

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class 9:00 AM
 Sunday AM Worship10:00 AM
 Sunday PM Worship 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible Class 7:00 PM

Elders

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Allan Davis (Youth)
 (602) 439-5953

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Other Servants

Jon Lykins (Buildings and Grounds)
 Ken Phillips (Worship)

Supported Mission Works

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

- * Jim Greene's will be starting a new drug for cancer.
- * TiAta Chance is recovering from surgery
- * Missy has been sick this past week with pneumonia
- * Edison Gruber - Loss of financial support on the Rez.
- * Cardinal and Weiers family with the passing of Oleta
- * Bill McGrew - is home from the hospital and doing ok.
- * Lenora Green is doing better with her Shingles.
- * Eugene Cardinal - recovering from surgery.
- * Jim Kistner - recovering from knee surgery
- * Mark Roscoe has been out of work since September.
- * Laura Backus, Karen's friend is in need of a kidney transplant
- * Frances, mother of Lucy, Karen's friend, has had a stroke.
- * Paul Martodam, friend of the Weiers, diagnosed with cancer.
- * Barbara Murphy, various medical problems.
- * Jim Staton has TB, which is affecting his kidneys
- * Tammy & Ashley Avery personal struggles
- * James Harper, Frankie's son is in Afghanistan.
- * The Carpenter Family,
- * Walt Garrison (Jim Weiers step brother) undergoing treatment for cancer

Best Wishes This Week

Louise Kistner
Jenna Rice
Ken & Valarie Gage

Dec 06 (B)
Dec 07 (B)
Dec 10 (A)

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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I Did It My Way

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. " Isaiah 55:8 NIV

Man seldom seems to be content with God's ways. We seem to think that we can 'improve' on Divine will. As we are traveling south this month to encourage the church plants with whom we used to work in South Africa, I experienced a poignant reminder of this trend yesterday.

I noticed that two of my tires kept losing air around their rims. After wrestling with this for 2000 kilometers, we finally had some time in Namibia to stop and have a tire shop look at the problem. As the men removed the tires from the rims, they kept pulling long strips of something from the inside of the tire. I couldn't imagine what it was. I finally asked, and the workers replied, 'It's toilet tissue.' Dumbfounded, they explained to me, 'Your tire shop must have used wet toilet paper to get the tire to seal. Shops with poor air pressure will use this technique.' Becoming annoyed, I asked, 'Why?!' To which they responded, 'Because it fixes their problem of not having the proper tools to do the job, but it leaves the driver with a slow leak in his rims that - as soon as the paper dries - can become a very big leak!'

In our relationship to God, I wonder how many 'good ideas' we try to use (in our own understanding) that may result in a complete 'blow-out' down the road: confusing gender equality with God created differences, confusing entertaining worship with spiritual worship, confusing efficiency with God ordained leadership pattern, confusing 'what most people are doing' with what God wants done'

-Sondra

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.

Those Nagging Claims

“But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.” (Galatians 1:11-12)

The above passage is among many bold claims made by the apostles of Christ – i.e. “our message comes from God and not from man”. Other such claims are found in John’s writings: “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants--things which must shortly take place.” (Revelation 1:1) Peter makes a similar claim: “And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.” (2 Peter 1:19-21) These are bold claims!

However, the apostles, through the power of God, offered evidence to back up those claims. “Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.” (2 Corinthians 12:12) Surely such signs were done in the presence of their enemies. Had they not been convincing, the apostles would have lost all credibility!

In addition to the signs they performed, the apostles readily abandoned long held beliefs and practices of their former religion. These men, before preaching Christ, followed institutions that had been in vogue for more than 1500 years – i.e. animal sacrifices, Sabbath keeping, and many other traditions of Moses’ law. Not only did the New Testament writers abandon such treasured beliefs, but so did thousands of other Jews!

What compelled them to make such a dramatic shift? Instead of animal sacrifices they honored Jesus as the Lamb of God. Instead of Sabbath keeping, they assembled on the First day of the week. And instead of following a physical king, they honored Jesus as the spiritual ruler of their hearts!

Such compelling evidence gives one every reason to believe, and no reason to doubt the validity of the New Testament and its authors! Christ is risen indeed! Christ is Lord!

By George Slover

- (1) **The Christmas party/fellowship** meal is scheduled for Friday Dec. 17th 6:30 p.m. As usual we will have a white elephant gift exchange, \$10.00 limit. Please see Michelle Janeway for details.
- (2) **Rody Lattin** was baptized into Christ Last Tuesday night
- (3) **The Northside Youth group** will be having a Christmas party Saturday, Dec 18th, 5:00 p.m.
- (4) Please add **Hedel Lachman and Sara Gildenmeister** to your directory. Both of these dear ladies have requested to be identified with the Northside congregation. 6713 W Wanda Lyn Lane, Peoria Az, 85382, 623-939-9506
- (5) We are **need of pantry items** for our food boxes. If you have any questions please see Linda Hays. Items needed: Soup - Juice 2qt Size - Peanut Butter - Mac & Cheese - Beef Stew - Tuna – Spam.
- (6) Please sign up to help with the **Bible Bowl activities**. Lists are posted on the bulletin board under the Youth section. Our Bible Bowl is January 15th.
- (7) **Youth Devo** will be at the Dales this week, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

WORTH WATCHING

Search The Scriptures - KAZT 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

- Crafts:** Today - Following morning services (Everyone welcome)
Potluck: Jan 9th – Following Morning Services (Everyone welcome)
Ladies Class: Cancelled for the Holidays
Men’s Business Meeting: Dec 19th - 5:00 pm.
Elders/Deacons Meeting: Dec 26th - 5:00 p.m.
In Touch, this week: Team 3
Communion to shut-ins: Allan (5th), Sonny (12th), Josh (19th), Chuck (26th)
Evangelism Prayer Meeting: Friday’s 6:30-7:00 p.m., at the building
Monday Group Bible Study: Linda Hays home 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome – bring a friend

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.*