

## Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class ..... 9:00 AM  
Sunday AM Worship ..... 10:00 AM  
Sunday PM Worship ..... 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Bible Class ..... 6:30 PM

### Elders

Eugene Cardinal (602) 942-6373  
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Chuck Kolinchak (602) 938-9429

### Minister

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### Deacons

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(623) 561-5674

Allan Davis (Youth)  
(602) 439-5953

Joshua Casselman (Worship)  
(602) 938-2800

### Supported Mission Works

Dino Tzanetos;  
*Athens, Greece*

Josh Austin  
*Navajo Reservation, Keyenta, AZ*

Terry Laurence  
*Navajo Reservation, Ft. Defiance, AZ*

Eddison Gruber  
*Navajo Reservation, Crownpoint NM*

Dave Chamberlin (Instructor)  
*Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver*

Jesus Gonzalez  
*Agua Prieta, Mexico*

Alonso Villalobos  
*Veracruz Mexico*

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## Prayer List

- \* Bill McGrew's surgery went well. He is home recovering.
- \* Alza has been diagnosed with pneumonia and severe bronchitis. The doctors also discovered a leak in one of her heart valves.
- \* Oleta is recovering from surgery and doing ok.
- \* Jim Peters, Barbara Staten's father is recovering from surgery.
- \* Tammy, Linda's daughter is having child custody problems.
- \* Joann Toles is dealing with severe back pains.
- \* Daniel Marchbank's has had some improvement with his lungs, but still needs our prayers
- \* Nancy Sparks is in need of our prayers.
- \* Barbara Wilson, co-worker of Deb Liable, diagnosed with cancer.
- \* Jim and Lenora Green continuing medical problems
- \* Frankie has been dealing with on going health issues.
- \* Cindy, Karen's sister will be having surgery Jan 4<sup>th</sup>.
- \* James Harper, Frankie's son is now in Afghanistan
- \* Please keep Dora and her three children in your prayers
- \* Kathy Lee's cancer has returned and she will be needing chemotherapy
- \* Ireta Red, Marilyn McGrew's sister will be undergoing a mastectomy.
- \* Jocelyn Iles suffers with emphysema and COPD
- \* The Carpenter Family,
- \* Walt Garrison (Jim Weiers step brother) undergoing treatment for cancer.

## BEST WISHES THIS WEEK

Ben Davis

Jan 12 (B)

# The Guardian

*"Guard my soul and deliver me; Do not let me be ashamed, for I take refuge in Thee." Ps. 25:20*

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## Will Your Children Go to Heaven?

Elders across the nation are concerned about young people's dropout rate. As well they should be. It is tragic to see precious boys and girls, who are thrilled with Bible Study when young, grow cold and uninterested in the Lord's work as they grow older.

Several congregations made in-depth studies to find the problem. What is needed? More youth programs? More rallies? Special teachers? One cause began to emerge. Their faithfulness had little to do with special programs or teachers. It did not matter if they are members of large or small churches. The single most important factor was *their own* immediate family.

One church found that where both parents were faithful, which included interest in all programs, 93% of the children remained faithful. On the other hand, if only one parent was faithful, the figure dropped to 73%. Where both parents were only marginally active, it fell to 53%. The shocker - in cases where both parents attended infrequently, 6% of their children stayed faithful. Six percent! Do you want your children to go to heaven? Lead them there!

**Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ - 1 Corinthians 11:1**

Via: HTH

*Welcome to the services of the Church! If you are visiting with us, we appreciate your presence and invite you to stay a few moments after the service so we may have an opportunity to meet you! Please feel free to pick up one of our Visitors Packets in the Foyer.*

## It Really Does Make A Difference

Many folks live completely oblivious to God's commands. They think that it doesn't matter how one worships, if one worships, or where one worships God, just as long as he/she is sincere. However, the Bible says that God is a jealous God (Exodus 20:5), and all who wish to please Him must hold in reverence what He says. Just a casual scan of the Bible will reveal that indifference to things sacred has brought tragedy to many sincere people.

