

## 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

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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

- \* Virginia Walker has been very ill this past week. She is now on antibiotics
- \* Nancy Sparks is in need of our prayers.
- \* Karen Chance is having some difficulties at work.
- \* Barbara Wilson, co-worker of Deb Liabe, diagnosed with cancer.
- \* Christy Roscoe has not been feeling very well.
- \* Rody has been sick this past week
- \* Oleta is still having medical problems.
- \* Jim and Lenora Green continue to struggle with medical problems.
- \* Frankie has been dealing with on going health issues.
- \* 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
- \* Bill McGrew received news and he will be having surgery
- \* 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
- \* The Carpenter Family,
- \* Walt Garrison (Jim Weiers step brother) undergoing treatment for cancer.

## BEST WISHES THIS WEEK

<b>Jim &amp; Gina Weiers</b>	<b>Dec 13 (A)</b>
<b>Diana Davis</b>	<b>Dec 14 (B)</b>
<b>Chuck Kolinchak</b>	<b>Dec 15 (B)</b>
<b>Ken &amp; Frankie Phillips</b>	<b>Dec 17 (A)</b>
<b>Karen Chance</b>	<b>Dec 19 (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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## If I should die before I wake

"If I should die before I wake," prayed young Tommy. "If I should die before I wake . . . If I should die."

"Go on, Tommy," urged his mother, "You know the rest of your prayer."

"I'll be back," blurted the youngster.

Scrambling to his feet, he ran into the next room. Soon he was back. Dropping to his knees, he rattled off the familiar bedtime prayer without a bobble.

Tucking little Tommy into bed, his mother issued a gentle rebuke for the interruption, insisting that he should think about what he was saying when he prayed.

"Mom, I was thinking about what I was saying," said the boy defensively. "That's why I had to stop. You see, I stood all of Ted's wooden soldiers on their heads, just to see how mad he'd be in the morning. If I should die before I wake, I wouldn't want him to find them that way, so I had to go and fix them the right way."

"You're right, dear," said a proud mother, voice quivering. She thought of herself, and many other adults who should stop in the middle of their prayers and undo some wrong against another.

As I read this I was reminded of Isaiah's words to Hezekiah who had become mortally ill. *"And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, 'Thus says the LORD, 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live'"* (Isa 38:1). Now Hezekiah was granted another 15 years of life after he prayed to the Lord, Isa. 38:5, but the Lord has made no such promise to us. Let's be sure that our house is always in order, because we never know when our life end will. (JD)

*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.*

## Be Faithful Until Death

Jesus promises us, "Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). If we are faithful until death we will hear our Lord say, "*Well done, good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your Lord*" (Matthew 25:21). We must never give up for Jesus says, "But he who endures to the end will be saved" (Matthew 10:22). Jesus says we must be faithful to Him if we expect to go to heaven when this life is over. Those Christians who become unfaithful will be lost and tormented forever in the burning fires of Hell.

Satan wants us to become unfaithful so we will be lost. "*For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them*" (2 Peter 2:20-21). When one becomes negligent and lukewarm as a Christian, Jesus says, "*So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth*" (Revelation 3:16).

When one becomes unfaithful and falls away, it is usually a gradual process. One who becomes unfaithful usually starts missing on Wednesday night, then Sunday night, and then Sunday morning. But we are warned, "*not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins*" (Hebrews 10:25-26). One who looks back longingly into the world will probably go back. Jesus says, "*No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God*" (Luke 9:62). As one continues in the sin of forsaking the assembly, the blood of Jesus Christ will no longer cleanse a person of the sin of which he will not repent, and because of this he will lose his soul. Our soul is worth more than the whole world. "*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?*" (Matthew 16:26).

How can we stay faithful so we will obtain the crown of life? We can do this by laying, "*aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us*" (Hebrews 12:1). We must endure and finish the race. We must never give up. "*And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart*" (Galatians 6:9). We must never lose our faith and confidence in the Lord. "*Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward*" (Hebrews 10:35). We must not become lax, but we must be even more determined every day. "*Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure*" (2 Peter 1:10).

This life on earth is so short and every person will be spending eternity in one of two places. Only few will go to Heaven while the vast majority will be cast into Hell forever (Matthew 7:13-14). We cannot earn our salvation, but by the grace of God we can qualify for it. God's word is encouraging us to, "*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord*" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Obtaining the crown of life should be our number one goal in this life. Missing Heaven is the worse thing that could ever happen to an individual. No one will accidentally go to Heaven. Only those who are faithful until death will receive this crown of life.

By Ron Boatwright

- (1) Northside is collecting funds to **help two families this Christmas season**. If you would like to help please see Jan Kolinchak or Peggy Dale.
- (2) The **minutes from our last business meeting** have been posted on the bulletin board.
- (3) **The Northside Bible Bowl will be Saturday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>**. Please sign up to help. The sheet is on the bulletin board, youth section.
- (4) **A new date** needs to be considered for the **Men's Retreat**, it is now **Feb 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>**. Men, please let James Dale know if this date will work. If there are no objections we will go with this.
- (5) It has been suggested that we change the time of our **Wednesday Bible class** back to 7:00 p.m. If you have any comments or suggestions please let your elders know.
- (6) The web site has been updated. The **worship service schedule** is now posted on-line, thanks to Stephens suggestion. Look for the Monthly Service Schedule button on the left side of the page.
- (7) **Northside' Ladies Day, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. There is a slot open for one more speaker. 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

Visit our online calendar at [www.northsidechurchofchrist.org/](http://www.northsidechurchofchrist.org/)

**Quilting/Crafts:** Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> – Following morning services (Everyone welcome)  
**Potluck:** Canceled for December  
**Ladies Class:** Canceled for December.  
**Men's Business Meeting:** Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm.  
**Elders/Deacons Meeting:** Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m.  
**Nursery:** A.M. P.M.  
**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.*