

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

Josh Austin
Navajo Reservation, Keyenta, AZ

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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

- * Laura Backus, friend of Karen's is in need of a kidney transplant
- * Michelle Janeway is recovering from knee surgery.
- * Oleta Cardinal continues to struggle with her health.
- * Frances, mother of Lucy, Karen's friend, has had a stroke.
- * Eugene Cardinal will be going in for surgery in a few weeks to remove wire from his breastplate.
- * Jim Greene will be undergoing more Chemo treatments. Tuesday he had a new port installed for his treatments.
- * 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

Deborah Liable
Jana Weiers
Kylie Short

Oct 31 (B)
Nov 01 (B)
Nov 04 (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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The Sign Said "Stop" - I Didn't...

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So I said to the judge:

"I feel everyone has the right to choose their own interpretation of this word."

"My father never stopped. If I was to stop, I would be condemning him."

"My family has always refused to stop. If it was good enough for them, it is good enough for me."

"My preacher says it is not essential for people to obey that sign."

"What about those people who have never seen that sign."

"When I was young, my parents crammed stopping down my throat, so now that I am grown, I just don't do it anymore."

"I believe that only going it important, stopping is optional."

"How do you know that word really means today what it did when the sign went up."

"I will stop after I get my life straightened out."

"I will stop when my spouse decides to stop; it will mean more if we do it together."

"It is not anybody's business whether I stop or not."

"Judge, I feel that as long as we are sincere, you will accept us no matter what we do."

The scripture said, "Repent, and let each one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). I didn't.

So I said to THE JUDGE...

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.

“Fireworks”

Going to watch fireworks tomorrow? I imagine quite a number of us will. In our community, one of the few in the area where it's still legal to buy and use so-called “safe and sane” fireworks, some of us will probably light up a display of our own. (Given the inherent danger of even such relatively benign devices as sparklers, I have often wondered what “unsafe and insane” fireworks would be like.)

Fireworks always attract a crowd, whether on the Fourth of July or at any other time when they might be displayed. There's a good reason why, for example, Disneyland puts on a major “spectacular in the sky” every summer evening — people will stay in the park to watch the fireworks, and while they're waiting, will buy more Disney merchandise.

Sometimes people come to the services of the Lord's church in search of fireworks. Not in the literal sense, necessarily — but in the sense that they are looking for the same sort of entertainment spectacle that fireworks provide.

Without question, there are plenty of churches around offering that spectacle. In fact, there's a church that meets just around the corner from my house that's actually selling fireworks this weekend, right in their parking lot. And many people will stop to buy.

When people visit our worship, however, they don't find much in the way of fireworks.

Our music is simple congregational singing, without mechanical accompaniment. No band, no choir, no soloists, no “praise team” — just the fruit of lips that praise the Lord (Hebrews 13:15) in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16).

Our prayers are simple petitions — just our supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving (1 Timothy 2:1). The words aren't fancy or repeated from books written by men (Matthew 6:7), but they come from sincere hearts, and are offered in the name of Jesus (Ephesians 5:20; Colossians 3:17).

Our observance of the Lord's supper is not elaborate — we break bread and drink the fruit of the vine on the first day of each week (1 Corinthians 11:23-34; Acts 20:7). No one puts on special clothing or assumes a special title in order to serve at the Lord's table.

We support the Lord's work only through a collection for the saints on the first day of each week (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). We don't run bingo games or carnivals or car washes or bake sales or raffles to raise money — we don't even sell fireworks in the parking lot. And we only spend the money we give on things the Bible authorizes, such as worship and the means to conduct it, tools for teaching the gospel, supporting preachers locally and in other places, and helping one another in time of need.

Even our preacher isn't particularly flashy or eloquent or theatrical or well-dressed or good-looking. (You can trust me on this.) He wears no lofty title or unique garments — he is merely a minister or servant of the church.

Jesus often contended with those who came to Him only in search of spectacle (John 6:25-27; Matthew 12:38-40). His miracles were never done for the purpose of providing entertainment for thrill-seekers, but to demonstrate His deity and authority. The power He invested in his apostles was given to confirm their witness of the gospel (Luke 24:48-49), not so they could perform parlor tricks.

The apostle Paul wrote, “*For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God*” (1 Corinthians 1:22-24). That is all that we have Christ's permission to offer the world — the gospel of His death, burial, and resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:1-5).

If you've come here in search of fireworks, I'm afraid you'll be disappointed. But you might be surprised to find something infinitely better — the simple, precious truths of God's holy word.

— Michael D. Rankins,

(1) On November 7th we will be taking up a **SPECIAL COLLECTION** for the work in Veracruz. This is a work where brother Villalobos serves and we support. Veracruz was hit by a devastating hurricane on September 17th. The city was flooded and 12 families in the church lost most if not all of their possessions. The congregation is providing food on a weekly basis, but does not have much to offer. They are trying to raise money for household items as well. If you can help please put what you can in a separate envelope and place it in the offering tray as it comes around. Make checks payable to Northside. Cash will work as well.

(2) With the departure of Ron Gallegos **some changes have been made**. Josh Casselman is now our deacon of Education. Ken Phillips has stepped up and will now coordinate our worship service.

(3) There will be a “**YOUTH DEVO**” at the Dale's house Tuesday night. Rock Band - Band v. Band will be the recreation activity. The meeting will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

(4) **The Home Bible study** at Linda Hays home started off well we had 10 in attendance. We will meet each Monday at 6:30 p.m. and anyone is welcome. The study is intended as an outreach to the lost so bring a friend. We are studying through the parables.

(5) **Area wide singing** for Northside has now been moved to February 2011.

(6) **The minutes** from our last business meeting (10/17/10) have been posted on the bulletin board under the home section.

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: Today - Following morning services (Everyone welcome)

Potluck: Nov. 14th – Following Morning Services (Everyone welcome)

Ladies Class: Nov. 21st - 5:00 p.m.

Men's Business Meeting: Nov. 21st - 5:00 pm.

Elders/Deacons Meeting: 28th - 5:00 p.m.

In Touch, this week: Team 2

Communion to shut ins: 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.*