

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

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Missionaries

Dino Tzanetos
 Athens, Greece

Josh Austin
 Navajo Reservation
 Keyenta, Arizona

Terry Laurence (Student)
 Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver

Dave Chamberlin (Instructor)
 Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver

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Prayer List

- * Marie Hul - is in John C Lincoln East, undergoing testing
- * Oceana's mom, Renee is back in the hospital low potassium
- * Barbara Reinhart, hurt her knee, she is in a lot of pain.
- * Brenda Seligmans family
- * Andy Marchbanks was not feeling well this past week
- * June Scarbroughs sister had medical testing Tuesday.
- * Elaine Dumas is dealing with some personal struggles
- * Eugene Cardinal has a bad case of Tendonitus in his hip.
- * Don Graef (friend of Gina's) had bypass, has pneumonia
- * Brady Segedy, 7 yr. old out of ICU and doing better.
- * Alanna Liable, premature baby born at 25 weeks
- * Wanda Glover, recovering from back surgery.
- * Steve Melick, (Christy's cousin) has kidney cancer
- * Elaine is asking for prayers for her daughter
- * Barbara Reinhart - ongoing medical problems
- * Skeeter Karnes (friend of Ken Gage), surgery for blocked arteries
- * Brenda (coworker of Karen) - having heart problems
- * Barbara Murphy (Jo Ann Tole's daughter) - spiritual struggles
- * Erma Egurrola (Josh's grandmother) infection from surgery
- * Lucy (Karen Chances friend) trouble with her medications
- * Les Roza - diagnosed with inoperable cancer
- * Char Pribble, (Friend of Cathy Oliva) - struggling with Lupus.
- * Benny (Friend of the Roscoe's) has Parkinson's disease
- * Jennifer Penick (Friend of the Weiers), Stomach cancer
- * Walt Garrison (Jim Weiers step brother) - Cancer is spreading
- * Renee' Ramos - (Jen's Cousin) stage 5 congestive heart failure
- * Ashley, Missy's niece personal struggles

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK

Brandy Essary	Dec. 25 (B)
Christy Roscoe	Dec. 25 (B)
Michele Janeway	Dec. 26 (B)
Norm & Josie Horwitz	Dec. 23 (A)

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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Don't Give Up

Babe Ruth struck out 1333 times. But we remember him for his 714 home runs. Cy Young won 511 games. But the number he lost is forgotten.

Abraham Lincoln was badly beaten when he ran for the legislature. He failed in business and spent seventeen years paying out of debt. He failed to get an appointment to the U.S. Land Office. He was defeated in his race for the Senate, and in his effort to be vice-president. Again Lincoln was defeated by Douglas. But he eventually became the president of the United States.

Many believe for a while but "in time of temptation fall away" (Luke 8:13). Like Israel we have a tendency to forget God (Jeremiah 2:32). In most communities, there are those who once were more faithful than they are now. They do not attend Bible classes, night services, or other meetings as they once did. They have ceased to participate in church activities. Their light has gone out. They have virtually quit.

Everyday religion is the antidote to failure. Practice these safeguards:

Every day let God say something to you. Keep the line of communication open between you and God by reading His Word.

Every day say something to God. Stay in contact with the source of strength by prayer. We cannot walk alone. Prayer avails.

Every day say something for God. Share the good news. Tell a friend. Speak a kind word.

Every day do something for God. Look for opportunities to serve.

Opportunities are abundant; only a blind man could not see them. Give a helping hand. Encourage the downtrodden. Exhort the wayward. Comfort the sorrowful. Support the weak.

My dear brethren, let's be doers—not quitters!

- Clarence Detoach

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 may have an opportunity to meet you! Please feel free to pick up one of our Visitors Packets in the Foyer.

Persecution Cometh

Often times people see the life of a Christian as one which is supposed to be free of troubles. If this is not the case, they do not want any part of it. But as we learn in 2 Timothy the Christian life is one that will have troubles. *“And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted”* (2 Timothy 3:12).

