

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

Elders

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(602) 439-5953

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(602) 938-2800

Other Servants

Jon Lykins (Buildings and Grounds)
Ken Phillips (Worship)

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

- * Ken Phillips is in JCL Deer Valley with pneumonia
- * Samantha Kinn, diagnosed with emphysema possible lung cancer.
- * Bree Hill, Barb Statens friend, bed rest during her pregnancy
- * Jim Greene's will be starting a new drug for cancer.
- * TiAta Chance is recovering from surgery
- * Edison Gruber - Loss of financial support on the Rez.
- * Cardinal and Weiers family with the passing of Oleta
- * Bill McGrew – is home from the hospital and doing ok.
- * Lenora Green is doing better with her Shingles.
- * Mark Roscoe has been out of work since September.
- * Laura Backus, Karen's friend is in need of a kidney transplant
- * 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

Bernice Lowder	Dec 12 (B)
Jim & Gina Weiers	Dec 13 (A)
Diana Davis	Dec 14 (B)
Chuck Kolinchak	Dec 15 (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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EXPECTING AUDIENCES

Awaiting Peter to arrive, Cornelius, along with family and friends, were **“present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God”** (Acts 10:33). They were expecting to hear the words of God. What a joy to read of those who desire God's truth and anticipate it from a Gospel preacher.

There are those who travel to assemblies today expecting to hear the sweet sounds of the Gospel. In some instances this is what they hear, but often they are disappointed. Yes, many preachers are not transmitting the word to truth-seeking and Gospel-loving souls which they have a right to expect. They hear stories and testimonials from the one who has assumed the place of a herald of God's truth. As a result, the truth suffers at the hands of these misguided manipulators.

Many find themselves in congregations where only an emotion packed and feel good message, void of any Biblical perspective and application, and very little honest exegesis of Biblical passages is all too common. Question; What if Cornelius and his household had received a “tickling” message devoid of spiritual substance? Answer; They would have not heard the truth which makes one free (John 8:32)., and the obedience to which purifies the soul (I Peter 1:22). They would have failed to receive, as Cornelius himself puts it, *“..all things that are commanded thee of God”* (Acts 10th33).

Those who propose to teach and preach God's word have a great responsibility (James 3:1). To preach the whole council of God (Acts 20:27), bereft of the world's wisdom (I Corinthians 1:18-25) Let us be thankful for expecting audiences, *“for all men have not faith”* (2 Thessalonians 3:2). But let us give them what true lovers of God's word desire.

Tracy Dugger, The Broadway Bulletin, Drumright, OK

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.

CLOSET PRAYING

Jesus did not have to have anyone tell Him what was in his or her heart. He knew the hearts of men, because of His omniscience (Psalms 139:1-6) -- "*But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, and needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what as in man,*" (John 2:24-25). There were, however, times when Jesus' merely observed the outward behavior of men and drew conclusions based on what was seen. We are also able to see through the facade of appearance by observing behavior. No one is nearly as obscure as he would like to think.

Jesus spoke a parable against those who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others, (Luke 18:14). The parable depicted two men -- the one a Pharisee and the other a publican. By his prayer the Pharisee really made himself quite transparent. The publican also revealed a lot about himself by his posture and words -- "*would not lift up so much as his eyes to heaven, but smoke upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.*" Had we been at the scene where both men were praying, we would have seen the same things Jesus taught -- not by omniscience but by merely observing their behavior.

How much we reveal about ourselves by our prayers! We may habitually utter the same phrases and words we always have, without any thought or feeling. We may speak flowery praises to fill up an appropriate allocated time for prayer. Jesus offered a solution to the public display of prayer -- enter into your closet and pray to God in secret (Matthew 6:6). That was not a prohibition against praying in public -- it was a prohibition against praying with a desire to be seen of men. If we act differently in praying when we are in public than when we pray in private, then prayer becomes a means to self-glorification rather than the means of communication with God.

This is not said to diminish the practice of public praying or to make us critical listeners to others' prayers. It is rather being said to make us conscious of what our praying says about us. Let's be sure to draw near to God with a true heart in full assurance of faith (Hebrews 10:22).

Written by: Jim R. Everett

- (1) Beginning January 6th there will be a **community prayer meeting** at the building from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. This will take place every Thursday and will be in conjunction with the House to House - Heart to Heart publication we will be mailing to the community. Anyone is welcome to join in this weekly time of prayer, 1Tim. 2:1-8.
- (2) **January begins the new teaching quarter.** Please see Josh Casselman if you would like to sign up to teach or help out.
- (3) **The Christmas party/fellowship** meal is scheduled for Friday Dec. 17th 6:30 p.m. As usual we will have a white elephant gift exchange, \$10.00 limit. Please see Michelle Janeway for details.
- (4) **The Northside Youth group** will be having a Christmas party Saturday, Dec 18th, 5:00 p.m. Tuesday Devo is cancelled for this week.
- (5) We are in **need of pantry items** for our food boxes. If you have any questions please see Linda Hays. Items needed: Soup - Juice 2qt Size - Peanut Butter - Mac & Cheese - Beef Stew - Tuna - Spam.
- (6) Please sign up to help with the **Bible Bowl activities**. Lists are posted on the bulletin board under the Youth section. Our Bible Bowl is January 15th.

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:** Jan 2nd - Following morning services (Everyone welcome)
Potluck: Jan 9th - Following Morning Services (Everyone welcome)
Ladies Class: Cancelled for the Holidays
Men's Business Meeting: Today - 5:00 pm.
Elders/Deacons Meeting: Dec 19th - 5:00 p.m.
In Touch, this week: Team 4
Communion to shut-ins: Sonny (12th), Josh (19th), Chuck (26th)
Evangelism Prayer Meeting: Friday's 6:30-7:00 p.m., at the building (Col 4:2-6)
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.*