

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class 9:00 AM
 Sunday AM Worship10:00 AM
 Sunday PM Worship 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible Class 7:00 PM

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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

- * Bob Glover is in Hospice of The Valley - Thunderbird
- * Stephen Cline is recovering from eye surgery.
- * Oleta continues to have various medical problems.
- * Christy Roscoe continues to have problems with pain.
- * Pauline is having eye problems
- * Ruby Rusell, member at Northgate is recovering from surgery and doing ok.
- * Vanessa, the McGrews granddaughter is now home recovering from an in infection in her abdomen.
- * Brandy Essary needs prayers as she adjusts to school.
- * Jim Green's continues to do well with his cancer treatments.
- * Jim Weiers has been having some health issues
- * Kelsie Wright, possible immune problem.
- * Hadleigh Rush is having some personal struggles
- * Charlie Bellows, son of Darrin and Julie Bellows was born 2 ½ months premature and facing numerous medical problems.
- * Mark Roscoe has Costochondritis.
- * Virginia Walker recovering from back surgery.
- * Barbara Murphy, various medical problems.
- * Jim Staton has TB, which is affecting his kidneys
- * Tammy & Ashley Avery personal struggles
- * James Harper, Frankie's son is in Afghanistan.
- * The Carpenter Family,
- * Walt Garrison (Jim Weiers step brother) undergoing treatment for cancer.

Best Wishes This Week

Alec Oliva
Rhiannon Casselman

July 25 (B)
July 28 (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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Our Future Glory

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Romans 8:18)

It is not easy to weigh the future against the present. Today seems so real and tomorrow seems so distant. With instant gratification being the motive of our current world, planning for the future is especially challenging.

Modern society approaches life as if happiness were an entitlement. They seek for it in money, entertainment, pleasure, or a pill. Yet, modern Americans are among the most miserable to have ever existed. Paul doesn't approach life from the possibility of pain, but from the reality of pain. Whether we like it or not, in this world we will suffer.

In this passage Paul gives us a glimpse of the future. Eternal life is more than just an eternal existence. It is eternal glory! This glory will consist of a close fellowship with God, the redemption of our vile body, and the removal of every trace of sin and pain! It is the prospect of this endless treasure that helps the Christian defer the pleasure of the moment and to accept the realities of this world.

This eternal state of bliss is offered conditionally. It must be sought for by patient continuance in doing good. (Romans 2:7) Paul says "if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together." (Romans 8:17) The expectation of this future state must govern our present attitude and actions. If Paul is correct, then I "reckon", it will be well worth it.

If one will accurately weigh the options, he must admit God offers a bargain. The affliction is for a moment, but the reward is eternal. One will finally see Jesus, and in his presence there is no darkness. "Sing on ye joyful pilgrims". The probation period is nearly over.

By George Slover

>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.

White Already to Harvest

After changing the life of the Samaritan woman at the well by offering her the water of life, Jesus explained to His disciples that true food to Him was to finish the work the Father had given to Him. *“My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together”* (John 4:34-36).

When Jesus told His disciples to lift up their eyes and see the fields “white already to harvest,” He was telling them that it was almost too late to reap the harvest, that there was no time to delay. The urgency of that day has not diminished in any way.

Consider the doors closing today. Seven states in India have enacted laws banning conversion to Christianity through a so called “freedom-of-religion” bill enacted through the leadership of India’s Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party. The laws target Dalits, the “untouchables” under India’s caste system. Dalits face five years in prison if they convert to Christianity.

Even in a free country like Israel, there is pressure to limit conversion. Yakov Margi, a member of Israel’s Knesset [Parliament] has proposed a bill “completely forbidding preaching and proselytism” in Israel. Margi said, “Whether it’s Christians coming from abroad or Jewish converts working in Israel, they all have the same agenda—to destroy every trace and memory of the people of Israel, and they plan to do this by converting the Jews” (*Christianity Today*, May 2007, p. 17).

Several European countries, as well as Canada, have adopted, or are proposing laws that would define teaching the Bible as it relates to homosexuality as “hate speech,” punishable by imprisonment.

Will we miss our opportunity to evangelize the world in our generation? The fields are “white already to harvest.” We cannot wait!

by Bob Prichard

- (1) **Rhiannon Casselman** was baptized July 20th at camp. Let us rejoice with this young lady and her family.
- (2) **VBS Items Needed** . (a) Fake plants or indoor trees and vines. (b) Stuffed jungle animals (c) Any thing jungle themed, hats, shirts, spears etc..... These will all be returned so please mark them.
- (3) **VBS THANK YOU!!** We had 17 people show and help hang door fliers yesterday. We hung 500 fliers in 45 minutes. Thank you all who came and helped.
- (4) **VBS UPDATE!!** We will be having a decorating party Saturday July 31st. All who wish to participate please be at the building by 11:00 am. There will be a spaghetti lunch.
- (5) Mt Vernon church of Christ is hosting the **Fall Women’s Retreat**, September 10-11, at Copper Basin this year. Please check the bulletin board for more information.
- (6) **Our VBS** is scheduled for August 2nd – 6th. This years theme is *Jungle Journey, Exploring The Nature of God*. Josh Casselman is our director, so please see him to sign up for teaching classes or assisting in other ways.

WORTH WATCHING

Search The Scriptures - KAZT Channel 13 - Sunday - 7:30 a.m.
On the Internet “Gospel Broadcasting Network” - www.gbntv.org

Northside Calendar

Visit our online calendar at www.northsidechurchofchrist.org/

- Crafts:** August 1st - Following morning services (Everyone welcome)
Potluck: Tonight – Evening Finger-Food (Everyone welcome)
Ladies Class: August 15th - 5:00 p.m.
Men’s Business Meeting: August 15th - 5:00 pm.
Elders/Deacons Meeting: Today - 5:00 p.m.
In Touch, this week: Team 1

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.*