

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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Other Servants

John Lykins (Buildings and Grounds)
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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

- * Oleta Cardinal is in Hospice care – she is not doing well
- * Eugene Cardinal - recovering from surgery.
- * Bernice Lowder - suffering with a cold these past few weeks.
- * Jim Kistner – recovering from knee surgery
- * Rody is in ICU at Thunderbird - medical complications
- * Norman Horwitz - difficulty with his breathing,
- * Mark Roscoe has been out of work since September.
- * Christy Roscoe - bad reaction to her medicines
- * Jim Greene’s chemo is not working like it should.
- * Laura Backus, Karen’s friend is in need of a kidney transplant
- * Lenora Green has been diagnosed with Shingles.
- * Frances, mother of Lucy, Karen’s friend, has had a stroke.
- * Paul Martodam, friend of the Weiers, diagnosed with cancer.
- * 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

Rody Lattin	Nov 21 (B)
Sonny Janeway	Nov 24 (B)
Ernie & Barbara Staten	Nov 24 (A)
Mary Bauer	Nov 25 (B)
Aric Price	Nov 27 (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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Testing Your Faith

And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks. (Acts 18:4)

The customary practice of Paul was to publicly testify that Jesus is the Christ. Whether in public places like Athens (Acts 17:22) or in more serene settings such as the synagogue, Paul was willing to put his faith on trial. So great was his love for souls that after a week of tent making, he would spend his Sabbaths preaching Jesus.

Have you put your faith to the test? I have found “freedom square” on a local university campus to be a wonderful place to share the gospel. There are of course less intimidating settings like a simple conversation with a neighbor that may also get the same results. Online bulletin board on the internet may also provide the same opportunity.

There are a number of benefits from such an activity. First, actively sharing the gospel provides an excellent opportunity for me to test my own faith. It is easy to preach to the choir. However, when long believed truths are tested in the arena of public discussion, if I am honest, I will either change or strengthen my convictions.

Second, publically teaching the word can help me to see the perspective of others. I don’t mean that we need to compromise the Truth. However, by understanding others, I can be more effective in winning souls. I’ve personally sat in Bible classes where one might carry on for several minutes about the “other guys”. If I had been one of the “other guys”, I would have been so turned off, I would have never returned. It is easy for those who have never done personal work to develop an arrogant attitude about non-Christians.

The third and most important benefit is in saving souls. Paul testified that Jesus is the Christ, “for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12) He proclaimed the “things concerning the kingdom of God” (Acts 19:8). When the word of God is planted in good and honest hearts it brings forth fruit pleasing to God. There is tremendous joy in assisting others to find Jesus, the Savior!

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.

LISTS AND GIVING THANKS

Colossians 3:17: *“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him”*

We have much for which to be thankful. It may be considered trite or banal by some, but I still find it helpful, even therapeutic, to make a list of the things that make me give thanks to God. Making this list makes me a more positive person and helps me to keep the difficult or negative things in my life in better perspective. If I can remember that I am very well blessed, that I have a substantial “up” side to my life, then I can handle the “down” side more effectively. Consider this methodology for yourself, and see if it helps.

I am thankful for God. I know that might seem a little dumb even to say but for me there is a lot to being thankful for God. See, if God does not exist, we are alone. If God does not exist, we (all humanity) are just animals with a unique capacity for self-deception. If God does not exist, we must live forever with our sins and take them to our graves. Indeed if God does not exist the grave is our destiny and life is a meaningless joke.

So I am thankful for God because He has provided for us real and actual meaning for life. We are all blessed with an absolute moral code in the writings of the New Testament. Therefore we know how we ought to live (see Ecclesiastes 12:13). We know that Jesus died for us and that we have the hope of resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:58). God is the source of all our blessings.

I am thankful for my family. My wife is a gift from God to me. I would not be much without her. She is a lovely, strong and faithful woman. We ought all to be thankful for our mates. I am thankful for my children. I cannot imagine being in the world without them. Children, even as they grow older, make us think seriously about life. Be sure to see your kids as the blessing they are. I am thankful for others in my family, even my mother-in-law. Our family makes life rich. Be sure to be thankful for them.

I am thankful for my friends. The people in our church are a joy and blessing just to be around. We all have other friends too, that are such an important part of our lives. What would we do without people to talk to and be with who care about us? Even more, what would we do without people to be with that we care about? We need to remember to be thankful for them all.

I am thankful to be an American. This is something that I didn't have anything to do with at all. But I am so very thankful that I came into this world in America instead of Kabul, Afghanistan or Kumasi, Ghana. The only way one can approach such a blessing is with humble thanksgiving. Americans are without a doubt a knighted citizenry, a people with the greatest material existence of any on earth. And we have the freedom to be great spiritually too, if we turn to and obey the Lord's will.

I am thankful for my work. Work is honorable (Ephesians 4:28). We must remember that work is a necessary component of human existence and that it is a blessing in and of itself. We should be thankful for our work, especially in these times of employment insecurity.

I hope that by reading my list you will be encouraged to make one of your own. Spend some time in this busy season in meditation on things for which you are thankful and see if doing so doesn't put you in a better mood about life.

Adapted - author unknown

(1) We are **need of pantry items** for our food boxes. If you have any questions please see Linda Hays. Soup - Juice 2qt Size - Peanut Butter - Mac & Cheese - Beef Stew - Tuna - Spam

(2) Allan Davis is still looking for help with writing **Bible bowl questions**. Please let him know if you would like to help. Sign up sheets for other Bible Bowl activities will be posted within this next week.

(3) **Attention all singles and elderly**. If you need some help fixing things around your house a group has formed at Northside to serve you. There is a sign up list on the bulletin board under the Home section. Just add your name to the list and we will let you know when we will be around. See James or Peggy Dale for more information.

(4) In an effort to be more effective in our evangelism efforts there will be an **evangelism prayer meeting EVERY Friday** at the building from 6:30-7:00. Anyone is welcome to come and join us for this time of song and prayer directed towards God on behalf of the lost in our community.

(5) There will be a **“YOUTH DEVO”** cancelled this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Devo's will start up again next week.

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: Dec. 5th - Following morning services (Everyone welcome)

Potluck: Jan 12th – Following Morning Services (Everyone welcome)

Ladies Class: Cancelled for the Holidays

Men's Business Meeting: Today - 5:00 pm.

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

In Touch, this week: Team 1

Communion to shut-ins: James C (21st), Rick (27th)

Monday Group Bible Study: Linda Hays home 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome – bring a friend

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.*