

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

Eugene Cardinal (602) 942-6373
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Deacons

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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

- * Bernice Lowder has been sick with a terrible cold
- * Rody continues to improve
- * Samantha Kinn, diagnosed with emphysema.
- * Bree Hill, Barb Statens friend, bed rest during her pregnancy
- * Jim Greene's has started his new treatment 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 – having some medical struggles
- * Mark Roscoe has been out of work since September.
- * Laura Backus, Karen's friend is in need of a kidney transplant
- * 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

Michelle Janeway

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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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Standing in the Light of Christ

When I was in college, there was a spotlight that came on in the evening in front of the Bible Building. On many occasions, we would jump in the grass in front of it at night just to see our shadow appear on the giant wall behind us. I noticed that the farther we got from the light, the smaller our shadow became; and the closer we got to the light, the larger our shadow became; and if you stood right next to the light, our shadows would overtake the side of the building, and swell over the top of the roof. Though at the time we just played in the light because it made us feel like giants, I have since realized that this fact of life is also true in our Christianity. The farther away I am from Jesus, the smaller I feel in my life. Nothing seems as important, and nothing feels as good. But when I stand close to Him, and truly feel His light in my life, then I am a giant in a world of sin, and I have the ability to squash out the evil beneath me.

Too often, we think that we are supposed to shine our own light into the world. But Christ wants us to shine His light into the world, not our own. We do not need to be caught up in what "we" are capable of; we need to realize what Christ is capable of "through us". We are always so anxious to make excuses that limit us and our ability to be diligent Christian's, but we fail to realize when we are next to Christ, we are giants, and anything is possible.

I am often reminded of Peter, and the man he was through the Gospels as compared to the man he became in the book of Acts. Throughout the ministry of Christ, Peter was constantly stumbling, never really able to stand out as a dominant leader. But at the end of Christ's ministry, we see a strong faithful man of God appear in Peter, and he becomes a Giant for Christ. He leads the apostles in the establishment of the true church, and becomes an icon of Christian Leadership. Without Christ, we are nothing, not even a shadow on a wall, but with Christ, we are Giants. BE YE GIANTS!!

Shawn Hart, Garden Valley church of Christ

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.

“I Am Resolved”

How many New Year’s resolutions do you plan on making this year? How many will go the way of the passenger pigeon, radio drama and penny candy?

If you’re like the average person, most if not all of your resolutions will fade into oblivion rather quickly. Every year we get revved up with “personal improvement” projects as the dawn of a new year approaches. And in no time flat, those lofty goals and noble commitments evaporate and are forgotten.

That’s not to say we shouldn’t make resolutions, or have personal goals. Quite the contrary. It’s impossible to achieve anything if you have no target in mind: for example, it would be unlikely that your vacation would be much fun if you simply jumped in the car and started driving — without first selecting a destination, saving the appropriate funds, packing the items you’ll need for the trip, and determining the best route and mode of transportation. Success in any venture requires planning, preparation, and measurable, definable goals.

Too often, however, we set goals for ourselves — whether we call them “New Year’s resolutions” or some other name — without any real plan for reaching them. Sometimes the goals themselves are unrealistic: telling myself I’m going to be elected President this year would be rather fruitless for a host of reasons, not the least of which being that there’s no Presidential election in 2011. But more often, we fail to accurately assess what will be required to achieve our goals, including the effort and commitment involved.

Jesus taught an important lesson on this subject: *“For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it — lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ “Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple”* (Luke 14:28-33).

The Lord’s point is that even the greatest goal — such as being a servant of Christ — is doomed to ruin if it’s not supported with the necessary resources. Deciding “I want to be a Christian” today does me little good if tomorrow I say, “This is too hard — I think I’ll quit.” Better not to make the commitment at all than to renege on a promise to God to be faithful to Him: *“When you make a vow to the LORD your God, you shall not delay to pay it; for the LORD your God will surely require it of you, and it would be sin to you. But if you abstain from vowing, it shall not be sin to you. That which has gone from your lips you shall keep and perform, for you voluntarily vowed to the LORD your God what you have promised with your mouth”* (Deuteronomy 23:21-23).

Our failure to perform, as we should before God rarely, if ever, is the result of our inability to obey. Instead, as Solomon said, *“Because of laziness the building decays, and through idleness of hands the house leaks”* (Ecclesiastes 10:18). If our spiritual “house” is crumbling and plagued with a leaky roof, chances are excellent that the fault lies with the resident of the house being too lazy or complacent to set things in order. Our intentions may have been good — as illustrated by all those resolutions we made for ourselves, but never kept — but if we haven’t been diligent in following through...well, we know where the road leads that’s paved with those good intentions, don’t we?

For the Christian, self-examination should be a continuous process, not a meaningless yearly ritual (Galatians 6:4; 1 Corinthians 11:28; 2 Corinthians 13:5). We should set spiritual goals for ourselves, not just annually, but every day — and evaluate ourselves daily to see whether we’re progressing as we ought.

To do everything I can do today to advance the spread of the gospel and uphold God’s word: **now there’s a resolution!**

— Michael D. Rankins (adapted)

(1) **Josh Austin** will be visiting January 9th to report on a new work he has accepted. He will present information about the work during the morning bible class. Northside is considering supporting this work.

(2) **The 2011 budget** for Northside has been completed. Allan Davis will be presenting the information to the congregation with the next few weeks. Copies of the budget will also be made available and input is requested.

(3) **The Area Wide Singing** will be at the Northgate church of Christ, January 8th, 6:30 p.m.

(4) 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.

(5) **January begins the new teaching quarter.** New materials are in the back room. Please see Josh Casselman if you would like to sign up to teach or help out.

(6) **We have an updated list for our pantry items:** Juice 2qt Size - Peanut Butter - Beef Stew - Tuna. If you have any questions please see Linda Hays.

(7) 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: Jan 16th - 5:00 pm.

Elders/Deacons Meeting: Jan 23rd - 5:00 p.m.

In Touch, this week: Team 2

Communion to shut-ins: Chuck (26th)

Evangelism Prayer Meeting: Friday’s 6:30-7:00 p.m., at the building (Col 4:2-6)

Monday Group Bible Study: Cancelled for the next two weeks. Starting up again Jan 10th

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.*