

# Northside Church of Christ

20222 N 32nd Drive Phoenix, AZ 623-780-9763 March 27, 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

\* **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 \* Elders and Deacons are making **Monday evening visits**-if you haven't gotten a call yet, you will be soon \* Do you have the **double coffee pot** that belongs in the fellowship building? Please return it \* **Rachel Janeway** requested prayers for her uncle that just had a quadruple bypass \*

## 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

### Is First Century Unity For Our Century?

A study of church unity necessarily involves answering two questions: Was there in the first century "one" visible body or church? If there was "one" visible church in the first century, did God intend for that "one" body to continue as such in following generations?

In this article, I affirm two propositions: first, that in the first century there was one and only one church on earth with God's approval; second, that God wills the existence of only one visible church on earth now.

### One Church In Paul's Day:

Every informed student of the Bible agrees that in the first century, God approved of no differing denominations; that at that time there was only one visible church on earth, made up of identical, visible, non-denominational congregations of people who called themselves just Christians. This is abundantly supported by the following Scriptures: Acts 2:47; 11:26; I Corinthians 1:10-13; Ephesians 4:4-5.

### Oneness Was To Continue:

Most denominational theologians agree that what I say in the above division of this article is true. But they deny it should be so today. They say that

"today is different." They affirm that no church is perfect; that all denominations are branches of "the great invisible church of the redeemed," etc., etc..

But I affirm that first century oneness was to continue; that a division of believers into sects and denominations is expressly condemned in the New Testament.

### I Corinthians 1:10-13 Forbids Denominationalism:

The carnal division described and condemned in I Corinthians 1:10-13, parallels perfectly, in principle, modern denominationalism and sectarianism.

### Ephesians 4:3 Demands Oneness:

In Ephesians 4:3, the Ephesians are urged to "keep the unity of the Spirit." But that unity was composed in part of one visible church on earth. Therefore, primitive Christians were to keep or hold firmly to one visible church on earth. This "keeping" is still to be kept.

### Denominationalism And Sectarianism Is Sinful:

In Galatians 5:20, Paul describes heresies as being of the flesh. The term "heresies" is translated from a Greek term which Thayer defines: "dissensions arising from differences of opinions and aims." This definition is a veritable picture of

modern denominationalism.

Don Goddard

**Why Adults Should Attend Bible Class**

Bible Class is not just for children. Older Christians should hunger for righteousness also. Here are some reasons adults should attend Bible Class:

1. It helps you put God's kingdom first.
2. It helps you gain knowledge about God.
3. It helps you possess the mind of Christ.
4. It helps you influence others for good.
5. It helps others influence you for good.
6. It provides fellowship with other Christians.
7. It strengthens your faith in Jesus as Lord.
8. It provides nutrition (food) for your soul.
9. It helps you to obey God's command to know His will.
10. It helps you to be God's servant/workman.
11. It helps you to be a better guide to your family.
12. It helps you to be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks a reason for your faith.
13. It helps you to be approved to God.
14. It helps you to prepare for the judgment.

Author Unknown

**Neck Pains**

Have you ever woken up from a Sunday nap on the couch with an aching kink in your neck? You were just too close to dozing off to get up and get a pillow or to actually stumble down the hallway and fall into your bed. Stiff necks, they make for a horrible day.

You walk around with your head pointed to the sky or staring at your shoes, either way it makes it irritating and frustrating to do what you need to do.

When yoking a young ox for the first time a farmer would always yoke it with an older experienced ox that would show the novice "the ropes"- how to work together with the farmer to accomplish the work places before it with the greatest efficiency and least struggle. However, sometimes when putting the yoke on the ox, the animal would stiffen its neck and the yoke would not be able to set properly on the animal, leaving it irritated and frustrated as it hauled the load.

In Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus calls us to take on His yoke. In a world that is full of uncertainties, Christ offers to be that older experienced ox that guides us through the pitfalls and dangers of this world. He offers to show us how to work together with the Master as He leads up to "rest for our souls." Our only requirement is to submit our lives to Him. Will we humbly allow ourselves to receive the yoke of Christ or will we stubbornly stiffen our necks and find our life as a Christian full of irritation and frustration?

Paul Miller

**Missionaries**

Dino Tzanetos  
Athens, Greece

Josh Austin  
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Contribution: \$1,730.00

Attendance

Sun Eve Speaker: Alex Durazo

Comm to shut-ins: Bill McGrew

**Birthdays**

James Chance 4-10

Mark Roscoe 4-14

Retta Morrison 4-18