

Azalea City Church of Christ



Family News

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2009 Theme:

Walking With Him

"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps."

1 Peter 2:21

Please keep the following people in your prayers this month.

Members

Ruby Allsup	Susan Thomas	Betty Graham	Billy Allsup
Myra Blizzard	Jean Fogle	Paul Henneman	Sue Andrews
Deborah Moody	Rainie McInvale	Ruth Rush	Dorothy Taylor
Clara Frost	James & Esther Bell	Linda Lockler	Beverly Hall

Friends and Family

Vanessa Cornelson	Kim Holland Claunch	Icleatus Albritton	Essie Miller
Cathy Finch	Loretta Vaught	Pamela Douglas	Teddy Mears
Ms. Moss	Tereasa Cleveland	Morgan Lee	Alden Douglas
Holly Lee Crowell	Sherry Guy	Katie Jones	Jon Hackett, Jr
H.L. Moss	Irene Whitehead	Paul Merrell	Barbara Gollotta
Caitlan Goode	Wendell Sawyer	J.T. Harrison's mother	Harry Lloyd
Ronin White	Jeannine Webb	Pam Prine	Bob Brantley
Dan Maples	Marvin Fountain	Hixon Nobles	Eric Braddock
Marshall Eubanks	Granville Faries	Deloris Lamaire	Troy Vonada
Pauline Russell	Michele Wheeler	Patricia Jones	Greg Lewis
Dylan Gibbon	Amy Haines	Crystal Galloway's father	

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)
Michael L Burroughs (Navy, Iraq)	Chris Campbell (Navy, basic training)

Expectant Mothers

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

New Members and Invitation Responses

Prayer Requests

Anna Layton
Kathy Matherne

Upcoming Events

Pioneer game night is scheduled for Friday, January 9th and Friday, January 23rd. Please bring your favorite game and finger foods.

The January **men's prayer breakfast** will take place on Sunday, the 4th 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, January 4th and Sunday, January 18th. We will practice new songs and prepare for the evening service. Please make plans to attend.

There will be a baby shower for Mac and Jamie Goleman after our evening service on Sunday, January 18th. They are expecting a girl on January 23rd. There are sign up sheets in both foyers. Please sign up to bring food and drinks. Cake will be provided for dessert.

Our **New Year's Eve game night** is scheduled for Wednesday, December 31st at 6:00. It is open to all ages. Please bring finger foods and games and ring in the new year together!

Ministry Information

On Sunday evening, January 4th, the elders and ministry leaders will be presenting our **2009 budget**. All members need to be aware of our projected budget for the year so please plan to attend.

Involvement Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, January 11th. We will have a fellowship meal following our morning service and an "ministry fair" where you can sign up to help with the different ministries.

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 January 8th from 9:00 until 11:00 in the multipurpose building. They gave out food to over 125 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.

What Sort of New Year's Resolution Should a Christian Make?

The practice of making New Year's resolutions goes back over 3000 years to the ancient Babylonians. There is just something about the start of a New Year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. In reality, there is no difference between December 31st and January 1st. Nothing mystical occurs at midnight on December 31st. The Bible does not speak for or against the concept of New Year's resolutions. However, if a Christian determines to make a New Year's resolution, what kind of resolution should he or she make?

Common New Year's resolutions are: to quit smoking, to stop drinking, to manage money better, and spend more time with family. By far the most common New Year's resolution is to lose weight, in conjunction with exercising more and eating healthier. These are all good goals to set. However, 1 Timothy 4:8 instructs us to keep exercise in perspective: "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." The vast majority of New Year's resolutions, even among Christians, are in relation to physical things. This should not be.

Many Christians make New Year's resolutions to pray more, to read the Bible every day, and to attend church more regularly. These are fantastic goals. However, these New Year's resolutions fail just as often as the non-spiritual resolutions, because there is no power in a New Year's resolution. Resolving to start or stop doing a certain activity has no value unless you have the proper motivation for stopping or starting that activity. For example, why do you want to read the Bible every day? Is it to honor God and grow spiritually, or is it because you have just heard that it is a good thing to do? Why do you want to lose weight? Is it to honor God with your body, or is it for vanity, to honor yourself?

Philippians 4:13 tells us, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." John 15:5 declares, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." If God is the center of your New Year's resolution, it has chance for success, depending on your commitment to it. If it is God's will for something to be fulfilled, He will enable you to fulfill it. If a resolution is not God honoring and/or is not in agreement in God's Word, we will not receive God's help in fulfilling the resolution.

