

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class 9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Class6:30 PM

Elders

Eugene Cardinal (602) 942-6373

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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

Dave Chamberlin
Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver

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Prayer List

- * Heide Prather - upcoming court date
- * Alza Beierschmitt - recovering from pneumonia
- * Courtney - (McClellans granddaughter) was hospitalized
- * June Scarbrough - recovering from eye surgery.
- * Loomis family - mother is not expected to live much longer.
- * Ed Brown - friend of Roscoe's- on Dialysis
- * Frank Chances mother-in -law - possible heart problems.
- * Nancy Sparks - Recovering from hip replacement surgery
- * Debi Simonetta - Terminal Cancer
- * Kathy Self (Peggy's Sister) - cancer, surgery on the 24th
- * Barbara Bristol - cancer has spread to her bones
- * Eugene Cardinal - recovering from bronchitis
- * Edwina Treybig - (friend of the Dale's) Lung cancer
- * Elfriede Pain (Peggy's mom) Inoperable cervical cancer
- * June Iles - suffers with Lupus
- * Donna Casey - lung cancer
- * Jean Kalb - lung cancer.
- * Chris Knowles - (friend of Linda's), cancer
- * Dean Fidler - congestive heart failure
- * Walt Garrison - Battling cancer
- * Renee' Ramos - stage 5 congestive heart failure.
- * 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

Bill McGrew

Jan 20th (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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AT DAY'S END

Is anybody happier because you passed this way?
Does anybody remember that you spoke to them today?
The day is almost over and its toiling time is through;
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Can you say tonight in parting with the day that's dipping fast,
That you helped a single person of the many that you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?
Does the person whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lose it? Was it well or sorely spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that GOD will say,
"You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today"?

— Author Unknown

"... we spend our years as a tale that is told.... So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" — Psalm 90:10-12

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 feel free to pick up one of our Visitors Packets in the Foyer.

THE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE

In their book, "A General Introduction to the Bible," Norman Geisler and William Nix make the statement, "The word of God needs no proof. It has self-vindicating authority because it is God's Word. After all, God is the highest authority (Heb. 6:13). Hence, there is nothing greater than God to which one could appeal for authority. So the Word of God is its own authority. And if the Bible is God's Word, then the same is true of the Bible - it too would speak with ultimate authority."

However, the question as to whether or not the Bible is the Word of God is a matter of evidence. After all, there are other books that claim to be God's word, and yet they contradict the Bible. Because of this there is a forced need to provide proof that the Bible is God's Word over these books and all other writings that claim to be God's word. If there is a necessity to know God's will, and there is, then we must be sure that what we are reading and following is God's will.

To begin, there must first be an understanding of what is meant by "inspired or inspiration" The word "inspiration" literally means God-breathed. Thus the writings *found within the pages of the Bible came from God. As Peter wrote concerning this, "But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is {a matter} of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God,"* (2Pet. 1:20,21). Quoting Geisler and Nix again, "Hence, when viewed as a total process, inspiration is what occurs when Spirit-moved writers record God-breathed writings," (*ibid*, p. 192).

To further our understanding of the inspiration of the Bible, attention must be paid to the three elements involved in this process.

The first element of inspiration is divine causality or God's causality. This simply means God is the Prime Mover. It was through His promptings that the prophets were led to write. This was done based on God's desire to communicate with man. The second element is the prophetic agency. Again turning to 2 Peter 1:21, "*but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*" Hence, the word of God comes to us in written form through men of God. They are the prophetic agency. The third element involved in inspiration is the resultant scriptural authority. Since God is the Prime Mover and He used godly men to write His words, those prophetic utterances are invested with divine authority. The words written by the prophets are God's Words.

In order for a writing to be considered inspired it must contain certain characteristics as well. If this were not the case we would have no way of determining whether a certain writing was from God or not. The first characteristic of inspiration is that it is verbal. The very words written by the prophets were God-given, "*not by dictation, but by the Spirit-directed employment of the prophet's own vocabulary ad style,*" (*ibid*, p.192). A second characteristic of inspiration is that it is plenary (full). As Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 3:16, "*All Scripture is inspired by God.*" Not one part is without divine authority or origin. A third characteristic is the inerrancy of the scriptures. Whatever God has spoken through His prophets is true and without error. There is no contradiction within God's word. Any writing claiming to be from God must have these characteristics. If not, we cannot follow them as the word of God.

-James Dale

(1) **Chuck Kolinchak** had bypass surgery Thursday night. The doctors did six bypasses. It was a textbook operation and Chuck is doing great. He is in Thunderbird hospital in ICU.

(2) Our **Bible Bowl** was a great success. We appreciate all the hard work that was put into this effort. Thank you to ALL those who volunteered their time. A big THANK YOU to Allan Davis, our Deacon of Youth. Good job everyone.

(3) **Ashley Parker and Billy Burnett** have announced their engagement. Congratulations!

(4) **Jason and Tennyson Rog** have asked to be recognized as members of the Northside church of Christ. They have two children, Jayden and Tyler. This is a fine couple and our elders welcome them to this flock, let us all do likewise.

(5) Please be sure to fill out your **Congregational Works Survey**. Josh Casselman, our Deacon of Involvement, will use this to help match each willing member with a work at Northside. (Matt. 5:16, Eph. 2:10)

(6) We will be having our **annual incorporation** meeting **TODAY** following morning services.

(7) Our attended **Nursery** for small children is available for both A.M. and P.M. services. To help out in the nursery please see Andrea Davis.

Congregational Calendar

Men's Business Meeting: Jan 21st, 5:00 pm.

Elders/Deacons Meeting: Jan 28th, 4:30 p.m.

Ladies Class: Jan 21st at 5:00 p.m.

Ladies Quilting/Crafts: Feb 4th, 12:00 p.m., fellowship hall, bring a sack lunch

Potluck: Group 1, Today, following morning services

Bible Bowl: Feb. 17th Mesa church of Christ

Wednesday Devo Night: Jan. 31st

Worth Watching

IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY - CHANNEL 22 - SUNDAY - 7:00 A.M.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES - CHANNEL 13 - SUNDAY - 7:30 A.M.