy way to share your faith at Christmastime. If you've already bought the reindeer cards—no problem! Just write a Bible verse and include a personal message with each card.
- 7) Write a Christmas letter to a missionary. Many missionaries are unable to travel home for the holidays, so it can be a very lonely time for them. Write a special Christmas letter to a missionary of your choice, thanking them for giving their life in service to the Lord.

2008 Theme: KNOWING HIM

Please keep the following people in your prayers this month.

Members

Jean Fogle	Christina Blankenship	Myra Blizzard	Rufus Rush
Sue Andrews	Conrad Carpenter	Deborah Moody	Ruth Rush
Dorothy Taylor	James & Esther Bell	Nita Mae Eubanks	Linda Lockler
Ed Geci	Charlotte Stephenson	Tommy Blizzard	Rainie McInvale
Billy Allsup	Michelle Wheeler		

Friends and Family

Loretta Vaught	Gaye Hendrickson	Roger Rush	Teddy Mears
Ms. Moss	Tereasa Cleveland	Jack McDonald	Morgan Lee
Maxine Rush	Holly Lee Crowell	Alden Douglas	Sherry Guy
Katie Jones	Jon Hackett, Jr.	H.L. Moss	Irene Whitehead
Paul Merrell	Michael Hornbuckle	Barbara Gollotta	Caitline Goode
Harry Lloyd	J.T. Harrison's mother	Wendell Sawyer	Ronin White
Jeannine Webb	Pam Prine	Marvin Fountain	Dan Maples
Hixon Nobles	Bob Brantley	Marshall Eubanks	Granville Faries
Deloris Lamaire	Eric Braddock	Pauline Russell	Troy Vonada
Greg Lewis	Patricia Jones	Dylan Gibbon	

Military

Kenneth Andrews (in Germany)	Keith Moss (Marines)
Aaron Allsup (at Eglin AFB)	Jacob Pierce (in Iraq)
Matt Geroux (in Arkansas)	Matthew Reitz (in Iraq)
Randy Pierce (Camp LeJeune)	Joshua Reynolds (Afghanistan)
Dewayne Nix (Corpus Christi, TX)	Manuel Baldwin (Iraq)

Expectant Mothers

Jamie Goleman (January 23, 2009)
Kimberly Holland Claunch (March 2009)

New Members and Invitation Responses

<u>Prayer Requests</u>	<u>Baptisms</u>
Nita Mae Eubanks	J.T. Roberts
Lorraine Enke	Tracy Suggs

Upcoming Events

Pioneer game night is scheduled for Friday, December 19th. Please bring your favorite game and finger foods.

The December **men's prayer breakfast** will take place on Sunday, the 7th at 8:00. If you would be willing to cook for a future breakfast, please sign the sheet located at the information desk in the front foyer.

Steve May is planning **congregational singing** at 5:30 on Sunday, December 14th. We will practice new songs and prepare for the evening service. Please make plans to attend.

The **adult Christmas party** is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th at 5:30 in the fellowship hall. Bring a \$5.00 Christmas ornament (if you want to participate in Dirty Santa) Meat will be provided by the church. Please bring side dishes, desserts, and drinks.

The **homebuilders' Christmas party** is scheduled for Friday, December 12th at 6:00 in the fellowship hall. Bring a \$5.00 Christmas ornament and finger foods.

The **Senior Citizens' Christmas Luncheon** is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9th. The ACCS K3 and K4 kids will be singing. There are menus in both foyers. Please sign up to bring food.

The **homebuilders** are planning a **game night** on Wednesday, December 31st at 6:00. Everyone is invited! Bring your favorite game(s) and food and join us as we welcome in the new year!

Ministry Information

If you have not filled out an **involvement form** for the involvement ministry, please see Terry Cagle to get a form. We need to have every member fill out one of these!

The Benevolence Ministry is planning their next **grocery distribution** on December 4th from 9:00 until 11:00 in the multipurpose building. They gave out food to over 180 people last month! Your help with this endeavor is greatly needed! If you can come help, please plan to be at the church around 8:30. **Please continue to help us out by donating cereal for the food distribution.** You can put it on the counter by the coffee maker in the fellowship hall.

