

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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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

- * Eugene Cardinal will be going in for surgery in a few weeks to remove wire from his breastplate. The wire is from past surgeries.
- * Jim Greene will be undergoing more Chemo treatments. Tuesday they will be installing a new port for his treatments.
- * Oleta Cardinal is now home, but having some struggles.
- * Clarence, Josh Casselman's uncle recovering from a heart attack
- * Bernice McDonald is had skin cancer surgery this week.
- * Mark Neal, Alza's grandson, recovering from surgery
- * Paul Martodam, friend of the Weiers, diagnosed with cancer.
- * 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

Rene and Cathy Oliva

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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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Cynicism or Christ

"...according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death." (Philippians 1:20)

According to an AFP story, released April 16,2009, Britain's most popular funeral song is Frank Sinatra's "My Way". Other popular choices included Australian rocker, AC/DC's "Highway to Hell" or Queen's "Another One Bites the Dust". A funeral company in London polled 30,000 respondents. According to Lindsey Sheasby, whose company commissioned the survey, "pop songs now account for more than half of the music chosen for funerals".

There is a sharp contrast between the obvious cynical, depressing view that many have about death and the wonderful attitude stated in the above passage. This brave prisoner is speaking of the positive effects of his plight: the opportunities to share the gospel. He sees the good in the apparent evil.

The secret of the apostle's remarkable attitude is a spirit of complete consecration to Jesus. His expectation is that with boldness Christ will be magnified. Christ is the focus of all his hopes and dreams, therefore none of his thoughts are earthly or selfish. Christ is the object of all his activities. Instead of doing it "my way", Paul was determined to do it Christ's way!

Paul magnified Christ in the way he lived. Paul said, For to me, to live is Christ. (Philippians 1:21) His Christ magnifying life was fully devoted to serving others. (Philippians 1:22) It was exemplified by bold living. Having full confidence in the promises of God, he could speak boldly, thus drawing the hearts of men to Jesus. A Christ magnifying life will stand up for Jesus seeking to establish his peaceful rule in the lives of others.

Paul also magnified Christ in the way he died. Paul viewed death as gain. This is not the assertion of a cynic who has outlived the enjoyment of life. There is nothing in his words to cause us to conclude he has soured on life. Paul's destiny is to be with Christ which is far better!

We can share in Paul's marvelous outlook by magnifying Jesus in our lives. Paul shows us how to really live and how to peacefully die. We must claim Christ's rule of peace for ourselves.

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.**

Be Holy

God, through His word, calls us to a high moral standard by which we should live. To Israel He repeatedly said, “*Be holy for I am holy*” (Lev. 11:44). In like manner Peter urges us, “*As obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires of your former ignorance but, as the One who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; for it is written, Be holy, because I am holy*” (1 Pet. 1:14-16). We are to walk in purity of heart and lifestyle, as this sets us apart from the evil attitudes and actions characteristic of the world around us.

Why has God required this kind of life from us? Is it so we can't have fun or enjoy the pleasures of this life? The answer, of course, is no, but so we can enjoy life as it should be. Only life in Christ is truly abundant (John 10:10), as it's within the parameters for which God designed us and means for us live. For example, I read several years ago about an individual who, at that time, was fifty years old. As a result of alcoholism, he suffered sustained memory loss. He could remember in great detail events of his life until he was twenty, but after that everything was blank. Even more tragic than that was, whenever anything happened to him, he could remember it for only a few seconds. For this person, due to his following the pattern of the world, even watching television was an impossible task, as he would forget the beginning of the show before it would end. He was a man truly lost in time.

This is just one example of what living in the pleasures of sin has to offer. How many have suffered due to being addicted to drugs, the misery of existence that brings? Or how many have lost themselves and their families due to living a sexually immoral life-style? I know of family members separated because of words spoken in anger, and no one willing to yield so that forgiveness and reunion can happen. Lying only brings more problems, not solutions. The broken hearts and lives that are created in the wake of sin are seemingly endless.

God calls us to His holiness and His way of life because it's the **best** life to live. It doesn't embarrass us, hurt us, or ultimately destroy us. It allows us to truly enjoy this life, without it controlling or dominating us. It offers hope for eternity. Don't be deceived by the allure of sin, because Satan is the father of lies (John 8:44) and never delivers on what he promises. Hold fast to those things that will endure for eternity. As Paul says, “*put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness*” (Eph. 4:22-24). To do so, and so live, means “*when he appears we will be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure*” (1 John 3:2-3). This is truly the life that's worth living.

Robert Johnson – Longview church of Christ

- (1) This coming Friday, a group will be meeting at the building to **canvas the neighborhood with fliers**. Anyone is welcome to come and encouraged to do so. We will meet at the building at 5:30 p.m.
- (2) There will be a “**YOUTH DEVO**” at James and Peggy Dale's house tomorrow night. The recreation activity will “**Band vs. Band Rock Band.**” Bring your favorite snack to share with others. The meeting will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- (3) **Several new missions reports** have come in. If you didn't get the email with those reports you can find them on the bulletin board.
- (4) **26th Annual AZ Lectureship** - October 10 - October 14 - Tonto church of Christ
- (5) Thank you James Chance for hosting another family fishing tournament. It was a great day for it.

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: Nov. 7th - Following morning services (Everyone welcome)

Potluck: Today – Following morning services (Everyone welcome)

Ladies Class: October 17th - 5:00 p.m.

Men's Business Meeting: October 17th - 5:00 pm.

Elders/Deacons Meeting: October 24th - 5:00 p.m.

In Touch, this week: Team 3

Communion to shut ins: Chuck (10th), Ken P (17th), Josh (24th), Ron (31st)

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.*