

## Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class ..... 9:00 AM  
Sunday AM Worship .....10:00 AM  
Sunday PM Worship ..... 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Bible Class ..... 7:00 PM

### Elders

Eugene Cardinal (602) 942-6373  
Sonny Janeway (623) 583-2726  
Chuck Kolinchak (602) 938-9429

### Minister

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### Deacons

Ron Gallegos (Education)  
(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

- \* Barbara Reinhart has returned to Boswell. She has an infection and her heart rate is up.
- \* Jocelyn Iles is back in the hospital. Both lungs are filling with fluid. She is in Boswell hospital.
- \* Sonny Janeway was ill this past week.
- \* Bob Farr is in Mesa Desert Hospital. He has an infection in his lungs and throat.
- \* Hadleigh Rush has been ill this week
- \* Chuck Kolinchak, recovering from knee surgery
- \* Kathy Self – Peggy’s sister will be having surgery April 8th
- \* Jim Green’s cancer is no longer in remission, but the doctors are going to try some new medicines, which is good news.
- \* Christy Roscoe has a stress fracture in her knee.
- \* Yvette’s aunt had a stroke
- \* Brenda Carver – ovarian cancer.
- \* Cindy Aaronson, co-worker of Hadleigh’s, is struggling with many difficult trials.
- \* Bill Sanders, cancer treatments are going well
- \* Ashley Gillespie, Dora's granddaughter, for ongoing personal struggles
- \* Joann Toles - dealing with severe back pains.
- \* Frankie continued health issues
- \* James Harper, Frankie’s son is now in Afghanistan.
- \* The Carpenter Family,
- \* Walt Garrison (Jim Weiers step brother) undergoing treatment for cancer.

## Best Wishes This Week

James Chance

Apr 10 (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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## The Empty Tomb

Spotted on a church sign were these words: “Christianity is the only religion that has an empty tomb.” Such a powerful story is told by such few words. Have you ever given thought to the fact stated in this short sentence? Have you by now realized the power of the statement?

Consider some of the world religions: Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Confucianism. Each of these religions (except Judaism) had a founder, one whose rationale and opinions started such doctrines. However, neither had an “empty tomb.”

JUDAISM: Though The Law of Moses was not designed by nor found its origin in Moses; still, Moses was the lawgiver. The Jews of Christ’s day assumed they were saved in and through Moses’ Law. They thought that the only way a Gentile could be saved was through conversion to the Law of Moses. When Christ came, the Jew did not see Him as the Messiah; nor did they understand that the Messiah would give a new law. All the Jews were looking for was a leader like King David to lead them out from under Roman rule. This was their only concept as to how the Messiah would rule from the throne of David. They didn’t want a new law. Jews today still put their stock in Moses and the Law he delivered. They are still looking for a leader like David. However, Moses is still in his grave: *“So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. {6} And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day”* (Deuteronomy 34:5-6). David also remains in his grave, so said Peter to the Jews on the Day of Pentecost: *“Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day”* (Acts 2:29). Judaism has NO empty tomb.

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*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.*

ISLAM or MUHAMMADANISM: Muhammad was reared as an orphan passed from kinfolk to kinfolk. Somewhere in his young life he was influenced both by Christianity and especially the Hebrew Talmud. Like many founders of religions, he was a dreamer. By age twenty-five he became the husband of a very rich widow. Some time after this he began to express great interest in religion and would retire to caves for seclusion and meditation. He would fast frequently and dream dreams. The religion, Islam, is a weird concoction of Judaism, Christianity, and personal beliefs of Muhammad himself. Islam came into existence about 600 years after Christ. Islam is presently sweeping the world, its numbers growing by the millions each decade. Islam is a militant religion that teaches all enemies of Allah (god to Islam) must die! Islam holds that Muhammad is equivalent to Christ, and that Christ was just another prophet of Allah. But the real truth is, Muhammad is still in his grave. He was simply replaced by a successor called a Caliph.

HINDUISM: "Of all the world's great religions, Hinduism is the most difficult to define. It did not have any one founder" (The World's Great Religions, Ed. Sir Norman Anderson, "Hinduism" Bruce Nicholls, p. 136). It is a conglomeration put together from five thousand years of Indian religious superstitions and cultural movements. To the Hindu, virtually everything and anything is a god; from a monkey, to a tree, to a rock. The Hindu religion has NO resurrected savior.

BUDDHISM: Buddhism is the offspring of Hinduism. Buddhism originated about 600 years prior to Christ. Although Buddhism has a god that looks like a very fat teacher; Buddha is not a name but a title, signifying the "Enlightened One." It is especially given to Siddhartha Gautama, who was born about 563 BC. Buddhism is a life of simplicity, believing that human suffering comes from desire for possessions and selfish enjoyment. Therefore, to avoid suffering, learn to control desires for possessions and self-gratification. On the other hand, even though Buddhism teaches reincarnation, we know that Gautama is still in his tomb.

CONFUCIANISM: Confucius is the Latinized name given to Kung Fu-tzu by early Jesuit missionaries. Confucius was born in 551 BC. Leslie Lyall stated: "Had Confucius lived in the twentieth century, he would surely have been the patron saint of the humanists" (ibid, p. 219). Confucius never held any deep convictions about religion itself nor did he place much hope in the after-life. Lyall wrote: "The Chinese do not associate Confucius with 'religion', but speak of 'the School' or 'the Teaching'". Though his "teaching" is followed by many, Confucius is still in the grave.

CHRISTIANITY: On the other hand, Christ came not only to teach us of His New Covenant; but He came to establish His law by dying for His followers. His authority to establish a law for ALL mankind was then proven by His resurrection from His tomb. "Christianity is the only religion that has an empty tomb." "...concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord," (Rom. 1:3,4) Think about it!  
—John D. Cotham Shady Valley, TN

- (1) **Derick Vogel** was baptized into Christ last Monday. Please welcome him to the Northside Family.
- (2) There will be a **walk-about** this Monday. If you plan on going, please meet at the building at 9:00 with a sack lunch. The walk will be to the Green Belt on the west side of town. For more information see Mary Bauer
- (3) The **Ladies Tea** will be Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m. A sign up sheet for food is in the foyer. Please RSVP on the RSVP sheet in the foyer. You can bring your own tea cup if you wish.
- (4) **Friday's Coffee** will be at Andrea's for April. First one is on the 9<sup>th</sup>.
- (5) **The Elders, preacher and deacons** have begun their visitation program to members homes. This is an opportunity for you to voice your views about the work at Northside. The visiting teams consist of two men. Most will visit in the evening, but James and Josh are visiting in the morning hours. Please let someone know when you would like to be visited.
- (6) **Calling all men of Northside.** If you would like to share a message from God's word, Sunday evenings are available. Please let Josh Casselman know and he will put you on the schedule.

### WORTH WATCHING

*Search The Scriptures - KAZIT 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:** May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Following morning services (Everyone welcome)  
**Potluck:** April 11<sup>th</sup> - Following morning services (Everyone welcome)  
**Ladies Class:** April 18<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m.  
**Men's Business Meeting:** April 18<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm.  
**Elders/Deacons Meeting:** April 25<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m.  
**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.