

## 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

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### 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

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

- \* Mark Neal, Alza's grandson, recovering from surgery
- \* Oleta Cardinal continues to struggle with her health.
- \* Paul Martodam, friend of the Weiers, diagnosed with cancer.
- \* Laura Mills, possible cancer, waiting for results.
- \* Marty Sander, Dora Sanders cousin had surgery for a blocked artery.
- \* Virginia Walker is having difficulty recovering from surgery.
- \* Jim & Louise Kistner both have medical issues
- \* Rebecca Dale's aunt Judy has a serious blood disorder (TTP)
- \* Jim Greene waiting for a second bone marrow transplant.
- \* Rody is having a rough time with her medication change
- \* Kathy Lee, has cancer and is not doing well
- \* Ruby Rusell, continues to recover from 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

**Gina Weiers** Sept. 12 (B)  
**Sydney Harford** Sept. 15 (B)  
**Samantha Oliva** Sept. 15 (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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## Sovereign Lord

"And go, get to the captives, to the children of your people, and speak to them and tell them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' whether they hear, or whether they refuse." (Ezekiel 3:11)

I am impressed with the number of times in Ezekiel that the prophet uses the term "Sovereign Lord" (NIV) or "Lord God" (NKJV). The Hebrew is "Adonai Jehovah". These are the highest names given to God and used here to represent the truthfulness and fullness of the prophet's message. God is speaking to a hard-hearted people, to Hebrew exiles from Judah to Babylon.

A Sovereign is one who has supreme power and undisputed rule. His word is absolute and in the case of God is unchanging. In this setting God is revealing His truth to Ezekiel. The prophet's job, regardless of how it is received, is to preach to the captives. Consider some lessons here.

First, God's word is unchanging and does not depend upon human acceptance. Second, God's word will be accepted by some and rejected by others. Third, our responsibility is to teach God's truth regardless of the reception.

God has the right to speak and act as He wishes. This is His role by reason of His position as Creator, Sustainer, and Savior. Our job is to seek His approval and to be loyal to His righteous cause.

- 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.*

## THE GRIEF OF GOD

Perhaps no writer in the Bible expresses the grief that comes to God because of sin more than the prophet Hosea. At chapter 4 verse 10 and at 13:3 there is a lamentation over the want and waste of the people because of their empty lives. Their lives were empty and meaningless; they had squandered them on matters that usurped God and as a result he was heartbroken.

All of us have certain little goals in life. As these are reached - graduation from high school; college; marriage; establishment of a career; children; home; retirement and so-called "golden years" - there comes a feeling that these don't really mean anything. This lonely, empty feeling often comes because we are separated from God and that comes because of sin.

I read once of a luxury liner which was making its way to Europe. On board were hundreds of people on vacation and every kind of diversion had been provided for them. One night the ship was raided by pirates and the captain killed. When the passengers learned the captain was dead and unknown people were sailing the ship to an unknown destination, there was no longer an interest in entertainment. They were seized with anxiety. So it is with us when we lose touch with God.

When the prodigal son was separated from his father, he had both an empty stomach and an empty soul. Think what pain our empty lives must bring to God. He yearned over Israel. Hosea said, "My heart recoils within me, my compassion grows warm and tender." He yearns over us as the father of the prodigal yearned over his younger son. He has so much for us that we have rejected. He would pour his love into our vacant lives, but we have embraced futility.

God's yearning reached the ultimate breaking point at Calvary. The pain Jesus endured was intensely physical, but even more deeply, he suffered because he was rejected by those he loved. His heart apparently was literally broken (John 19:34). But his heartbreak began as he wept over a careless city. It still breaks as he views his church with its empty pews and empty people. It is not pleasant to think we cause God grief, but it can be redeeming in that it may prompt us to return to him.

Only one thing can heal the heart of God and that is the repentance of his people. Repentance, deep and real, is urgently needed within the church. Let us fill our heads with God's word, file our pews with God's people, fill our hands with offerings and the lost, and fill our lives with the love and Spirit of Jesus Christ. When we do this the heartbreak of heaven will be soothed.

Hosea closes his prophecy with this gracious invitation, "Return unto the Lord.. . turn to the Lord and say unto him, take away all iniquity and receive us graciously..." (14:1-2).

- Leon Cole

(1) The **Northside Men's Retreat** is this coming weekend, September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. Please let James Dale know if you are going to attend. If you are please give Sonny Janeway \$10.00 per person.

(2) **Directory updates.** (1) Please add the McDonalds to your directory, (Chad, Amy, Connor, Jayden), 3259 W. Mohawk Ln. 85027 - 623-451-8678 (Amy) 623-451-8682 (Chad) (2) Change Michael and Rebecca Dale's address to, 3601 W Tierra Buena Ln. Phoenix Az. 85053 #175

(3) **We have a new procedure for communion to our "shut-in's."** "Shut-ins" must request communion by calling the individual in charge that week. The names are posted below at the bottom of the Calendar section.

(4) **Teachers Appreciation Banquet** will be September 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 pm. Mary Essary and the teens will once again be hosting this event. All teachers are invited.

### WORTH WATCHING

Search The Scriptures - KAZT 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/)*

**Crafts:** Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> - Following morning services (Everyone welcome)  
**Potluck:** September 26<sup>th</sup> - Evening finger-food (Everyone welcome)  
**Ladies Class:** September 19<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m.  
**Men's Business Meeting:** September 19<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm.  
**Elders/Deacons Meeting:** September 26<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m.  
**In Touch, this week:** Team 4  
**Communion to shut ins:** Allan (12<sup>th</sup>) James C (19<sup>th</sup>) Rick (26<sup>th</sup>)

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.*