

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class 9:00 AM
 Sunday AM Worship10:00 AM
 Sunday PM Worship 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible Class 6:30 PM

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Supported Mission Works

Dino Tzanetos;
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*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

- * Missy Harford, possible internal hernia, she is scheduled to have a laparoscopy in the next 10 days.
- * Chris Jackson, (Jacob Harford's friends dad) fell from a 30 foot cliff
- * Christy Roscoe fell and has a badly sprained ankle
- * Missy Harford – has a viral infection in the lining of her stomach
- * Mandi, Pat O'Connors niece, delivered her baby prematurely
- * Rosa Yelverton, personal struggles
- * Stephanie Rogers, high-risk pregnancy
- * Barbara Reinhart, has ill been this past week.
- * 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.
- * Carol Somers (friend of the Weiers) not responding to cancer treatments.
- * 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) heading back from Iraq in two weeks.
- * 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

Laura Rice

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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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Hating Family?

How does one explain Jesus' injunction for followers to "hate" their families?

When Christ observed that great crowds were following Him—some obviously for mundane reasons (cf. John 6:26)— He challenged them thus:

If any man cometh unto me and hateth not his own father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple (Luke 14:26).

To some this passage is quite difficult, for it appears to contradict other biblical injunctions which require love for family, both physical and spiritual (cf. Ephesians 5:25; 1 John 2:11).

In ancient times, however, the term hate was frequently employed idiomatically to denote simply the preference of one thing over another. For example, in Genesis 29:31 it is said that Jacob "hated" his wife Leah, yet the context makes it very clear that he merely loved his other wife Rachel more than Leah (v. 30).

Accordingly, when Jesus demands that we must hate our family members, He is not suggesting that we must literally have ill feelings for them. Rather, the Lord is stressing that we must love Him more than all others, even those dearest to us. This is borne out by a comparison of Luke 14:26 with a parallel in Matthew 10:37, where Christ declares: *"He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."*

Underline, therefore, the word "hateth" in Luke 14:26, and in your margin write: Literally, love less; see Genesis 29:29–30; Matthew 10:37.

—Wayne Jackson

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.

Going To Heaven

Our number one priority in this life must be to go to Heaven. Nothing else is as important. Jesus says in Matthew 6:33, "*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*" Our soul is the most precious thing we have. There is nothing that can equal its value. We read in Matthew 16:26, "*For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*" One certainly does not profit in the tragic loss of his soul.

It is easy in today's materialistic society to get caught up in the pursuit of materialism if we are not careful. Our Lord says in Matthew 6:19-21, "*Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also.*" Our bank account needs to be in heaven.

Everyday we need to tell ourselves that the main thing in this life is to go to Heaven. We read in Colossians 3:2, "*Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*" We should regularly think about going to Heaven.

Heaven is a prepared place (John 14:2-3) for a prepared people. It will be such a wonderful place, which is beyond our wildest dreams. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 2:9, "*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.*" There is no way that Heaven can be described so we as mortal human beings can understand how wonderful it will be.

A person will not accidentally go to Heaven. Going to Heaven is a lifelong race as we read in Hebrews 12:1, "*Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.*" Going to Heaven requires endurance, patience, and persistence. We must finish the race.

By Ron Boatwright

- (1) **Oleta** is missing her Bible, which is usually in her regular place on the front pew. Eugene is also missing his back pillow from the same spot. If you have seen these items please let them know.
- (2) Any man wishing to preach on Sunday nights please let Josh know and he will add you to the schedule.
- (3) **The Camelback Bible Bowl** is coming November 8th at the Sun Valley church of Christ.
- (4) Please check the bulletin board for events that are taking place in the Phoenix area. These will be in the "**Around Town**" section.
- (5) 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.
- (6) **Monday Morning Prayer and Friday coffee** are back on schedule.
- (7) **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

Northside Calendar

Ladies Quilting/Crafts: Today, Following morning services
Potluck: Nov 9th, Following Morning Services
Ladies Class: Nov. 16th, 5:00 p.m.
Men's Business Meeting: Nov. 16th, 5:00 pm.
Elders/Deacons Meeting: Nov. 23rd, 5:00 p.m.
Nursery: A.M. P.M.
In Touch, this week: Team 3
Walkabout Group: Dec 1st – 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.