

## 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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(602) 439-5953

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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

- \* Deborah Buford (Michele's sister) cancer has gone into remission
- \* Anna Russell, (Andy's mom) has pneumonia and not doing well. They are moving her to hospice care.
- \* Charlotte, Jan Burkhardt's niece, is having testing on her kidneys. Possibility of a tumor on her kidney.
- \* Kathy Peters, (Barbara Staten's mother), recovering from knee surgery.
- \* Alfredo Ramirez, Rosa Yelverton's grandfather suffered a diabetic seizure last week. He is home recovering.
- \* Jim Weiers will be undergoing a Colonoscopy.
- \* Barney Beierschmitt, having trouble walking after his fall.
- \* John Reinhart, will be undergoing a bone marrow harvest and is going back on chemotherapy.
- \* Missy Harford, surgery Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 am, @ Paradise Valley Hospital
- \* Kathleen Podlasinski recovering from Hernia surgery.
- \* Linda's daughter Tammy has asked for prayers for her friend Patty who has gone through back surgery. Keep Tammy in your prayers as well.
- \* Stephanie Rogers, has lesions on her brain
- \* Matt & Sasha, (Dora's son and daughter in law) struggles
- \* Ken Reinhart has liver cancer.
- \* June Iles is sick with Lupus
- \* Joscelyn Iles as she cares for her daughter
- \* Don Graef (friend of Gina's) improving after bypass surgery.
- \* Rosie & Charlie Hilger (Roscoe's nieces), personal struggles
- \* Tammy Avery struggles with health problems.
- \* Renee' Ramos - (Jen's Cousin) congestive heart failure
- \* Walt Garrison (Jim Weiers step brother) undergoing treatment for cancer.

## BEST WISHES THIS WEEK

**Ron Gallegos**  
**Louise Kistner**

**Nov 30 (B)**  
**Dec 06 (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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## YOUR EPITAPH

Since life is brief and death is certain we might well ask the question: "How do you want your epitaph to read?" James writes: "*What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time, and then vanishes*" (James 4: 14).

In humor these epitaphs are said to exist:

- \* On a dentist's tombstone: "He's filing his last cavity."
- \* On a tombstone in England: "In this place lies William Yeast. Pardon him for not rising."
- \* On a wife's tombstone: "She lived with her husband fifty years, and died in the confident hope of a better life."

Peter's sermon to the household of Cornelius said regarding Jesus: "*He went about doing good*" (Acts 10:38). These words characterize the life of Jesus and could serve as our Lord's epitaph, that is if His resurrection had not made his epitaph totally unnecessary.

It is God's will that we too, like Jesus, spend our days "doing good."

We can do good by a life that demonstrates generous giving, showing compassion to hurting people, teaching others, supporting the weak, and always walking in love.

*"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith"* (Gal. 6:10).

Some go about doing evil. Let us go about doing 'good.

**Clinton Storm**

*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.*

## When Ignorance is Good

Educators sometimes say half-jokingly that their task is "stamping out ignorance." This is also the function of those who teach and preach God's word - and that's no joke! Not knowing "the three R's" is a great handicap, but not knowing Christ is the most tragic ignorance of all! (John 8:24,32; Acts 17:23b, 30; 2 Thess. 1:7-9)

But is ignorance always a bad thing? The Bible says there are some things we are not supposed to know "... *you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow...*" (James 4:14). Here James is warning against making big plans with no guarantee of even being alive tomorrow. Such arrogant presumption, James says, is evil. Ignorance of the future should humble us as we acknowledge that we can carry out our plans only "if the Lord wills."

Ignorance of the future also keeps us on our toes. Concerning His return, Jesus said, "*But of that day and hour no one knows...*" (Matt. 24:36). If we knew when Jesus was coming, the temptation to procrastinate obedience would be intense. "*Therefore be on the alert,*" Jesus said, "*for you do not know which day your Lord is coming*" (Matt. 24:42).

We also don't know the exact outcome of obedience to God. When God tested Abraham by commanding him to sacrifice his beloved son (Gen. 22), Abraham believed that after he had killed Isaac, God would raise him from the dead (Heb. 11:17-19). But of course that's not the way it worked out. Only at the very last moment did God prevent him. But imagine if Abraham had known all along: "I will raise the knife to sacrifice my son, but then God will stop me, and I won't have to kill him after all!" What kind of test would that be? He would have simply gone through the motions, and it would have been easy. For the test to work, Abraham had to be ignorant of the outcome.

Likewise when we endure trials, we don't know exactly how it will all turn out. Our obligation is to trust and obey - and leave the consequences to God. In such cases ignorance may not be bliss, but it is best.

David Gibson, Commerce church of Christ, Commerce, TX. Via Bulletin Digest August 2008.

- (1) **Ladies Tea**, Saturday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., all ladies please bring a Christmas ornament to exchange.
- (2) We have a new **mission report from Edison Grubber**. It is on the bulleting board.
- (3) There is a sign up sheet for **food for Kathleen** on the bulletin board.
- (4) **The Christmas party** will be Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship building.
- (5) **Northside Bible Bowl** will be Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, more information to come.
- (6) **Men's Retreat February 6<sup>th</sup>&7<sup>th</sup>**. (Janeway cabin) This is a Friday and Saturday event. Men wishing to present a lesson please see James Dale.
- (7) The **new book for ladies class** is "Living Beyond Yourself" by Beth Moore. It is \$14.95 at [www.Lifeway.com](http://www.Lifeway.com)
- (8) Any man wishing to preach on Sunday nights please let Josh know and he will add you to the schedule.
- (9) **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:** Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, following morning services  
**Potluck:** Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, Following Morning Services  
**Ladies Class:** TBA. You need to order your book. See Special Announcements for information.  
**Ladies Prayer and Coffee:** *Prayer*, Mondays 9:00 a.m. - *Coffee*, Fridays at 9:00 a.m.  
**Men's Business Meeting:** Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 pm.  
**Elders/Deacons Meeting:** Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.  
**Nursery:** A.M. P.M.  
**In Touch, this week:** Team 3  
**Walkabout Group:** Dec 1<sup>st</sup> - Bike Ride at the Phoenix Zoo

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