

## 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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### Minister

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 (623) 561-5674

Allan Davis (Youth)  
 (602) 439-5953

Joshua Casselman (Worship)  
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### Supported Mission Works

Dino Tzanetos;  
 Athens, Greece

Josh Austin  
 Navajo Reservation, Keyenta, AZ

Terry Laurence  
 Navajo Reservation, Ft. Defiance, AZ

Eddison Gruber  
 Navajo Reservation, Crownpoint NM

Dave Chamberlin (Instructor)  
 Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver

Jesus Gonzalez  
 Agua Prieta, Mexico

Alonso Villalobos  
 Veracruz Mexico

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## Prayer List

- \* Christy Roscoe has a blockage to her heart and will be undergoing surgery
- \* Bill McGrew received news on his biopsy, it is not cancer, but surgery will be required to remove the tumor.
- \* Tom Hays had a biopsy last week, keep him in your prayers
- \* Please keep Dora and her three children in your prayers
- \* Kathy Lee's cancer has returned and she will be needing chemotherapy
- \* Ireta Red, Marilyn McGrews sister will be undergoing a mastectomy.
- \* Rhonda Evans, as she recovers from stomach surgery.
- \* Jocelyn Iles suffers with emphysema and COPD
- \* Mary, Andy Marchbanks sister is scheduled to have a hysterectomy.
- \* Jim Kistners recovery is going well.
- \* Barbara Reinhart is improving and getting stronger
- \* Sue Blacketter health has improved.
- \* Sharon Armstrong, possible cancer
- \* Lee Ann Janeway, possible cancer
- \* Jim and Lenora Green have been fighting medical problems.
- \* Kathy Lee, (Ken Kolinchak's mother-in-law) has bone cancer
- \* The Carpenter Family,
- \* Walt Garrison (Jim Weiers step brother) undergoing treatment for cancer.

## BEST WISHES THIS WEEK

<b>Bill &amp; Marilyn McGrew</b>	<b>Nov 19 (A)</b>
<b>Katie Staten</b>	<b>Nov 17 (B)</b>
<b>Jason Weiers</b>	<b>Nov 17 (B)</b>
<b>Eugene Cardinal</b>	<b>Nov 20 (B)</b>
<b>Rody Lattin</b>	<b>Nov 21 (B)</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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## My Tomato Crop

For years I have planted a few tomatoes. This year I outdid myself. At the urging of my daughter who loves fresh vegetables, I set out eight plants. And guess what? I am picking tomatoes on a daily basis.

Last year I didn't have any. It didn't matter how many times I went out to the garden, there was never a tomato. The whole year passed and I didn't get one. The problem wasn't disease - no sign of that. Nor did the rabbits, squirrels, or birds get them (though they have often done that in the past). It finally dawned on me that I didn't have any tomatoes last year because I didn't plant any.

Now this is a parable for those of us in the church who are concerned about the lack of conversions to Christ. In the first century the Lord added to the church on a daily basis those who were being saved (Acts 2:47). Why not today?

Rather than fault God for a paltry harvest, it might be well to ask ourselves if we have been sowing the seed? If we refuse to plant there will be no harvest. It's as simple as that. We sit around expecting a million dollar return on a five cent investment, and complain when it doesn't happen.

As best as I can tell, those early Christians shared the Gospel publicly and from house to house on a daily basis. It makes me wonder if perhaps that wasn't part of the key to their success. Lead me to some soul today; O teach me, Lord just what to say.

- John Gipson

*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.*

## The \$2400 Telephone

What kind of telephone would you expect to get if you paid \$2400.00 for it? You would anticipate getting the latest in technology, possibly a video phone. The last thing you would expect would be just a plain old rotary phone that was not cordless; had no call-waiting, caller-ID or speed dialing; and would not even accept touch-tone service. But that is exactly what my parents got. As a matter of fact they had two of them for the same price.

You see, when they moved into their house in June 1958, no one could own their own phone. You had to rent it from the phone company. So they rented two of them -- a desk model for the den and a wall model for the recreation room. Each phone cost them \$5.00 per month on their bill. They paid that amount for each phone for 40 years, 480 months. When you multiply it out it comes to \$2,400.00 per phone.

Several years ago when the government regulations changed and people could now own their own phone equipment, they just never bothered doing it. Their phones worked and they were happy with them. Anyway, five dollars is such a small amount. So they kept paying that rental fee every month never realizing how expensive those old rotary phones were to them.

### The High Price Of Sin

As my parents never realized how costly those phones were, many people are in the same boat when it comes to the wages of sin. Sin seems pleasurable to them (Heb. 11:24-25) and they don't seem to suffer much because of it. What they do not realize is that if they continue in sin they will find it to be very costly in the day of judgment. Romans 6:23 states, "For the wages of sin is death..." The "death" in this passage is not the physical death which comes at the end of our lives here upon the earth. Rather, it is the "second death" of eternal separation from God in a place of torment. Revelation 21:8 says, "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Jesus tells of the high cost of sin in Matthew 16:26 where He says, "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?" The sinner forfeits his eternal soul when he sins. Because of ignorance, many never realize what a price they are paying for their sins.

There is hope for the sinner, though. Jesus died on the cross to pay the high cost of sin (1 Pet. 1:18-19). Sadly, some, knowing of that sacrifice and the saving power of the gospel (Rom. 1:16), refuse to obey Christ because they are happy with their lives and possibly even rationalize that "if God is really a loving God, hell won't be so bad." While God is described as love (1 John 4:8), He is also referred to as a "consuming fire" (Heb. 12:29).

Never underestimate the high price of sin. Wake up to what it really costs you. Give obedience to the gospel of Christ to have your sins remitted (Acts 2:38) so that you will not have to pay with your soul.

by Gene Taylor

(1) This Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 to 2:00, Deb Liable RN, BSN and Freda Cook RN, BSN, will be hosting a class on **Women's Health Issues**. This will take place at the building and is free of charge. Please let your friends know about this event. Child care will be provided and there will be a free lunch.

(2) Men, please let James or Sonny know what week in February would be good for our **Men's Retreat** at the Janeway cabin.

(3) **The Northside calendar on our web site** has been updated. Please take the time to visit our web site and keep up-to-date on events taking place here.

(4) There is a list of food **items needed for the pantry** posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up.

(5) **Northside' Ladies Day, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. There is a slot open for one more speaker; if one of our ladies would like to take this opportunity to share a lesson, please let Peggy know right away as it is a first come first serve opening.

## WORTH WATCHING

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

## Northside Calendar

**Quilting/Crafts:** Dec 6<sup>th</sup> - Following morning services (Everyone welcome)

**Potluck:** Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Evening Fingerfood (Group 2 is in charge)

**Ladies Class:** Today - 5:00 p.m.

**Men's Business Meeting:** Today - 5:00 pm.

**Elders/Deacons Meeting:** Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 5:00 p.m.

**Nursery:** A.M. Jamie Dale P.M. Jan Kolinchak

**In Touch, this week:** Team 2

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.*

*IF YOU HAVE SMALL CHILDREN, INFANT TO 3 YRS OLD, WE PROVIDE AN ATTENDED NURSERY. WE ALSO HAVE A TRAINING ROOM FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.*