

## Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class ..... 9:00 AM  
 Sunday AM Worship .....10:00 AM  
 Sunday PM Worship ..... 6:00 PM  
 Wednesday Bible Class ..... 6:30 PM

### Elders

Eugene Cardinal (602) 942-6373  
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### Supported Mission Works

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

Eddison Gruber  
 Crownpoint New Mexico (Reservation)

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## Prayer List

- \* Nancy Sparks is traveling; please keep her in your prayers.
- \* Judy Seligman, Brenda's mother is now home recovering from by-pass surgery.
- \* Oleta has been ill for the past several weeks.
- \* Stephanie Rogers, high-risk pregnancy
- \* Barbara Reinhart, recovering from a broken wrist.
- \* Deborah Buford (Michele's sister) tumor has returned
- \* Alma (friend of Pauline's) has cancer
- \* Marie Huls, will be going back in for surgery in a few weeks
- \* Matt & Sasha, (Dora's son and daughter in law) struggles
- \* Ken Reinhart has liver cancer.
- \* Jennifer Pennick (friend of Gina's) stomach removed
- \* Carol Somers (friend of the Weiers) not responding to cancer treatments.
- \* Matthew Ravine (Barbara R's son-in-law) very ill
- \* Lisa, (McClellans daughter) making destructive life choices
- \* June Iles is sick with Lupus
- \* Joscelyn Iles as she cares for her daughter
- \* Don Graef (friend of Gina's) improving after bypass surgery.
- \* Melody Dye, Pam's sister, recovering from cancer surgery
- \* Rosie & Charlie Hilger (Roscoe's nieces), personal struggles
- \* Alexei Fainblout (Dora's daughters fiancée) is in Iraq.
- \* Jim Peters (Barb Statens dad) heart problems
- \* Tammy Avery struggles with health problems.
- \* Renee' Ramos - (Jen's Cousin) congestive heart failure
- \* Char Pribble, (Friend of Cathy Oliva) struggles with Lupus
- \* Walt Garrison (Jim Weiers step brother) undergoing treatment for cancer.

### BEST WISHES THIS WEEK

**Barney & Alza Beierschmitt**  
**Dora Sanders**

**Oct 21 (A)**  
**Oct 22 (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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## Making Plans

Croesus, who lived in the sixth century before Christ, was fabled for his wealth. He is the historical source for the legend of Midas, whose touch turned everything to gold. As the king of ancient Lydia, he planned a war against the Persians. When he consulted the oracle at Delphi, he was told that if he went to war, he would destroy a great empire. He took this as a green light to fight the Persians, and went to battle. After being decisively defeated, he sent messengers to question the oracle. The answer: "The oracle was right. You did indeed destroy a great empire—your own."

Croesus, as a pagan, consulted an oracle, which gave him ambiguous advice. His story might have been very different had he consulted the God of heaven.

James warns about making plans without considering God. *"Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin"* (James 4:13-17).

By Bob Prichard

**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.**

## “Let Me Be First”

On one occasion Christ heard these words, “*I will follow thee, but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house*” (Luke 9:61) Some say, when confronted with passionate pleas of the Gospel, “Let me first get my education, a better job, a home, a new automobile, and other necessary things of life.

These folks have a place for Christ in their lives--second place! They seem convinced that material security will somehow prepare them to follow Christ. Such a perception fails to grasp the meaning of Christ’s words: “*A man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth*” (Luke 12:15). So many have actually reversed the saying of Christ and are seeking the wealth of the world thinking the kingdom of God will be added unto them. To gain all the world and to lose Christ is to lose all.

A young college student manifests another attitude commonly encountered. He said, “I will follow the Lord one day; but let me first sow my wild oats. When I have had all the good times I want, then I’ll be a Christian.” The first objective of this self-described life is to serve self, to satisfy every lust of the flesh. Following Christ and serving sin are as opposite as the poles. If one spends his life engaging in the sinful practices of the world he cannot hope to be with Christ in heaven.

Still others want first to gain a vast knowledge of the world. Have you heard men boast of their years of schooling as evidence of the truthfulness of their ideas? I’ve heard Christians do exactly that.

A few others are showing by their fruits that they will follow Christ, if they can be first. They want to be admired for what they do and say. They desire the praises of men more than the praises of God. It is a self-serving religion, not a God serving commitment.

How many other things do people put first in their lives? Dear reader, there is nothing wrong with having a good education, a better job, a home, a new or better car, or even having a depth of worldly knowledge. The harm is in allowing things to take precedence over the things of God’s kingdom.

What is first in your life? Is it money, pleasure, education, glory, or is it Christ Jesus?

--- Michael W. McLemore - via Gospel Power, Anderson,

- (1) Brenda Seligman has a new phone number – 623-203-6334
- (2) We received a **mission report** from Edison Grubber. Please check the bulletin board.
- (3) We are in need of several food items for our pantry. We need canned Spam, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, saltine crackers, and peanut butter. Please place items in our pantry room or on the table in the foyer in a marked bag. Thank You.
- (4) **Karen Chance** is updating the picture board and directory. If you have any changes please see her.
- (5) **Monday Morning Prayer and Friday coffee** are back on schedule.
- (6) **CD’s are available** for both morning and evening sermons. See Josh Casselman for more information. *If you requested CD’s please be sure to pick your copies up.*

## WORTH WATCHING

*Search The Scriptures - KAZI Channel 13 - Sunday - 7:30 a.m.*  
*On the Internet “Gospel Broadcasting Network” - [www.gbntv.org](http://www.gbntv.org)*

## Northside Calendar

**Ladies Quilting/Crafts:** Nov. 2nd, Following morning services  
**Potluck:** Oct 26th, Following Evening Services  
**Ladies Class:** Today, 5:00 p.m.  
**Men’s Business Meeting:** Today, 5:00 pm.  
**Elders/Deacons Meeting:** Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.  
**Nursery:** A.M. Jamie Dale P.M. Jan Kolinchak  
**In Touch, this week:** Team 1  
**Walkabout Group:** Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – Bike Ride at the Phoenix Zoo  
**Youth Devo:** TBA

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