Jesus - The Saviour of Mankind (continued)

2. He is fully man. (1 Timothy 2:4). Only as a man could Jesus pay the price for the sins of mankind. Only as a man could he be the representative head of the new race of new men, born again of the spirit of God. He is the last Adam and the Second Man. (1 Corinthians 15:45,47). "For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead." (1 Corinthians 15:21)

3. He perfectly fulfilled the law of God, including all of the Mosaic Law. If Jesus had sinned, he would need a saviour. But Jesus "committed no sin, nor was guilt found in his mouth" (1 Peter 2:22) and is described as "a lamb without blemish and without spot". (1 Peter 1:20). A careful study of the life of Jesus as recorded in the gospels reveals no sin in his life. Instead it reveals that he fulfilled both the commandments and ordinances of the law and also that he fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies concerning the promised Messiah and Saviour.

4. What He did for us, He did willingly. In John 10:17,18 Jesus states: "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father."

Jesus began to reveal Himself as saviour, deliverer and healer in his ministry to the sick and oppressed in Galilee and Judea. It is recorded that he cast out demons, healed the sick (Matthew 4:23) declared God's forgiveness to sinners (Mark 2:5) and brought provision and joy where it was needed (John 2:1-12; Mark 6:30-34). All these things were signs that indeed Jesus was the promised Messiah Saviour and Deliverer of Mankind. We know that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8) and that He wants to do these things today for people also. However, we must understand that Jesus' greatest work was not any of these miracles but rather his work of suffering on the cross. This is where He conquered evil, by paying the price for sin and taking upon Himself the consequences of man's rebellion against God. God demonstrated this by raising Christ physically from the dead.

FROM DAVID'S DESK

David's Sunday Morning Bible Class

Fellowship Hall

SUBJECT: Tough Questions: Biblical Answers

WEEKLY TOPICS:

December

- 7th – Who Is This Jesus?
- 14th – Why Are We So Blessed?
- 21st – What Is My Response To God's Blessings?
- 28th – What Is Necessary For Victory?

January

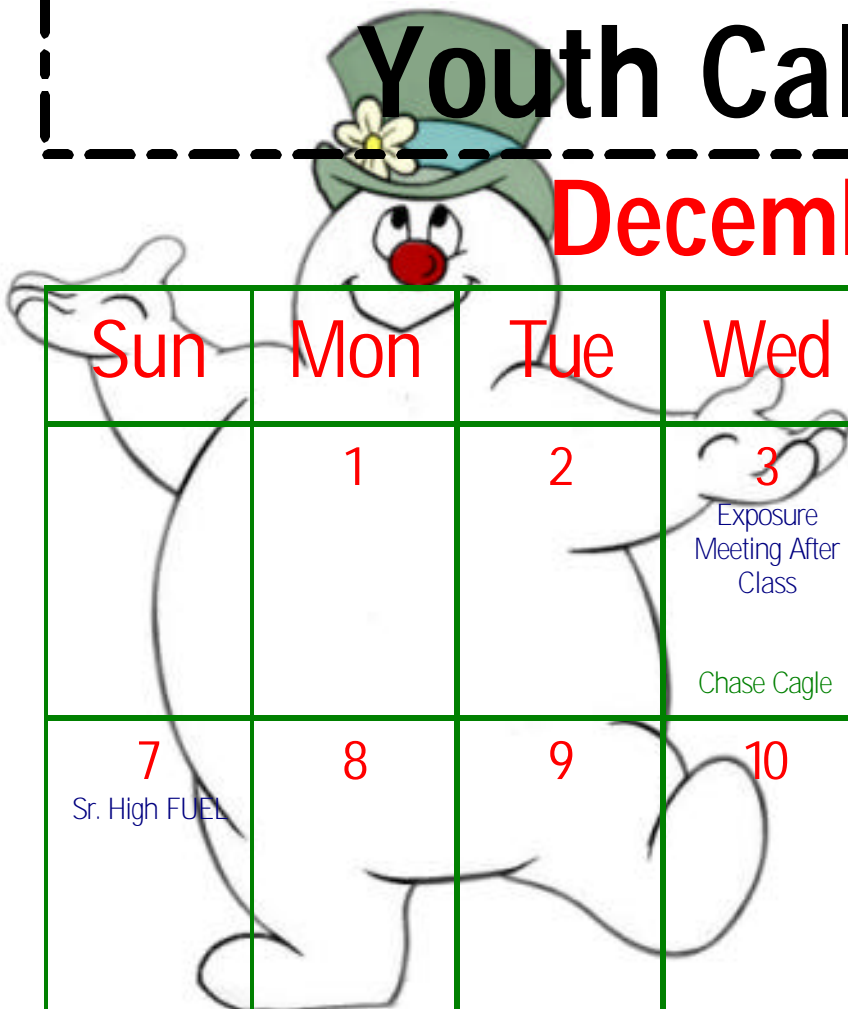
- 4th – Is My Neighbor Really Lost?
- 11th – Who Should Lead?
- 18th – How Can I Win Over Worry?
- 25th – What Makes The Rebellious Return?