From the beginning Jesus warned that those who followed Him would be persecuted, *“Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also,”* (John 15:20). Paul says that suffering has been granted to us as part of the Christian walk, (Phil 1:29,30). This persecution is due to the Christian’s desire to live godly.

Mankind was created a free will being (Josh. 24:15), and he can choose to do as he wishes. A Christian is one who, of his own free will, has deliberately chosen to leave sin and follow God. In doing so Christians *“do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness but instead even expose them,”* (Eph. 5:11). Jesus said the world hated Him *“because I testify of it, that its deeds are evil,”* (John 7:7). Christians are a threat to the ways of worldly thinking because the Christian says there is but one God, Eph. 4:6, and we must follow His will, John 3:36; Acts 5:29. Those of the world have created their gods of Evolution, Atheism, Humanism. These gods allow them to follow their own will and no one has the right to tell them otherwise.

Whenever one desires to live godly in Christ Jesus persecution will come and we must accept that. How many times has one chosen to become a Christian only to lose his “friends?” He chooses a life that is moral and pure, a life that does good and not evil, a life that seeks to help rather than harm and he is persecuted. Why?

I am **NOT** saying that everyone who is not a Christian desires to persecute Christians. I am **NOT** saying that everyone who is not a Christian is an Evolutionist, Atheist or Humanist. Many are still seeking after the truth. But the Scriptures are clear, persecution will come and it will come from the world. Consider what Peter had to say on this subject. *“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;”*

How then do we stay faithful knowing that we will suffer through persecution? The Apostle Paul, as one who was not unfamiliar to persecution, (2Cor. 11:22-28), wrote *“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us”* (Rom. 8:18).

No matter what we face as Christians, something far greater awaits us in the age to come. It is this hope which keeps us moving forward. In some ways we are like the soldier who continues to fight as he faces the hardships of battle so he might see his family again. It is this hope which drives us to greater levels of faithfulness. As Paul writes, *“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...”* (2Tim. 4:7,8)

James Dale

- (1) Thank you to everyone who attended our Holiday Party yesterday. We enjoyed having all of you in our home. The Dale family.
- (2) We have many of our congregation traveling. Please keep all in your prayers including, Pat O’Connor, Norm and Josie Horwitz, the Janeways and the Roscoe’s.
- (3) **Sandstorm Bible Bowl, Jan 12th.** If you would like to assist, sign up sheets are posted under the Youth section of the bulletin board.
- (4) New quarter for **Bible classes** starts in January. If you would like to teach please see Ron Gallegos.
- (5) Josh Casselman, Deacon of Involvement, is looking for someone to head up out **Tract ministry.** If you are interested please see him ASAP.
- (6) If you would like to send letters or cards to **Mark and Christy Roscoe’s nephew who is in Iraq.** Anthony Roscoe, C 2-1 AVN, COB Speicher, APO AE 09393 (e-mail) atlaloire@hotmail.com
- (7) **Monday prayer** time for the ladies at the building 9:00 a.m.
- (8) **CD’s are available** for both morning and evening sermons. There is a sign up sheet under the Home section of the bulletin board ***If you requested a CD please check the table in the foyer.***

WORTH WATCHING

Search The Scriptures - KAZT Channel 13 - Sunday - 7:30 a.m.
On the Internet “Gospel Broadcasting Network” - www.gbntv.org

Northside Calendar

Ladies Quilting/Crafts: Jan 6th, 12:00 p.m.
Potluck: Canceled for December
Ladies Class: New class begins Jan. 20th
Men’s Business Meeting: Jan 20th, 5:00 pm.
Elders/Deacons Meeting: Today, 5:00 p.m.
In Touch: This week, Team 2
Nursery Attendant: A.M. Valerie Gage P.M. Barbara Staten
Walkabout Group: TBA

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