

## 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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(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 has been told that he cannot have a bone marrow transplant at this time. His IgG Cancer numbers had gone back to high. Monday he will see his regular cancer doctor to see where they can go from here.
- \* Oleta Cardinal fell and broke her wrist last week, she is being transferred to Freedom Plaza, room 447 for recovery. Eugene also received news from her latest test results and the doctors have said that Oleta has Dementia as indicated by the shrinkage of her brain mass.
- \* Clarence, Josh Casselman's uncle had a heart attack last week
- \* Bernice McDonald is had skin cancer surgery this week.
- \* Kathy Lee, Ken Kolinchak's mother-in-law passed away last week.
- \* Mark Neal, Alza's grandson, recovering from surgery
- \* Paul Martodam, friend of the Weiers, diagnosed with cancer.
- \* Laura Mills, possible cancer, waiting for results.
- \* Jim & Louise Kistner both have medical issues
- \* Rebecca Dale's aunt Judy has a serious blood disorder (TTP)
- \* 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

**Tim Davis**  
**Allan Davis**

**Oct 03 (B)**  
**Oct 06 (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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### What Really Changed Paul's Life?

All of Jerusalem was disturbed (Acts 21:30). Paul had been seized, dragged out of the temple, almost beaten to death, and falsely charged with desecrating the temple (Acts 21:30-32, 35).

Of interest, when he was finally allowed to defend himself, he talked about—of all things—his conversion. He spoke of

- his “education” at the feet of Gamaliel (22:1-3)
- his “convictions” relative to the strictness of the law (22:3)
- his “dedication” as a zealot, persecuting the church (22:3-5)
- his “immersion” for the remission of sins (22:6-16); and
- his “commission” as one sent to the Gentiles (22:17-21).

**Question:** What really changed Paul's life? What turned him from one religion to another? What redirected his energies? Why was he converted?

**Answer:** He saw Jesus! On the road to Damascus, his associates saw the same light Paul encountered, but only Paul was temporarily blinded. Why? Paul was the only one actually to see the Lord in His glory, and it changed his life forever (Acts 22:6-9; 9:7).

Even so, when you and I study the Old Testament, we are encouraged to anticipate a Savior. When we study the New Testament, we are introduced to Jesus as that Savior. If we are baptized into Him (Galatians 3:26-27) and allow Him to live in us (Galatians 2:20), like Paul, it will make all the difference in our lives . . . and our eternity.

—Dan Winkler, Huntingdon, Tennessee/ via House to House

**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.**

## Seeking the Good Life

Who is the man who desires life, And loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry. The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. (Psalms 34:12-16)

Our search for the good life is often learned in times of duress. This is when we discover that life has no meaning at all without God.

Apparently Psalm 34 was written when David, its author fled as a fugitive from Saul, the king of Israel. According to the title, the psalm was written when David was dismissed from Achish, when he feigned madness before Achish's servants. In verse 12 David poses a question: Who is the man who desires life, And loves many days, that he may see good? David assumes this is what all men, especially the young (vs.11), seek. The thoughts that follow point them to the way.

First, David says: Keep your tongue from evil. Sins of the tongue are numerous and difficult to avoid. James says: For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. (James 3:2) Moses spoke "unadvisedly with his lips". (Psalms 106:33) Job "darkened counsel by words without knowledge". (Job 38:2) Peter was rebuked for his ill advised thoughts. (Matthew 16:23) If one would truly have life, he must master his words.

Second, he exhorts them to depart from evil and do good. Incredibly, even under unfair circumstances, David yielded to God's will. Twice during the sojourning years, David has an opportunity to take Saul's life. On the first occasion David cut off the corner of Saul's robe when Saul had come unknowingly into the cave where David was hiding. When Saul discovered that David was in the cave, he said: "You are more righteous than I; for you have rewarded me with good, whereas I have rewarded you with evil. (1 Samuel 24:17) If one is to have the good life, he must seek the good of all men, even his enemy.

Third, let him seek peace and pursue it. He must strive to promote good will and harmony among others. Paul says: If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. (Romans 12:18) Peter also said: Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men-- (1 Peter 2:13-15) Even though unbelievers are inclined to blaspheme Christians, hopefully they will be constrained by the peaceable lifestyle of believers to reconsider.

The truly good life is found in doing what is right in spite of the circumstances, and knowing that God is trustworthy. The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry. God cares and he hears our cry. In the same context David says: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! (Psalms 34:8)

Thus, David invites the young (vs.11) to come and listen to him out of the wisdom of his own experiences. Over one-thousand years later, Peter places the same thoughts before God's elect, those who are enduring a fiery trial, those who were without a home in this world. (1 Peter 3:8-13) Guard your heart, govern your life, and enjoy richly the presence of God.

By George Slover

(1) There will be a "YOUTH DEVO" at Jamie Dale's house tomorrow night. The recreation activity will be sand volleyball. Please bring money for pizza. The meeting will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. See Allan Davis 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) Ron is still **in need of teachers** for Sunday and Wednesday Bible class.

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

(5) **New Bible class quarter** begins in this week. Chuck will be teaching the Wednesday night Adult 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:** Today - Following morning services (Everyone welcome)

**Potluck:** October 10<sup>th</sup> - Following morning services (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:** October 24<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m.

**In Touch, this week:** Team 2

**Communion to shut ins:** Steve M (3<sup>rd</sup>), Chuck (10<sup>th</sup>), Ken P (17<sup>th</sup>), Josh (24<sup>th</sup>), Ron (31<sup>st</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.*