

## 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  
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Chuck Kolinchak (602) 938-9429

### Minister

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### Deacons

Ron Gallegos (Education)  
(623) 561-5674

Allan Davis (Youth)  
(602) 439-5953

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### 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

- \* Jim Greene waiting for a second bone marrow transplant. In the mean time he has put on 10 pounds which is a good thing.
- \* Kathy Lee, Ken Kolinchak's mother-in-law passed away last week.
- \* Mark Neal, Alza's grandson, recovering from surgery
- \* Oleta Cardinal continues to struggle with health issues.
- \* 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.
- \* Jim & Louise Kistner both have medical issues
- \* Rebecca Dale's aunt Judy has a serious blood disorder (TTP)
- \* 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

**Oleta Cardinal**                      **Sept 29 (B)**  
**Terry & Pam McClellan**        **Oct 01 (A)**

# 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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## Walking Where It's Uncomfortable

Sometimes it's good for us to walk where we are not comfortable.

Comfort is, maybe, difficult to define. It is generally the feeling we have when we know the people around us, are familiar with the place we are, and know pretty well what's going to happen next.

On the other hand, discomfort is that feeling when we don't know the people, the place, or what to expect. We would all rather be comfortable.

As followers of Jesus we need to walk where it isn't so comfortable. It isn't comfortable to stand beside someone's hospital bed, but Jesus needs to be there. It isn't comfortable to go to the home of someone who has recently died, but Jesus needs to be there. It isn't comfortable to go to someone who is in distress because of a rocky marriage, a wayward child, or a moral violation, but Jesus needs to be in all these places. So He sends us.

We are the ones who go, not seeking comfort, but giving it. We are the ones who are to stand in the presence of difficulty so that God will be remembered there. We are the ones who are to be more concerned with the wellbeing of others than we are about our own comfort level.

And, truly, this is one of the ways He leads us to greater adventure. Because of Him we end up going places we would never have dreamed of going, doing things we would never have dreamed of doing, and changing the lives of people we would never have met. God has a way of providing what people need, and often, they need us.

**-Pat Peters, Custer Ave. church of Christ Clinton.**

*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.*

## I Want A Church That Meets My Needs

The statement made in the title is not only the desire of many in the religious world, but is becoming the philosophy of many Christians, because many of us are seeking a religion that meets our needs.”

Let me hasten to say that if the phrase means that we need to satisfy spiritual hunger, then it is a good expression. For surely everyone ought to be in a Christian community where his/her deepest spiritual longings are addressed. The voice of God needs to be heard through spiritual teaching, and we need opportunities to serve, love, and be called to repentance.

We ought to be a part of a congregation not so that our needs can be met, but rather so we may best meet the needs of God’s work.

But being a part of the church, to some, means reaching for goals of “self-actualization.’ So, if the church doesn’t fulfill certain expectations, wants, and preferences, then they must move on to another emotional department store, with different merchandise, more appealing to their ‘tastes

Sadly, and probably without realizing it, many congregations have gotten into thinking that “we have to do all these things and plan all the activities to meet people’s needs, so they won’t leave.’ Consequently, well-meaning leaders have turned God’s church into a merchandising institution. So we promote this program and that program for this group and that group.

But, in my judgment, the system has become turned upside down from the way God intended it to be. Whatever happened to the attitude in a Christians heart of “I’d like to be a part of this congregation because of what I can do to meet its needs?” When are we most fulfilled? When our needs are met, or when we meet the needs of God’s church on this earth? We ought to be a part of a congregation not so that our needs can be met, but rather so that we may best meet the needs of God’s work.

Christians need to recall the truth of the Scriptures that personal fulfillment is a great spiritual paradox. We are most filled when we empty ourselves and be filled serving others. Jesus taught us, ‘*Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant... Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister*’ (Matthew 20:26-28).

And again, “*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God. that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service*” (Romans 12:1). “Reasonable service” is not being served (having your needs met), but serving (meeting the needs of others). We need to relearn the axiom, “*It is more blessed to give than to receive*” (Acts 20:35).

Let’s not demand that God’s church be a place where people (leadership or membership) cater to our desires and preferences. Let’s turn it right side up again and be a part of a congregation; not for what it can do for us, but for what we can do for it!

Chris Miller

(1) There will be a **teen devo and spaghetti dinner** this Monday night at Michael and Rebecca Dale’s house. Please see Michael and Rebecca for more information.

(2) **Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup> will be the next Northside family fishing tournament.** We will meet at the Rio Vista Park located at the 101 and Thunderbird Ave. The fishing tournament will begin at 6:00 a.m. There will also be a cookout at noon for those who wish to come later. See James Chance for more information.

(3) **Walk-About**, for last Monday was canceled a new one is being planned.

(4) **Teachers Appreciation Banquet** will be rescheduled please see Mary Essary for more information.

(5) **New Bible class quarter** begins in October. Chuck will be teaching the Wednesday night class. This will be the last series of lessons from the OT. His material will cover “The Captivity and Restoration of Israel.”

### 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:** Tonight – Evening finger-food (Everyone welcome)

**Ladies Class:** October 17<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m.

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

**Elders/Deacons Meeting:** Today - 5:00 p.m.

**In Touch, this week:** Team 1

**Communion to shut ins:** 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.*