

## 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  
nsminister@cox.net

### 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

- \* Jana Weiers was ill last Wednesday and went to the hospital.
- \* Alec Oliva is having surgery on the 12th
- \* Kathy Lee, (Ken Kolinchak's mother-in-law) has bone cancer
- \* Melba Humphreys, (Wanda's sister) had 3 strokes, going in for surgery
- \* Kim, (co-worker of Dora) prayers for cancer treatment
- \* Elvira Lee, (Christy Roscoe's cousins mother) has lung and liver cancer. Considering chemo treatments.
- \* Please keep the Roscoes in your prayers as they struggle with financial problems. Also, Mark's niece, Charla is now living with them and it is possible that Rosie, Charla's older sister might be moving in as well.
- \* Jim Weiers is recovering from skin cancer surgery.
- \* Warner, neighbor of the Phillips, diagnosed with cancer.
- \* Ben, friend of the Roscoe's, has Parkinson's
- \* Marie Huls is asking for prayers for health issues.
- \* 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 seems to be doing better.
- \* Walt Garrison (Jim Weiers step brother) undergoing treatment for cancer.

## BEST WISHES THIS WEEK

Missy Harford

May 14 (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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## RECONCILIATION

Few things hold for us such beauty and warmth as the biblical concept of reconciliation. To be reconciled means, "to be made friends again." All who have experienced the loneliness and bitterness of estrangement can appreciate the joy of reconciliation.

Sin is that which separates a person from his or her Creator (Isaiah 59:1-2). Because we are sinners, we are incapable of providing for our own salvation. One who is a sinner cannot be the Savior. This is why Jesus came to earth and shed His life's blood. His blood - the blood of the sinless Lamb of God - purchased our redemption and provided the means whereby we might once again be united with God. The blessing of reconciliation may be beyond our ability to fully comprehend, but it is possible for us to possess it by accepting Christ as our Savior and His word as our blueprint for Christian living. Such reconciliation was the subject of Paul's discourse to the Christians living in Ephesus. He wrote to them saying, "But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." (Ephesians 2:13) "Brought near" describes the practical effect of reconciliation through the blood of Jesus. Instead of being on the "outside" looking in but excluded as "strangers" from the blessings of the gospel, we are full participants through faith in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:11-12).

It is the precious blood of Jesus Christ, which purchases our redemption and provides for us the reconciliation, which we so desperately need and desire. May we ever be thankful that God has chosen "in Christ" to reconcile all men to Himself!

Are you "in Christ" where all such blessings are found? (Ephesians 1:3, Romans 6:1-4).

- Glen Elliott, Greenbrier Church of Christ

*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.*

*"Are You Worthy?"*

There is no question that our God is Holy and Righteous. Isaiah writes, *"And one called out to another and said, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory.'" (Isa. 6:3).* We also read, *"...God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all."* (1Jhn 1:5). Thus, all that is true, pure and glorious can be found in the nature of God. The purity of His nature is such that man cannot look upon His face and live. In speaking to Moses, God once said, *"...You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!" Then the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock; and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by."* (Ex. 33:20-22). This small glimpse of God's glory was enough to cause Moses' face to glow, Ex. 34:29-35.

Because of God's righteousness there is a recognition that man is not "worthy" to stand before Him. But, is there ever a time when man is worthy to stand before a righteous God?

Consider that Christians are often told to walk in a **worthy** manner. *"Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,"* (Eph. 4:1). See also Phil 1:27; Col. 1:10; 1Thess. 2:12. The word "worthy" means, "appropriately: - as becometh, after a godly sort, worthily (-thy), (Strongs Concordance). The basic idea is that a Christians is to live in harmony with God's nature and will.

But does walking in a worthy manner accomplish anything? In writing to Christians Paul states, *"To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power,"* (2Thess. 1:11). The word "worthy" here is a little different from our previous word. This word is an adverb and reflects God's view of the one who is walking in a worthy manner. According to Vine's Expository Dictionary, this word means: "to think or count worthy, is used (1) of the estimation formed by God (a) favorably, 2Thess. 2:11, suggestive of grace..."

What might we conclude then? Sinful man is unworthy to stand before a Righteous and Holy God, Isa. 59:1,2. But, this is not the life of the Christian. We are called to a different standard. *"As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, 'YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.'" (1Pet. 1:14-16).* Through the blood of Jesus, we have entered into a special relationship with God. *"...seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust."* (2Pet. 1:2-4). Christians have been granted special access to God, *"Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."* (Heb 10:18-22).

Without Christ no man can stand before God. Yet, through of the effects of His sacrifice and due to our obedience every Christian can stand boldly before God, knowing that although unworthy, He views us as worthy.

James Dale

- (1) **Hadleigh Rush** was baptized into Christ Friday afternoon. Hadleigh is a great man who truly loves the Lord. Please keep him in your prayers add him to your directory. 3010 W Yorkshire Dr. #2020, Phoenix Az 85029, 602-301-7227.
- (2) Josh is still looking for teachers for our VBS this year. The dates are August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>
- (3) We have a **new mission report from Jose Alonso** in Veracruz Mexico and **Josh Austin**. Copies are available on the table in the foyer.
- (4) **The Green's** have a new address. 10810 W Hope Drive, Sun City, Az. 85351
- (5) Please update **Jocelyn Iles** address to 7419 W Corrine Dr. Peoria Az 85381; 623-444-8229
- (6) The minutes from the **men's business meeting** have been posted on the bulletin board.
- (7) **Jamie Dale's** convocation ceremony is at the ASU West campus, Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Her graduation party will be Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Dale's.

## WORTH WATCHING

*Search The Scriptures - KAZIT Channel 13 - Sunday - 7:30 a.m.*  
*On the Internet "Gospel Broadcasting Network" - www.gbntv.org*

## Northside Calendar

**Ladies Quilting/Crafts:** June 7th, following morning services  
**Potluck:** May 24<sup>th</sup>, Evening finger-food  
**Ladies Class:** May 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.  
**Men's Business Meeting:** May 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm.  
**Elders/Deacons Meeting:** May 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.  
**Nursery:** A.M. Brandy Essary P.M. Mary Essary  
**In Touch, this week:** Team 3  
**American Indian Missions Seminar:** August 1<sup>st</sup>

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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