

Northside Church of Christ

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

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Special Announcements

* **Eugene** had surgery & is doing very well * **Oleta** is at home-back surgery a complete success, **Eugene & Oleta** should be homebound for awhile * If you haven't had your photo taken for the board in the foyer, please see **Alex Durazo** * **Jim Green's** radiation treatments have helped with the back pain but he is having trouble eating and keeping the food down-he started chemo on Friday, keep him in your prayers * **Barney Brieschmidt** has been moved to LifeCare Center by Thunderbird Hospital and is doing good * **Dorothy Freet** is in John C Lincoln Deer Valley, she had to have 5 units of blood -keep her in your prayers * **Harvey Clendenin**-Susie's dad-is still having heart and high blood sugar problems * **Finger food potluck** next Sunday after evening worship * **Les Roza** put his lord on in baptism last Lord's day, add him to your directory. 22036 N. 27th Ave Space 38, Phoenix, AZ 85027, 623-329-7075 *

Prayer List

* June Scarbrough
* Pauline Houts
* Jim & Lenora Green
* Jean Muenchow
* Gary & Frances Hunt
* Marie Huls
* Barbara Reinhart
* Bernice Lowder
* Rodie Latin
* Barbara Bristol
* Dorothy Freet
* Harold & Lois Ellis

*Josh & Jennifer Casselman
*Eugene & Oleta Cardinal
* Jim & Louise Kistner

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

Who Has the Authority?

At the beginning of the Great Commission, Jesus says, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18). This statement leaves no authority for anyone else. God had already revealed this important truth on the Mount of Transfiguration. He announced, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him" (Matthew 17:5). Many years later, the Apostle Paul reminded the early Christians of what God had said, "He put all things under his feet and gave him to be head over all things to the church" (Ephesians 1:22). Paul explained further, "He is the head of the body, the church, that in all things he may have the preeminence" (Colossians 1:18). It should be quite plain, when we want to know the will of God; we listen to the words of Jesus Christ. Our attitude should be that one expressed by Peter in John 6:68. Peter said, "Lord, you have the words of eternal life."

When we realize this great fact, it should cause us to bow at the feet of Christ, ready to listen to his word. We should be like Samuel who said, "Speak Lord, for your servant hears" (I Samuel 3:10). This means, also, that we will not listen to any other voice. Especially will we not listen to our own minds and consciences in determining our course of action. The way of salvation is not determined according to man's likes and dislikes. Jeremiah, the Prophet,

explained, "O lord, I know the way of man is not in himself. It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). Suppose all traffic rules were abolished and each man should drive in his own way? What if every man insisted that he be cured of disease in his own way? This would bring about confusion and disaster.

It would even be more preposterous for every man to attempt to be saved in his own way. Jesus Christ must have his way! Jesus once promised, "If you abide in my word, you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32). Some think they can follow the majority and be safe. Others think that to go the way of scholarly men is the way of safety. But Jesus is Lord of all and we must hear him even if doing so means the rejection of every man on earth. This also means that our parents are not our standard. We must not let them decide for us the course we are to pursue. We must listen to Jesus Christ.

When we understand this important truth, then we are ready to hear God's plan of salvation. Let's consider the end of the Great Commission, Jesus said, "Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you." Let us determine to observe all things that Jesus has commanded.

Joe Woodrum

Will You Not Tell It?

There is no question that Scripture emphasizes the importance of setting a good example. If you are not willing to live by the gospel, why would anyone else do so? Jesus counseled, "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Peter, in a similar manner, encouraged, "Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation" (I Peter 2:12).

A Christian lifestyle sets one apart from the world. Our value system is different from the world, because Christ is in us, not sin. God's word is the standard we live by, not the desires of the flesh. The difference in us and others around us can offer an attraction to the gospel. For our example to be complete, however, we must be willing to talk about the gospel. Unless we explain what makes the difference in us, what God's will for people to obey is, what God will do in judgment, good examples may not accomplish the ultimate good. Peter put it this way/ "But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence" (I Peter 3:15). Paul advocated, "Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person" (Colossians 4:6). We must be willing to SPEAK the gospel, as well as LIVE it, if it will make an eternal difference in the lives of others.

Think of someone you know, someone who sees your lifestyle, someone who knows you wear the name Christian. Have you shown them Christ in you? Have you spoken to them what Scrip-

ture counsels one to do to be saved? Do they know the difference in what the world calls Christianity, and how we seek to be New Testament Christians? Don't be afraid to live AND speak for Christ. Not all will respond, but those who do can find the gift of eternal life. Isn't that worth living for, and worth talking about?

Robert Johnson

What Ignorance Does To The Church

Ignorance Causes The Church To Be Rejected By God

Hosea 4:6 says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee...." Romans 1:28 says, "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient." Romans 10:3, "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." Without submitting ourselves to the righteousness of God, we can't be accepted of God (Acts 10:34-35). Ephesians 4:18 says "Having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart." Indeed, the greatest tragedy of being ignorant of God's word is being eternally rejected by God. Ignorance is not bliss when it comes to God's will!

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Jared Weiers 3-3

Julie Stowe 3-11

Anthony Casselman 3-12