

## 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  
Sonny Janeway (623) 583-2726  
Chuck Kolinchak (602) 938-9429

### Minister

James Dale (623) 882-6671  
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### Deacons

Ron Gallegos (Education)  
(623) 561-5674

Allan Davis (Youth)  
(602) 439-5953

Joshua Casselman (Worship)  
(602) 938-2800

### 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)*

Jesus Gonzalez  
*Agua Prieta, Mexico*

Alonso Villalobos  
*Veracruz Mexico*

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## Prayer List

- \* Alfredo Ramirez, Rosa Yelvertons grandfather, passed away this week.
- \* Andy's sister Mary has to have an MRI.
- \* Jim Weiers will be having skin cancer surgery the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- \* Oleta continues to go through therapy on her back.
- \* Sue Blacketter has a viral infection in her lungs, but is improving.
- \* Warner, neighbor of the Phillips, diagnosed with cancer.
- \* Helen Edben, needs open heart surgery but she is 86 and the doctors won't do it because of other health issues.
- \* Ben, friend of the Roscoe's, has Parkinson's
- \* Barbara Murphy, Joanne Toles daughter, is undergoing a bone marrow test.
- \* Sasha Gillespie is in need of prayers for legal matters.
- \* Marie Huls is asking for prayers for health issues.
- \* Ireta Red (Marilyn McGrew) has been diagnosed with a non malignant brain tumor.
- \* Andy Marchbank's needs prayers for her health.
- \* Stan Blacketter, (Sues brother-in-law) has non small cell lung cancer.
- \* The Carpenter Family, Kolinchaks daughter, personal problems
- \* June Iles is sick with Lupus
- \* Joscelyn Iles as she cares for her daughter
- \* Tammy Avery struggles with health problems.
- \* Walt Garrison (Jim Weiers step brother) undergoing treatment for cancer.

**BEST WISHES THIS WEEK**

# 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 Starve, There's Plenty

A bird can go nine days without food, a dog 20 days, a turtle 500 days, a snake 800 days, a fish 1,000 days, and some insects 12,000 days. For man, however, two weeks is about the limit.

Sooner or later nourishment is necessary for all of God's creatures.

Have you ever noticed that we are seldom asked to read God's Word? We are urged to study it (2 Timothy 2:15), meditate upon it (1 Timothy 4:15), and compare spiritual things with spiritual (2 Corinthians 2:13). In other words, the Bible is too holy and sacred to toy with. God wants us to put consecrated effort into our approach to the Scriptures, for only in this way we will assimilate its sweet nourishment and good doctrine.

Some Christians are starving to death, not because food is unavailable but simply because they haven't eaten it. What home does not have a Bible or an opportunity to attend worship services? A Bible on the shelf is of no more value than food in the refrigerator. Don't starve your soul! Feed on the Word of God, and grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

*Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up (Revelation 10:9).*

Glad Tidings

**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.**

*Context*

con•text \ n [ME, weaving together of words, fr. L contextus connection of words] 1: the parts of a discourse that surround a word or passage and can throw light upon its meaning 2: MILIEU, ENVIRONMENT.

One of the most important elements to consider in hermeneutics [a fancy word for Bible interpretation] is context. The context often makes all the difference between understanding and misunderstanding a passage. The Bible has been divided into chapters and verses for our convenience. Without these divisions, it would be much harder to find things in the Bible. It also causes many problems, though, because the chapter and verse divisions tend to make us ignore context. We tend to think that the verse or chapter stands alone, which is almost always not correct.

Our communication is based on letters, words, sentences, paragraphs, etc. Many Bible verses are simply parts of longer sentences, and thus cannot be properly understood without considering the rest of the sentence. Further, a sentence often cannot be understood without considering the paragraph in which it is found. Beyond this, a paragraph often cannot be understood without considering the surrounding chapters, the whole book, or the entire Bible. All of this is context.

Consider this example of stringing together individual Bible passages without consideration of context:

*“Then Judas, which had betrayed him ... cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself”* (Matthew 27:3-5). *“And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise”* (Luke 6:31). *“And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly”* (John 13:27).

Consideration of the context is so important, because without it, we run the risk of making the Bible say what we want it to say. Instead, we need to let the Bible speak, and learn what it really says, not just what we want or expect it to say. *“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”* (John 8:31-32). Context would tell us that it is not just any truth that makes us free, but the truth of God’s Word. And if we love truth as we should, we will make sure that we consider context.

**By Bob Prichard**

- (1) There are free issues of “**The Entrusted Word**” on the table in the foyer. James Dale has an article in this publication.
- (2) **James Dale, Chuck Kolinchak, Sonny Janeway, John Lykins, and Ken Gage**, will be leaving for the Workshop in The Word in Durango Co., this Thursday morning. They will be back Saturday then 25<sup>th</sup>.
- (3) We will be having our monthly **Men’s business meeting today at 5:00 p.m.** All men are invited to attend and participate in the work of the church here at Northside.
- (4) Please make plans for the **American Indian Mission Seminar**. Northside will be hosting this event this year. It will be a one-day seminar on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- (5) **Jamie Dale** will be graduating from ASU with her Bachelors in English, Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. She will be attending the ceremony at the West campus. We will be having a party for her Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. at the Dale’s. She will be leaving for the summer session at Cambridge University in England the first of July.
- (6) To help the congregation stay informed, **the minutes from the business meetings** will be posted under the “Home” section of bulletin board. These will be posted the week following each meeting starting April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**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:** May 3<sup>rd</sup> following morning services  
**Potluck:** April 26<sup>th</sup>, Evening finger food  
**Ladies Class:** Today, 5:00 p.m.  
**Men’s Business Meeting:** Today, 5:00 pm.  
**Elders/Deacons Meeting:** April 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.  
**Nursery:** A.M. Jamie Dale P.M. Jan Kolinchak  
**In Touch, this week:** Team 4

**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.**

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