

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

* **Oleta** is having an MRI on the 19th and may need more surgery * **Jim Green** is having a hard time eating and keeping food down, he still needs chemo treatments, keep him in your prayers * **Jim Kistner** is having back surgery this month * **Barney Brieschmidt** is still in Life-Care Center by Thunderbird Hospital * If you are a new member, pick up a "Group Sheet" in the foyer to see which group you are in * New quarter coming up-see **Ron Gallegos** to sign up to teach a class * Southwest Christian School is looking for a Kindergarten teacher for the 2005-2006 school year. Early childhood training and/or experience are required. Please call 623-877-2367 to set up an interview with Kathy Hayes * **Margaret Nance** has a new address & phone #, 6338 W Port Royale, Glendale, AZ 85306 * The Teen's are at a Bible Bowl in Fullerton this weekend-keep them and all of our travelers (Casselman's, Harford's, Linda, George, Oliva's) in your prayers *

Prayer List

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

* Harold & Lois Ellis
* Josh & Jennifer Casselman
* Eugene & Oleta Cardinal
* Carole Jowers (Linda's cousin)

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

How Is Your Prayer Life?

The following passages show the importance of our prayers. "Men ought to always pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).

"Pray without ceasing" (I Thessalonians 5:17).

"Continue in prayer" (Colossians 4:2).

"Pray for us" (Hebrews 13:18).

"And it came to pass in those days, that He went out onto a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God" (Luke 6:12).

The faithful Christian has a daily prayer life. They realize that it is a marvelous blessing to be able to talk with the Lord in heaven. The Christian does not just pray when the times are bad. They pray through thick or thin, good or bad. The privilege of prayer is a vital part of their lives every day. A Christian loves to pray!

If your life is filled with turmoil, anguish, and worry, the problem may be that you have quit praying. There is a God in heaven who cares (Daniel 2:28, I Peter 5:7). We should never forget that if we want a meaningful Christian life, then we must pray. Yes, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world ever dreamed of."

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There Is Help!

I don't know about you, but I am always shocked when I read the story of

Job. You think you have it bad, what about Job? In one day he lost his health, his wealth, and his family. He went from being the greatest man in the East, to being a sick beggar sitting in an ash pile and scraping himself with broken pottery. When his friends saw him they tore their clothes and threw dust on their heads. But troubles come to us all. At times we may feel like Job.

How can we overcome our troubles? Whether our problem is simply the "Monday blahs" or a major catastrophe, we long for better days. How can we beat depression? How can we brighten the dreary days? Let me suggest three things that can help.

Dreary days are temporary. Bad times do not last forever. The sunshine always returns after the rain. Even the terrible troubles of Job did not last forever. The end of his life was much better than the beginning. Listen: "And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job," and "The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning." Our dreary days will pass. Our troubles are temporary.

Our loads do not have to be carried all at the same time. We should face our troubles one at a time. Don't drag along trouble from the past. Don't borrow trouble from the future. We can stand anything for one day. But failure comes when we try to carry yesterday's load, today's load, and tomorrow's load together. Do you re-

member what Jesus said, "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself? Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day" (Matthew 6:34).

There is someone aware of today's problems. There is some who cares. God knows all about our troubles and He wants to help. The early Christians had many problems and troubles. Peter told them, "Cast all your anxieties on Him, for He cares about you" (I Peter 5:7). The loving Father who cares about us is the Supreme Ruler of the Universe. He can help. He invites us to hand Him our problems. Someone has written:

Does Jesus care when my heart is
pained

Too deeply for mirth or song;

As the burdens press, and the cares dis-
tress,

And the way grows weary and long?

O yes, He cares, I know he cares,
His heart is touched with my grief;
When the days are weary, the long
nights dreary,

I know my Savior cares.

Do you have troubles? There is help available. Jesus invited, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Joe Woodrum

What Ignorance Does To The Church

What Ignorance Causes The Church To Offer Unwarranted Criticisms

In speaking of the Jews of his day, Jesus said, "But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless" (Matthew 12:7). The people to whom Jesus spoke "condemned the guiltless." This hap-

pens all too often today. It is amazing how many believe they are experts in every subject. They speak of those things they know not. Peter wrote in II Peter 2:12, "But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not: and shall utterly perish in their own corruption." People offer unwarranted criticisms many times because of their ignorance. Just as the Jews unjustly condemned and criticized some of their fellows because of their ignorance, could it not be the case that we do the same thing today because of our ignorance? Before Paul was converted to Christ, he said he was "a blasphemer." But, he said he "did it ignorantly in unbelief" (I Timothy 1:3).

Ben Justice

Ten Ways to Help Spread Kindness

Kindness is Contagious...**catch it!** 10 ways to spread kindness every day:

1. Take time to listen.
2. Give praise when earned.
3. Forgive someone who hurt you.
4. Apologize for something you've done wrong.
5. Do a favor for someone in need.
6. Give hugs.
7. Compromise. Don't start a fight.
8. Negotiate. Don't blame.
9. Empathize. Don't gossip.
10. Problem-solve. Don't tease.

Submitted by Missy Harford

**HAVE YOU PREPARED
YOURSELF FOR THE VISIT
YET? YOUR TURN IS
COMING SOON!**

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Birthdays

Jan Burhardt 3-23

Frances Hunt 3-24

Bill Johnston 3-26