

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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(602) 439-5953

Joshua Casselman (Involvement)
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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

- * Elaine Dumas is suffering with a bad sinus infection
- * Barbara Reinhart is in John C Lincoln on Dunlap
- * Eugene pulled a muscle in his back
- * Logan Haney's mother has terminal cancer (Upland Ca.)
- * Alza's great-great grandson was premature and weighs 2 lbs.
- * Jennifer Casselman, having trouble with vertigo
- * Shawna, coworker of Karen was taken to the hospital.
- * Joanne Garrett (James D's mother) fell and broke her femur
- * Steven Gow (friend of Brenda Seligman) has terminal cancer
- * Renee' Ramos - (Jen's Cousin) stage 5 congestive heart failure
- * Brenda Seligman's family
- * June Scarbrough's sister, awaiting results of her medical test
- * Don Graef (friend of Gina's) had bypass, has pneumonia
- * Brady Segedy, is doing much better. He has 70% use of his legs.
- * Isabella Liable, is now 2 lbs 4 oz. and is doing much better.
- * Steve Melick, (Christy's cousin) has kidney cancer
- * Elaine is asking for prayers for her daughter
- * 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
- * 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
- * Ashley, Missy's niece personal struggles

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK

Tommy Chance

Jan 30 (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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Woodpeckers

Since there are several woodpeckers who hammer at the trees outside my office window, the article about woodpeckers in the "Dandy Designs" section of John Clayton's Jan/Feb. issue of Does God Exist? publication got my attention. There are several marvels in the design of the woodpecker that show there must be a creator, but this article dealt with another benefit that comes from the woodpecker. A study has been done by the Wildlife Conservation Society and Arkansas State University about the part that woodpeckers play in preventing forest fires.

The study shows that woodpeckers create holes in dead trees that serve as growing places for fungal spores. As the birds return to these holes to feed or to excavate them further for nesting purposes, they pick up fungi on their beaks and pass the spores on to other dead trees where they are finding insects. The fungi are major decomposers in the forest, and without them snags would stay and dry out and become sources of fuel for disastrous forest fires.

Other researchers have shown that forests where woodpeckers have died out or been removed accumulate so much snag materials that reforestation is almost an impossibility. The woodpecker is critical to the health of the forest and to the recycling of materials for other plants to use.

The design of the woodpecker itself is incredible, but its multiple role in nature shows how everything man sees is interconnected and has complexity that is far beyond what is obvious. Everywhere we look and everything we see speaks of the beautiful design and wisdom that is built into every nook and cranny of the cosmos. Truly we can "know there is a God through the things He has made" (Romans 1:20).

Wayne Burger

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.

THE SHORT END OF THE STICK

For many it seems, that life just isn't fair. Either they are poor, sickly or down trodden, it makes no difference. Somewhere along the way they believe they have been handed what could be called "the short end of the stick."

The problem is not believing you been handed the short end of the stick, but rather the work of sin promoted by Satan. We live in a world where sin abounds. Satan uses this sin as an opportunity to destroy our faith in God and devour each of us, "*Be of sober {spirit,} be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour*" (1Pet. 5:8). The work of Satan affects everyone, rich, poor, old and young it makes no difference. Sadly, many will leave this world having never been freed from the works of Satan.

But we find hope in God's word. "*All of these died in faith, without receiving the promise, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them*" (Hebrews 11:13-16).

For those who die in faith there is no "short end of the stick." In Christ we are heirs of the promise, (Galatians 3:26-29). With God's grace and our obedience the greatest reward of all is assured. We have life eternal in the presence of our Father.

We must also understand that being a Christian doesn't mean we will no longer face struggles. On the contrary we are told, "*For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,*" (Phil. 1:29).

So why would someone then choose to be a Christian? The answer lies in what is ahead of us. Christians are investing in the future. We are not looking back, as it were, to the country from which we came, but towards a Heavenly one. Our goal is to be at peace with God while we live on this earth, "*Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*" (Rom. 5:1). This peace brings eternal life in our Father's heavenly kingdom. This makes all the struggles of this life worthwhile. The Apostle Paul referred to it this way, "*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).

Undoubtedly the world will continue to point the "short end of the stick" our way. However, if we are in Christ, we can look beyond this, to the heavenly country which God has prepared for those who remain faithfully His. With this in mind we never really have to face the "short end of the stick."

James Dale

- (1) Linda Hays will be hosting a **weekly Bible study** in her home beginning February 4th. The class will be from 6:30-7:30 each Monday. Everyone is invited, but we hope to use the class to reach out to friends and family, so please invite someone.
- (2) The next **Ladies Class** will be studying Sarah. Please read chapters 2,3 & 4. We will be covering all three classes for February's class. If you ordered a book for the one teaching the class, she'll have the books here Feb. 3rd.
- (3) The **Decoration Committee** for the Ladies Day will be meeting Sun. Feb. 3rd at the fellowship building at 12:00 P.M.
- (4) We are still **missing several items** from the building. A table from the fellowship hall, several rolls of colored bulletin board paper from the teacher supply room, and the foot stool from the kitchen. If you know where these items are or used them please let one of the deacons know.
- (5) **Mary Bauer** will be teaching a painting class for the Ladies Crafts day. If you would like to participate in the class please bring 3 Bristle oil brushes, sizes 1", 3/4", 1/2"; Canvas, any size; glass mason jar with a lid.
- (6) There is a sign up sheet for food items for the **Fellowship Breakfast** on Friday February, 1st at 9:00 a.m. Everyone in the adult class is invited. It will be in the fellowship hall. See Linda Hays if you have any questions.
- (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: Feb. 3rd, 12:00 p.m.
Potluck: Tonight - Evening Finger food
Ladies Class: New class begins Today at 4:30 p.m.
Ladies Day: March 1st
Men's Business Meeting: Feb. 17th, 5:00 pm.
Elders/Deacons Meeting: Today, 5:00 p.m.
In Touch: This week, Team 3
Nursery Attendant: A.M. P.M.
Walkabout Group: First Monday of the month, meet at the building at 9:00 a.m.

IF YOU HAVE SMALL CHILDREN WE PROVIDE AN ATTENDED NURSERY AND A CRY ROOM FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.