

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class 9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Class7:00 PM

Elders

Eugene Cardinal (602) 942-6373

Sonny Janeway (623) 583-2726

Chuck Kolinchak (602) 938-9429

Ministers

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Eugene Cardinal (602) 942-6373

Deacons

Ron Gallegos (Education)
(623) 561-5674

Rick Harford (Grounds)
(602) 995-9332

Monty Parker (Worship)
(623) 523-7185

Allan Davis (Youth)
(602) 439-5953

Joshua Casselman (Involvement)
(602) 938-2800

Missionaries

Dino Tzanetos
Athens, Greece

Josh Austin
Navajo Reservation
Keyenta, Arizona

Ron Burman
Sunset School of Preaching

Prayer List

- * Oleta Cardinal will be going in for a sonogram and a biopsy
- * Bernice Lowder is in Austin Texas
- * Karen Chance is in Indiana
- * Betty McCane has pneumonia
- * June Iles, Daughter of Jocelyn, suffers with Lupus
- * Ruth Johnston, home from the hospital and doing well
- * Johnston family, Henry, Janet, Rick, Darrell, Lance and Tina
- * Virginia Walkers daughter, Kathleen had surgery.
- * Christy Roscoe - as she deals with pain management
- * Louis Eastin - Lung Cancer & Blood Clots
- * Cindy Marks, Barb Statens aunt has Lung cancer, inoperable
- * Donna Casey, coworker of Deb Liable, has lung cancer
- * Linda Johnston, continues to recovery from her accident.
- * Jean Kalb, battling lung cancer.
- * Chris Knowles, friend of Linda's, is battling cancer
- * Herb Stovener - had unsuccessful throat surgery
- * Don Gaylen - Head injury and surgery
- * Dean Fidler - congestive heart failure
- * Walt Garrison - Battling cancer
- * Renee' Ramos - stage 5 congestive heart failure.
- * Debi Simonetta - cancer, under hospice care
- * Carole Jowers (Linda's cousin), Cancer
- * Ashley, Missy's niece
- * Ashley (Dora's granddaughter)
- * Rochelle Andrews-has Leukemia

If you know of someone who needs to be removed from or added to our prayer list please let James Dale know.

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK

Alza Beierschmitt
James Dale
Oleta Cardinal

Sept 24 (B)
Sept 24 (B)
Sept 29 (B)

THE GUARDIAN

"Guard my soul and deliver me; Do not let me be ashamed, for I take refuge in Thee." Ps. 25:20

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"What is Your Spiritual State?"

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been made near by the blood of Christ." (Eph. 2:13)

As you read that passage from the pen of the apostle Paul, did you notice the two adjectives he used? They are two words which describe the spiritual state of man at different times in his relationship with God. The difference in the two words describes the difference between the one who is "dead in trespasses and sins", and the one whom Christ has "made alive". (Eph. 2:1)

First, Paul uses the word "far" to describe those who were dead in their trespasses and sins. He said that man is "far off". In the verses before this, Paul has described those in this state as being "Gentiles in the flesh" who were "without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world." (Eph. 2:11,12) Do you recognize the condition of the relationship with God which these people have? The truth is, there is no relationship, because they are "without God," and therefore are far from Him.

But then, Paul uses another word which describes the state of his readers now. No longer are they "far off". The second word he uses is the word "near," and the situation is very much different. Now, because of the blood of Christ, Paul says of them that they "are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God." (Eph. 2:19) Relationship restored! What a difference the blood of Christ makes! Paul can now refer to these Christians as "saints" who are "faithful in Christ Jesus." (Eph. 1:1).

The very same words can describe people today. Those who are near to God have been redeemed through the blood of Christ and have been forgiven of their sins. (Eph. 1:7) Those who are far away are still in their sins, and are strangers and foreigners. How is your relationship with God?

-Mark Hackett

Welcome to the services of the Church! If you are visiting with us, we appreciate your presence and invite you to stay a few moments after the service so we can have an opportunity to meet you!
Please fill out a visitors card so we might have a record of your attendance.

REASONING TOGETHER

"The Masters Work"

Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took her boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted a friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked "NO ADMITTANCE". When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that the child was missing. Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Then leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child and he added a running obbligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was mesmerized.

That's the way it is with our Heavenly Father. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't exactly gracefully flowing music. But with the hand of the Master, our life's work truly can be beautiful.

The Apostle Paul understood this concept. In 1 Corinthians 15:9,10 he writes, "*For I am the least of the apostles, who am not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.*" One can also note Philippians 4:13, "*I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*" Because of what the Master had accomplished in his life Paul was able to say, "*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing*" (2Tim. 4:7,8).

Next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You can hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit .. Keep playing." His loving arms will be around you and His strong hands are there helping you turn your feeble attempts into true masterpieces.

Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called. "*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them,*" (Eph. 2:10). He'll always be there to love and guide you on to greater things.

James Dale

Special Announcements

- (1) Northside has picked up a new missionary to support, Dave Chamberlin of The Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver. Brother Chamberlin is the Dean of Students and an Instructor. We will be contributing \$300.00 a month to his work. Please check the bulletin board for more information on Dave and the work he is doing.
- (2) Ladies wishing to carpool to the **Sierra Vista's Ladies** day on Sept. 30th please see Pat O'Connor.
- (3) Barney Beierschmitt has a new address. 20010 N 41st Ln. Glendale Az. 85308 623-435-5541
- (4) The **new church Directories** are in. Please take one copy per family. If there are any changes or updates please correct them in the copy marked "Corrections".
- (5) **Josh Casselman** handed out a Spiritual Gifts survey two weeks ago. If you did not receive one, please check the table in the foyer. For those who have already picked up their survey, please be sure to get it back to Josh today. Please do your part in filling this out.
- (6) We have received a new report from **Ron Burman**. We support Ron as he attends Sunset. Please check the bulletin board in the foyer.
- (7) The new Bible class quarter will be starting in October. Please let **Ron Gallegos** know if you can teach.
- (8) **Arizona Men's Retreat**, Copper Basin Bible Camp, Sept. 29-30. See bulletin Board for more information.
- (9) **Valley Wide Singing**, Northside congregation, October 14th, 6:30 p.m.
- (10) **Copper Basin** will be hosting their Silver Anniversary Celebration October 21st. Check the bulletin board for specifics.

Congregational Calendar

Men's Business Meeting: Oct. 15th, 5:00 pm.

Ladies Class: Oct. 15th, 5:00 p.m.

Elders/Deacons Meeting: Today, 4:30 p.m.

Ladies Quilting/Crafts: Oct. 1st, 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Potluck: Group 3 - Tonight, Evening Finger Food

Bible Bowl Study: Every Saturday 4:00 -7:00 p.m. at the building

Wednesday Devo Night: September 27th