

## 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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(623) 561-5674

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(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

- \* Cindy, Karen's sister has a growth on ovaries. She will be having surgery.
- \* James Harper, Frankie's son will be go to Afghanistan for a year
- \* Christy Roscoe had no blockages and will not undergo surgery.
- \* Bill McGrew received news on his biopsy, and will be seeing a specialist.
- \* 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 McGrew's 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.
- \* 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>Ernie &amp; Barbara Staten</b>	<b>Nov 24 (A)</b>
<b>Sonny Janeway</b>	<b>Nov 24 (B)</b>
<b>Mary Bauer</b>	<b>Nov 25 (B)</b>
<b>Barbara Reinhart</b>	<b>Nov 25 (B)</b>
<b>Aric Chance</b>	<b>Nov 27 (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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## Are We Forgetting Something?

A family, all nine of them, loaded all their earthly possessions into a covered wagon pulled by a four-horse hitch and set out to join fourteen other families leaving Arkansas headed for Texas and the promise of a new land. Rolling through rainstorms, hail, blistering hot days, fighting off insects at night, the wagons rolled across the plains of what is today Oklahoma.

One afternoon a cloud of dust appeared on the horizon behind the group, and the wagon master halted the column and drew them close together into a circle. The men reached for rifles while the women gathered the children together into the center of the wagons. In a few minutes it became apparent that the dust was coming from a LONE rider, carrying a parcel across his saddle.

Slowing his horse to walking gait, the man called out that he meant no harm. The horse stopped, the man got down, reached for the bundle and unwrapped a small child no more than two years old.

A cry of recognition tore from the throat of the baby's mother when she saw her seventh child standing beside the strange man. The child had not been missed, but he had fallen from the wagon and the cowboy had found him sitting in the dirt and sifting it through his fingers...waiting for someone to come back for him.

How many of us are on life's 'wagon train' headed for the promised land, and so intent on our own journey that we do not miss those of God's children who fall off along the way?

*"Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ." Gal 6:1,2*

*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.*

## “What is Wise?”

“For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.” 1Cor. 1:21.

In this passage we see that there is a clear difference between the wisdom of God and the wisdom of man. Ultimately the wisdom of man is at odds with the wisdom of God because it does not acknowledge the things of God.

Unfortunately, at times, even Christians lean on their own wisdom rather than the wisdom of God. We see this when we suppose that some decision we have made is wise based upon factors that have nothing to do with God’s wisdom. For example, some have added practices and activities to their “worship” services, *which God has not authorized*, supposing that this is wise because it will increase attendance. If attendance goes up, it is believed this proves it was a wise decision. At times we will even determine if something is wise based upon whether we agree with it or not. If I think it is wise then it is. If I disagree with it then it was not wise.

So how do I know if what I am doing is rooted in Godly wisdom or worldly wisdom? Just because I am a Christian doesn’t mean my decisions are always going to be wise and it doesn’t mean someone else’s are unwise because I disagree with them.

True Wisdom is found in the ways of God. “For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding” (Prov. 2:6). The purpose of the Proverbs is to instill wisdom. “To know wisdom and instruction, To discern the sayings of understanding, To receive instruction in wise behavior, Righteousness, justice and equity; To give prudence to the naive, To the youth knowledge and discretion, A wise man will hear and increase in learning, And a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel,” (Prov. 1:2-5). **To gain true wisdom we must be willing to follow the ways of God, no matter where they take us,** “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever.” (Psalm 111:10).

Too often people question God as if His ways were unwise. They just don’t see the logic (wisdom) in a particular command or action. This way of thinking is found in expressions such as “I just don’t think that God would \_\_\_\_\_ (you can fill in the blank)”. At the same time they read where He has stated that He would. This is where the Christian and others interject their wisdom over God’s. Since they don’t agree with it, it can’t be wise. They may not come out and say it this way, but their actions speak for themselves.

If we truly want to be wise, then we need to submit ourselves to God’s will and allow it to guide us in all we do. “My son, if you will receive my words And treasure my commandments within you, Make your ear attentive to wisdom, Incline your heart to understanding; For if you cry for discernment, Lift your voice for understanding; If you seek her as silver And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will discern the fear of the LORD And discover the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.” Pro 2:1-6.

In the end, we must remove ourselves from the picture and base what we do upon the word of God; because it is here that we find true wisdom in the first place. “There is no wisdom and no understanding And no counsel against the LORD.” (Prov. 21:30)

James Dale

- (1) Thank you to Deb Liable and Freda Cook for hosting our **Ladies Health Lecture** yesterday. Many women from Northside were able to attend and this was a great benefit to them.
- (2) Please consider **Feb 19-20** as our dates for the **Men’s Retreat** at the Janeway’s cabin. Men, please let James Dale know if this date will work. If there are no objections we will go with this.
- (3) We have **three new mission reports**. Josh Austin from Keyenta, Alonso Villalobos from Veracruz and Dino from Greece. Copies are on the table in the foyer. Please take one.
- (4) This year’s **Christmas party** will be Saturday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 to 8:00. We will be having a potluck. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange please bring a gift under \$10 and indicate whether it is gender neutral or not.
- (5) There will be **no regular potlucks** for the month of December.
- (6) **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 - KAZIT Channel 13 - Sunday - 7:30 a.m.  
On the Internet “Gospel Broadcasting Network” - [www.gbntv.org](http://www.gbntv.org)

## Northside Calendar

Keep up to date with our online calendar at [www.northsidechurchofchrist.org](http://www.northsidechurchofchrist.org)

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

**Potluck:** Tonight – Evening Finger food (Group 2 is in charge)

**Ladies Class:** Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m.

**Men’s Business Meeting:** Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm.

**Elders/Deacons Meeting:** Today - 5:00 p.m.

**Nursery:** A.M. Valarie Gage P.M. Barbara Staten

**In Touch, this week:** Team 3

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.