

# 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

\* A new quarter will be starting in April-see **Ron Gallegos** if you would like to teach \* **Jim Green** has had a very hard time with radiation & medication-please keep him in your prayers-he still has two Chemotherapy treatments to finish \* **Jim Kistner** will be having surgery on his back this month, **Louise** is still having a lot of pain but doing much better \* **Barney Brieschmidt** is in LifeCare Center by Thunderbird Hospital \* **Dorothy Freet** passed away on Monday, there will be a memorial service for her here when her family returns from Indiana \* The **McGrews** asked for prayer for their grandson **Alex** \* We need teachers for World Bible School-see **George McCane** \* **Potluck** next Sunday after morning worship \* Please pray for **Courtney Ashley**-granddaughter of the **McClellans**-she has diabetes & is having problems after oral surgery \* Remember the **Sheely** family-**Karen Chances** uncle-after his passing \* Please pray about a Bible study **Sonny & Linda** are planning to start Tuesday \* Do you have the **double coffee pot**? Please return it to the fellowship building \* Is it your turn for the **visit**? \*

## Prayer List

\* June Scarbrough  
\* Pauline Houts  
\* Jim & Lenora Green  
\* Jean Muenchow  
\* Gary & Frances Hunt  
\* Marie Huls

\* Barbara Reinhart  
\* Bernice Lowder  
\* Rodie Latin  
\* Barbara Bristol  
\* Jim & Louise Kistner  
\* Harold & Lois Ellis  
\* Josh & Jennifer Casselman  
\* Eugene & Oleta Cardinal

## FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

### Which Road Are You Traveling?

In His great Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Jesus in this passage teaches us a very important truth. There are only two paths through this world. Everyone on the face of the earth is walking on one of those two roads. One road leads to destruction-hell-eternal damnation. No right thinking person would ever want to walk down that road. Be honest. Do you want to go to hell? The other road leads to life-heaven-a home with God. Who doesn't want to go to heaven? Jesus promised, "In My Father's house are many mansions" (John 14:2). Only a fool would not want to go to heaven.

It has always bothered me that the way that leads to destruction is wide and broad and many are walking that way. It apparently is a very easy way. It requires little effort. Maybe the Devil is smarter than we give him credit for. No one is going to go to destruction if it takes a lot of effort. Many are going to be lost simply because it is easy.

Surprisingly, the way that leads to life

is small and narrow and only a few people are walking down that road. I think Jesus is teaching that it takes some effort on our part to go to heaven. Now don't misunderstand me. I am not saying that we earn our salvation. Salvation is a gift of God. We receive it because of His wonderful grace. But it does require some effort on our part. We must hear and consider the good news of the gospel. We must decide whether to believe or disbelieve. We must decide if we are willing to repent or not. We must be willing to confess our faith in Jesus as the Christ the Son of God. We must submit to baptism. Hearing, believing, repenting, confessing, and baptism is a narrow road. Only a few are willing to submit, but it puts us on the path that leads to life. It is the way that we accept God's grace.

Which road are you traveling? Are you sliding downhill? Are you climbing the upward way? The upward path takes a little more effort, but it is worth it. It leads to eternal life-heaven-a home with God. Johnson Oatman said, "I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day; still praying as I onward bound, 'Lord, plant my feet on higher ground'." Don't look for the easy way. Look for the right way.

Joe Woodrum

## What Ignorance Does To The Church

### Ignorance Causes The Church To Not Be Able To Carry On Spiritual Talk

It is very difficult to carry on a conversation with many that is centered on/around the Word of God, because of their ignorance of the Word of God. Paul spoke about this saying, "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men" (I Corinthians 3:1-3)? Have you ever tried to carry on a spiritual conversation with a spiritual misfit? It is practically impossible because of their utter and sheer ignorance of the Word of God. Sad indeed!

Ben Justice

### A Sunday School Teacher

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so her students would catch the drama. Then, she asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

### STORY OF ELIJAH

The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces, and laid it upon the altar. And then, Elijah commanded the

people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times. "Now," said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?" A little girl in the back of the room started waving her hand, "I know, I know," she said, "to make the gravy!"

### LOT'S WIFE

The Sunday school teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Johnny interrupted, "My Mummy looked back once, while she was DRIVING," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

### DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

### POOR LION

A Sunday school teacher was telling the youngsters about Daniel and the Lion's Den. She had a picture of Daniel standing, brave and confident, with a group of lions around him. One little girl started to cry. The teacher said, "Don't cry. The lions are not going to eat Daniel." The girl said, "That's not what I'm crying about. That little lion, over in the corner, he ain't going to get any food."

### HIGHER POWER

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a higher power. Can anybody tell me what it

is?" One child blurted out, "Aces!" Unknown

### Missionaries

Dino Tzanetos  
Athens, Greece

Josh Austin  
Navajo Reservation  
Keyenta, Arizona

Ken Dawdy  
Bear Valley School  
Denver, Colorado

### Elders

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Building and Grounds

Contribution: \$2,131.00

Attendance

Sun Eve Speaker: Monty Parker

Comm to shut-ins: Ron Gallegos

### Birthdays

Julie Stowe 11

Anthony Casselman 12

Jan Burkhardt 23

Frances Hunt 24