

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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Supported Mission Works

Dino Tzanetos;
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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

- * Larry Price is in ICU with ailing health problems.
- * Virginia Walker is having difficulty recovering from back surgery.
- * Oleta was released from Thunderbird and is now home. She is doing better and waiting for some test results.
- * Jim & Louise Kistner both have medical issues
- * Max & Rena Proffitt are doing better.
- * Rebecca Dale's aunt Judy has a serious blood disorder (TTP)
- * Jim Greene is waiting to hear about a second bone marrow transplant. He is no longer taking chemo treatments.
- * Rody is having a rough time with her medication change
- * Kathy Lee, has cancer and is not doing well
- * Laura Mills waiting on results from testing for cancer
- * Stephen Cline is slowly recovering from eye surgery.
- * Christy Roscoe continues to have problems with pain.
- * Ruby Rusell, continues to recover from surgery.
- * Hadleigh Rush is having some personal struggles
- * 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

Peggy Dale
Chloe Dale

August 25 (B)
August 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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God's Poetry

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)

There are some who have the wonderful talent of writing poetry. The words just seem to flow easily from the heart to the pen. The poet can paint a wonderful portrait in words. They can stir such emotion as loneliness, strength, excellence, perseverance, sorrow, anger, or admiration. Did you know that God is a poet? His product is written on tablets of the human heart. (II Corinthians 3:2,3)

In the above passage the word "workmanship" is translated from the Greek word "poieema". It is obviously the word we transliterate "poetry". Paul says God's people are his poetry. Anyone who walks by the works God has appointed in Christ manifests a life written by that hand of God!

The meter of this poem is guided by such themes as love, (Ephesians 5:2) and light (Ephesians 5:8). Each verse and line should include traits of honesty (Ephesians 4:25), hard work (Ephesians 4:28), purity (Ephesians 4:29; 5:4), and kindness (Ephesians 4:32).

Christianity is not a way of doing special things. It is a special way of doing everything. The Lord puts significance into the simplicity of life. We are His workmanship. We are His poetry.

- 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.

Don't Ever Quit!

Most people regard a quitter is one of the most despicable characters on earth. We admire a person who, against all odds, keeps on struggling till the contest is ended; who keeps on running till he finishes the race, even if he has no chance of winning. We applaud the man who crawls across the finish line dead last – but finishes the race! The book of Hebrews is filled with admonitions to discouraged Christians, but in Hebrews 10, the writer particularly focuses on the needs of despondent and weary disciples. The Hebrew writer develops three central thoughts that are designed to stir the brethren up to renewed efforts.

1) “Call to remembrance the former days....” (Hebrews 10:32) – As the readers would reflect upon the former days, they would remember their endurance in a great struggle of suffering when they were openly exposed to public ridicule and scorn. This may well have been in an open arena with jeering crowds watching. Their courage and stand for right would not yield, nor would they hang their heads in shame because of their faith. They would remember that they shared in the affliction of others when they stood by them. What is more, they had even accepted the seizure of their property joyfully, because they were aware, at that time, of the enduring reward they had in heaven as compared to the transitory value of material things (cf. Matthew 6:19-20; 1 Timothy 6:17,19). Remembering the strength they had in times past would instill their strength anew.

2) “Cast not away therefore your confidence....” (Hebrews 10:35) – This thought is best illustrated by the soldier who, in the heat of battle, throws away his shield in fear and flees. They needed to be reminded that their trust has a great recompense. However, the only way they will receive that reward is by **enduring** (cf. Matthew 10:22; Revelation 2:10). The hope for relief is in sight, for the Lord will not tarry in His coming in judgment against the oppressive powers (Hebrews 10:37; cf. Habakkuk 2).

3) “Don’t draw back....” (Hebrews 10:38) – The just will survive by his faithfulness but God has no pleasure in quitters. The picture here is of one who stealthily sneaks back away from the conflict, hoping that his withdrawal will be inconspicuous. While Jesus offers the Christian peace in the midst of an anxious world (John 14:27), He does not offer freedom from conflict and adversity with the world (John 15:18-20; cf. 2 Timothy 3:12). Let us remember that only the coward shrinks from the heat of the battle.

Conclusion

Brethren, don’t ever quit! Don’t ever give up! If you quit, you lose it all (Matthew 16:25). In the final analysis, it matters not how much we loath a quitter – God loathes a quitter even more, “... but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him” (Hebrews 10:38b). With knees bloody and body spent, crawl if you have to, **but finish the course!** (2 Timothy 4:7; cf. Philippians 3:14).

- Mike Riley

(1) Dara & Scott have a new baby girl. Congratulations to Ron and Cheryl Gallegos, proud new grandparents.

(2) (Updated) Erma Egurrola **was baptized** into Christ last week. Erma is Josh Caselman’s grandmother. Please add her to your directory. 6848 E Edgemont, Scottsdale Az. 85257, 480-945-6951.

(3) A young married & singles night is being planned by Jamie Dale and Mary Essary. This will take place August 28th from 5-8 p.m. Child care will be provided. Please see Jamie or Mary for details. *(This date might change so please keep updated on this event)*

(4) (Updated) The **Northside Ladies Retreat** at the Janeway’s cabin is scheduled for September 11th & 12th.

(5) (Updated) The **Northside Men’s Retreat** at the Janeway’s cabin is scheduled for September 17th & 18th.

(6) 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.

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: September 5th - Following morning services (Everyone welcome)

Potluck: Tonight – Evening Finger-food (Everyone welcome)

Ladies Class: September 19th - 5:00 p.m.

Men’s Business Meeting: September 19th - 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.*