

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class 9:00 AM
 Sunday AM Worship10:00 AM
 Sunday PM Worship 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible Class 6:30 PM

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Supported Mission Works

Dino Tzanetos;
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 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

- * Tammy, Linda's daughter is having child custody problems.
- * Tom Hays, Missy brother, having surgery on the 22nd
- * Daniel Marchbanks, possible double lung transplant
- * Virginia Walker has been ill.
- * Nancy Sparks is in need of our prayers.
- * Karen Chance is having some difficulties at work.
- * Barbara Wilson, co-worker of Deb Liable, diagnosed with cancer.
- * Christy Roscoe has not been feeling very well.
- * Oleta is still having medical problems.
- * Jim and Lenora Green continuing medical problems
- * Frankie has been dealing with on going health issues.
- * Cindy, Karen's sister will be having surgery Jan 4th.
- * 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

Gabriel Casselman	Dec 20 (B)
Ashley Liable	Dec 22 (B)
Norm & Josie Horwitz	Dec 23 (A)
Brandy Essary	Dec 25 (B)
Christy Roscoe	Dec 25 (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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The man who died for me

Let me tell you a true story about a young fireman. In the midst of a blaze he stepped forward and volunteered to go rescue a little baby, even though the chief had said that the flames were too strong and the building too unstable. As soon as that young fireman was able to get that little girl out the window and into the rescue net, the building collapsed, and he perished in the flames. Twenty years later, at a graveside with a statue of a fireman, stood a young woman sobbing. A man stopped and asked politely, 'Was that your father or brother?' 'No,' she replied, 'That's the man who died for me.'

Christ did something for humanity that no one else could do. While we struggle with the finality of death, we should be more concerned about the finality of everlasting life. Everyone is going somewhere ... Christ has provided the way to live eternally with Him.

In Jesus we have the yearning God in pursuit of people. In Christ we find that God is not content to let people live and die beyond His circle of love. Saul of Tarsus was overwhelmed in the Syrian Desert by the Savior whose religion he had set out to destroy. The story may be apocryphal, but when Karl Barth was asked what was the most profound theological truth he knew, he replied, 'Jesus loves me, this I know.'

-The Book of Jesus, Calvin Miller

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 Risk of Being a Disciple

On Saturday morning, February 1, 2003, as most of us were awakening, President George W. Bush spoke seven saddening words to the nation: "The Columbia's lost. There are no survivors." When a fiery accident destroyed NASA's oldest space shuttle moments before the scheduled end of its twenty-eighth voyage, seven people – five men, two women – lost their lives. As one observer noted, "They were just fifteen minutes from home."

Being an astronaut is a risky profession. Everyone who enters the space program knows and understands this fact. Astronauts recall the Apollo 1 test module fire that took the lives of three astronauts in January 1967, and the explosion of space shuttle Challenger in January 1986 that claimed its seven-member crew. Astronauts know the risks and they willingly accept them.

Virgil "Gus" Grissom, the second American in space and one of the three men killed in the Apollo fire, said, "If we die, we want people to accept it. We're in a risky business, and we hope that if anything happens to us it will not delay the program. The conquest of space is worth the risk of life."

It can be argued that everything in life involves risk. In terms of the danger to physical safety, some courses of action are riskier than others. Strapping oneself to a fuel tank containing one-half million gallons of liquid hydrogen and oxygen definitely qualifies. However, there are different kinds of risk. For example, becoming a Christian carries incredible risk! The apostle Simon Peter knew this. Jesus told him, "*Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish*" (John 21:18). With these words, Christ foretold the death Peter would be called upon to die. A Christian preacher named Stephen learned the risk. When he delivered a sermon that angered enemies of the faith, Stephen was beaten to death with stones (Acts 7:57-60). James, the son of Zebedee, learned about risk: "*Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword*" (Acts 12:1-2). Certainly the apostle Paul knew the risks: beatings, imprisonments, stoning, scourging, shipwreck, and more (2 Corinthians 11:22-26). No one better appreciated the risks of obeying God than the Son of God Himself, *who "did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many"* (Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45; cf. 1 Timothy 2:6).

What "risks" might you face as a Christian? No one can say for certain. Jesus acknowledged that some would lose family relationships as a cost of being His disciples (Matthew 10:34-37). Would you accept that risk? Would you accept the risks that Peter, James, Stephen, Paul and countless others (Hebrews 11:35-38) accepted? Do you believe what Jesus offers is worth the price? Before you answer, know this. As great as the risk of following Jesus is, the risk of not following Him is infinitely greater – "everlasting punishment" (Matthew 25:46). Now ask yourself: are you willing to "risk" that?

Mike Riley

- (1) **New Bible class** quarter begins in January. Class material is located in the back room.
- (2) The **minutes from our last business meeting** have been posted on the bulletin board.
- (3) **The Northside Bible Bowl will be Saturday, Jan. 16th**. Please sign up to help. The sheet is on the bulletin board, youth section.
- (4) **The Men's Retreat** at the Janeway's cabin will be **Feb 5th - 6th**.
- (5) 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.
- (6) **Northside' Ladies Day, March 20th, 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 - KAZI Channel 13 - Sunday - 7:30 a.m.
On the Internet "Gospel Broadcasting Network" - www.gbntv.org

Northside Calendar

Visit our online calendar at www.northsidechurchofchrist.org/

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