**1.** It made a difference in things offered. Cain's sacrifice was rejected but Abel's was accepted (Genesis 4). Why? "Faith cometh by hearing . . . the word of God" (Romans 10:17), and since Abel's offering was "by faith" (Hebrews 11:4), we know that God had spoken to them about making an offering. But Cain disrespected God's word and worshipped in vain. The same thing can happen today (Matthew 15:9); that's why we must worship God only as He directs (John 4:24). No matter how sincere we may be, obedience to God is required (2 John 9; 1 Samuel 15:22). It makes a difference!

**2.** It made a difference if Moses struck or spoke. God's command to Moses was understandable. But Moses struck the rock instead of speaking to it as God had said (Numbers 20; Deuteronomy 34). This may seem like a little thing, but we must remember, "It is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). It may seem all right to practice things unauthorized in worship, but these things could lead to our spiritual death, for "there is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12). It makes a difference!

**3.** It made a difference to Jesus about which church. He lived in a time and place where there were many religious groups. In the face of criticism, he said: "In vain do they worship me teaching for doctrine the commandments of men" (Matthews 15:9). He could have taken a more politically correct view by saying, "One church is as good as another," or "There are saved people in all faiths." But He pushed politics aside and said: "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). Just think: if "my car" or "my house" means these things belong to me, then when Christ said "my church" it must mean it belongs to Him. He purchased it with His own blood (Acts 20:28; Ephesians 5:25-27); He is its head (Ephesians 1:22-23); it is His bride and wears His name (Romans 7; Ephesians 5).

So it makes a difference! No matter where one looks in the Bible, he cannot find a single example where failure to worship God as He authorizes was acceptable to Him. The first thing a person must do to be Christ's disciple is to deny himself (Luke 9:23). This cannot be done by following the paths of least resistance. Search the Scriptures daily to make sure (Acts 17:11; Colossians 3:17; 2 Timothy 2:15). Why? Because it really does make a difference!

—Ferman Carpenter, Austin, Texas

**(1) The Northside Bible Bowl will be this Saturday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>.** Please sign up to help. The sheets are on the bulletin board, youth section. We still need score keepers.

**(2)** If you plan on attending the men's retreat please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. We are requesting \$10.00 from each person attending to offset the cost of food. Please give this money to Sonny Janeway. The young men of the congregation are once again invited to attend. **The Men's Retreat** at the Janeway's cabin will be **Feb 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**(3) Northside' Ladies Day, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Happiness is something we create in our mind it's not something you search for and so seldom find  
It's just waking up and beginning the day by counting blessings and kneeling to pray  
It's giving up thoughts that breed discontent and accepting what comes as "heaven sent"  
It's giving up wishing for things we have not and making the best of whatever we've got  
It's knowing that the future is secure for us, and pursuing our tasks without fret or fuss  
For it's by completing what God gives us to do that we find contentment and happiness, too.

**"I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." - Philippians 4:11**

## WORTH WATCHING

*Search The Scriptures - KAZI Channel 13 - Sunday - 7:30 a.m.*

*On the Internet "Gospel Broadcasting Network" - [www.gbntv.org](http://www.gbntv.org)*

## Northside Calendar

*Visit our online calendar at [www.northsidechurchofchrist.org/](http://www.northsidechurchofchrist.org/)*

**Quilting/Crafts:** Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> – Following morning services (Everyone welcome)

**Potluck:** Today Following Morning Services

**Ladies Class:** Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m.

**Men's Business Meeting:** Jan 17<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm.

**Elders/Deacons Meeting:** Jan 24<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m.

**Nursery:** A.M. Brandy Essary P.M. Mary Essary

**In Touch, this week:** Team 2

**CD's are available for both morning and evening sermons. See Josh Casselman for more information. If you requested CD's please be sure to pick your copies up.**

*IF YOU HAVE SMALL CHILDREN, INFANT TO 3 YRS OLD, WE PROVIDE AN ATTENDED NURSERY. WE ALSO HAVE A TRAINING ROOM FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.*