February

- 1st – Why Is It Hard To Choose The Right Wardrobe?
- 8th – His Coming Is Sure... Are You?
- 15th – Until He Returns... What?
- 22nd – What Happens When I Die?

Youth Calendar

December



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Exposure Meeting After Class Chase Cagle	4	5 Sr. High FUEL	6 Sr. High FUEL
7 Sr. High FUEL	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Sing His Praises 	18	19 Teen Christmas Party 	20
21 Tween Christmas Party  Jacob Kirby	22	23	24	25 	26	27 Exposure
28 Exposure	29 Exposure Kristina Campbell	30 Exposure	31		Teens Tweens	

Jesus - The Saviour of Mankind

The Bible reveals Jesus Christ as God's son, and the only Saviour of mankind from sin, judgment and curse. Therefore everyone needs to know about Jesus, and what He has done for us.

The angel, speaking to Joseph concerning his betrothed wife, Mary, said: "And she shall bring forth a Son, and you will call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1.21) Jesus was conceived by God in Mary, and so did not share the rebellious nature of mankind. Although we acknowledge that Mary had an important role in bringing the Saviour into the world, we cannot recognise her as a saviour or a way to God. For Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father but by Me." (John 14.6) Paul said: "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." (1 Timothy 2:4-5)

Therefore, in looking for salvation from sin, we must look to Jesus Christ. There is no other source of salvation. There is no other way to God. Neither Mary nor the saints, nor Mohammed, nor some guru or any teaching of mysticism or philosophy can do away with our great personal need for Jesus Christ, the only True Saviour. "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

Jesus was qualified to be our saviour for the following reasons:

1. He is fully God. Isaiah 43:10,11 states that besides the Lord GOD there is no Saviour. Jesus, however, is called "the mighty God" (Isaiah 9:6) and "our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2.13). It takes God to save sinners. This is one reason why it matters if we believe the doctrine of the Trinity.

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Monthly Records

Weekly Budget 2008: \$8,928.28

	Oct 5th	Oct 12th	Oct 19th	Oct 26th	Average
Weekly Contributions	\$8,056.46	\$7,815.91	\$6,874.76	\$6,726.87	\$7,368.50
Sunday Bible Class	163	N/C	160	169	164
Sunday AM Worship	233	229	242	276	245
Sunday PM Worship	N/C	118	N/C	171	143
	October 1st	Oct 8th	Oct 15th	Oct 22nd	Oct 29th
Wed. Bible Study	145	149	128	131	124

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:30
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00
Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....7:00

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Television To Watch

“Preaching The Gospel” with James Watkins
Sundays 7:30am, channel 44, Comcast channel 4

“In Search of The Lord’s Way” with Mack Lyon
Sundays 7:30am, channel 33, Comcast channel 7
Direct TV channel 321

“Know Your Bible” with Billy Lambert
Sundays 6:30pm Direct TV channel 321
Sundays 8:00pm channel 33
Wednesdays 8:00pm Direct TV channel 377

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