So, what sort of New Year's resolution should a Christian make? Here are some suggestions: (1) Pray to the Lord for wisdom (James 1:5) in regards to what resolutions, if any, He would have you make; (2) Pray for wisdom as to how to fulfill the goals God gives you; (3) Rely on God's strength to help you; (4) Find a Christian friend who will help you and encourage you; (5) Don't become discouraged with occasional failures; instead allow them to motivate you further; (6) Don't become proud or vain, but give God the glory. Psalm 37:5-6, "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun."

FROM DAVID'S DESK

Involvement Sunday

January 11, 2009

Speaker: Terry Cagle

Fellowship Dinner

and

Ministry Fair*



after Morning Worship Service

Let's Walk With Him Together!

*Each Ministry Chairman will have a table set up with information about their ministry, giving you the opportunity to sign up and volunteer to help out with our various ministries here at Azalea City.

Youth Calendar

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Teens Tweens		1	2	3
4 Teen Service Project - Carry Communion	5	6 Caleb Cameron	7	8	9 Tween Movie Night  Bridgette Donavon	10
11 Involvement Sunday	12 MNFTM	13	14 Teens eat at 6:00 at before church	15	16 JEWELS	17 JEWELS
18 Teen Area Wide at Creekwood	19 MNFTM	20	21 Sing His Praises 	22	23	24
25 Maggie Blankenship	26 MNFTM	27	28 Tweens eat at 6:00 at before church	29	30 Fun Friday Fellowship	31

WHAT THE BIBLE REVEALS OF GOD

Concerning the Attributes of God:

1. God is omnipotent (Jeremiah 32:17) He has the power to do whatever He wants. (Revelations 19:6)
2. God is omniscient (knows everything). (Psalms 147:5; 1 John 3:20)
3. God is omnipresent. (Psalms 139:7-12; Jeremiah 23:24) He fills heaven and earth and there is no place where He is not there, watching. Not only that, but, as Creator, God also stands outside the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)
4. God is eternal, before all things (Colossians 1:17), and without end. (Psalms 102:27; 90:1-2)
5. God never changes. (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8)

Concerning the Character of God :

1. God is love (1 John 4:8). God is the great lover of people - even people who have been corrupted by sin. He cares about us, He is patient and kind with us, He has good plans for us. (Jeremiah 29:13)
2. God is Holy (Psalms 99:3). Holiness is spiritual beauty. It is also total moral uprightness and separation from all that is unclean or evil. Like a diamond in the light with many faces, each of God's attributes shines out in perfect balance. There is no defect in God's character or nature.
3. God is righteous (honest, impartial, fair). (Deuteronomy 33:24; Psalms 116:5). What he does is always right and fair from a moral point of view. As Judge of all the earth, God is a just judge. He judges with fairness, knowing all the facts and all the intentions of the heart. (Romans 2:16)
4. God is good. (Psalms 136:1). He wants good things for people and for the universe. Jesus did the will of the Father, doing good and healing those who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. (Acts 10:38). However, God does not force people to be good, and it is because of the evil in people that there is suffering in the world.
5. God is truthful and has integrity, as does His Word (Numbers 23:19; John 17:17).
6. God is faithful (keeps his promises). 2 Timothy 2:13.
7. God alone is wise in Himself (Romans 16:27) - that is, he knows what He is doing and is doing it in the best way. Any wisdom we may have received comes from God, not from our own independent creativity. Wisdom is knowledge correctly applied to achieve the right purpose.
8. God is forgiving and kind by nature (1 John 1:9; Proverbs 28:13; Matthew 5:45). He blesses even His enemies at times and longs that his kindness will lead them to repentance so that He can forgive them. (Romans 2:4)

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Monthly Records

Weekly Budget 2008: \$8,928.28

	Nov 2nd	Nov 9th	Nov 16th	Nov 23rd	Nov 30th	Average
Weekly Contributions	\$7,229.39	\$8,162.93	\$7,383.07	\$8,182.76	\$7,013.67	\$7,594.36
Sunday Bible Class	164	165	140	146	155	154
Sunday AM Worship	243	250	242	254	245	247
Sunday PM Worship	99	118	158	130	132	127
	Nov 5th	Nov 12th	Nov 19th	Nov 26th		
Wednesday Bible Study	147	172	125	108		137

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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