

# Northside Church of Christ

20222 N 32nd Drive Phoenix, AZ 623-780-9763 January 2, 2005

Worship Sunday 10:00 am &  
6:00 pm  
Bible Study Sun 9:00 am &  
Wed 7:00 pm

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## Special Announcements

Our 2nd annual Bible Bowl is set for Jan 15th -they are asking for donations of soda, water & volunteers-see James Chance \* The new quarter has started-see Ron Gallegos to teach a class \* Eugene had bypass surgery and is doing very well \* Oleta's surgery went great-she went home Friday-Eugene & Oleta will be home-bound for awhile \* Our normal pot-lucks will resume next Sunday after morning services - Group 3 in charge see Jennifer Casselman \* Anyone wishing to give to Kayenta for their building, indicate it on your check - we will send them the amount given, next week \* Prayers are requested for Susana Horton who was falsely accused of child abuse by her husband \* Karen's Chance's step mom is having tests \* Thomas Carpenter (Kolinchak's grandson) had outpatient surgery the 30th \*

## Prayer List

- \* June Scarbrough
- \* Pauline Houts
- \* Lenora Green
- \* Bill & Jean Muenchow
- \* Gary & Frances Hunt
- \* Marie Huls
- \* Barbara Reinhart
- \* Bernice Lowder
- \* Rodie Latin
- \* Barbara Bristol
- \* Dorothy Freet
- \* Harold & Lois Ellis
- \* Carole Jowers (Linda's cousin)

## FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

Not many of us can say as Paul, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ," (I Cor 11:1). Most of us, if we are really honest, would have to say, "Do as I say and not as I do."

Still, we must acknowledge the fact that God requires us to be an example, because like it or not, someone is going to seek to copy what they see in us. We live in a world seeking conformity. Young people copy what they see in their parents; students copy what they hear from teachers.

We make our heroes and then let our heroes make us.

If our heroes are heroes because of the ability to swing a bat successfully or kick a football or the ability to charm the world with a beautiful face, then we will begin to value the wrong qualities in ourselves. If they are heroes because of the ability to make money or because they rank with the elite of this world, we will have missed what life is all about.

We cannot get away from the fact that God requires us to be an example (James 3:13-14).

To mature (aged) women God commanded: "That they be in behavior as becometh holiness." To the young people, God's says, "Let no man despise thy youth but be an example." God says to all of us, "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing incorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say to you," (Titus 2:7-8).

All of us have someone who is watching, someone who will be affected by what we say or do. What kind of model will we present to the world in

2005? May God bless us all as we continue to try and win souls for Him!

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## Would The Church Hire This Troublemaker?

One of the toughest tasks a church faces is choosing a good minister. A member of an official board undergoing this painful process finally lost patience. He'd watched the Pastoral Relations Committee reject applicant after applicant for some fault, alleged or otherwise. It was time for a bit of soul searching on the part of the committee. So he stood up and read a letter purporting to be from another applicant.

"Gentlemen: Understanding your pulpit is vacant, I should like to apply for the position. I have many qualifications. I've been a preacher with much success and also some success as a writer. Some say I'm a good organizer. I've been a leader most places I've been.

I'm over 50 years of age. I have never preached in one place for more than three years. In some places I have left town after my work has caused riots and disturbances. I must admit I have been in jail three or four times, but not because of any real wrongdoing. My health is not too good, though I still get a great deal done. The churches I have preached in have been small, though located in several large cities. I've not got along well with

religious leaders in towns where I have preached. In fact, some have threatened me and even attacked me physically. I am not too good at keeping records. I have been known to forget whom I have baptized.

However, if you can use me, I shall do my best for you."

The board member looked over the committee. "Well, what do you think? Shall we call him?"

The good church folks were aghast. Call an unhealthy, trouble making, absent minded ex-jailbird? Was the board member crazy? "Who signed that application? Who had such colossal nerve?"

The board member eyed them all keenly before he answered, "It's signed, 'The Apostle Paul.'"

Author Unknown

### On The Lighter Side

"This is Heaven!" This 85 year old couple, having been married almost 60 years, had died in a car crash. They had been in good health the last ten years, mainly due to her interest in health food and exercise. When they reached the pearly gates, St Peter took them to their mansion, which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite and Jacuzzi. As they "oohed and aaahed" the old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost. "It's free," Peter replied, "this is heaven."

Next they went out back to see the championship golf course that the home backed up to. They would have golfing privileges everyday and each week the course changed to a new one representing the great golf courses on earth. The old man asked, "What are the green fees?" Peter's reply, "This is heaven, you play for free."

Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch with the cuisines of the world laid out. "How much

to eat?" asked the old man. "Don't you understand yet? This is heaven, it is free!" Peter replied.

"Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods?" the old man asked timidly. "That's the best part...you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven."

The old man looked at his wife and said, "You and your bran muffins. I could have been here ten years ago!"

APPLICATION: Doesn't all this sound wonderful? But we really don't know what heaven is going to be like. How we take care of our earthly bodies is up to us, God does not force his hand on us, but what we really need to be concerned about is our souls. How we live and die is one thing but where we spend eternity is really what's going to matter! Are you ready?

Author Unknown

### 10 Ways To Mean More To Your Congregation

1. Be an "On-Timer"
2. Be a "Front-Seater"
3. Be A "Hymn-Singer"
4. Be a "Good-Greeter"
5. Be a "Good-Listener"
6. Be a "Careful-Parker"
7. Be a "Cheerful-Giver"
8. Be a "Willing-Helper"
9. Be an "Active-Prayer"
10. Be a "Sunday and Wednesday-Nighter"

Submitted by Marilyn McGrew

### Missionaries

Dino Tzanetos  
Athens, Greece

Josh Austin  
Navajo Reservation  
Keyenta, Arizona

Ken Dawdy  
Bear Valley School  
Denver, Colorado

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Contribution:

Attendance

Sun Eve Speaker: S Janeway

Comm to shut-ins: Andy Stowe

### Birthdays

Lisa McClellan	1-4
Ben Davis	1-12
Bill McGrew	1-20
Linda Johnston	1-22
Stephanie Graham	1-24