

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

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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 came through is bone marrow transplant but is now having problems with an extreme sore throat and Esophagus from the radiation.
- * Prayer of thanksgiving - Charlene Stevenson, Yvettes mother does not have cancer
- * Sue Blacketter will be having back surgery within the next few weeks
- * Nancy Sparks Aunt Lille is in a care facility.
- * Bill McGrew continues to have issues with his breathing.
- * Marie Huls, congestive heart failure
- * Cathy Kirshners son Stephan is having personal problems
- * Don Cardinal is suffering from a rare blood disorder
- * Ken Simpson continues to recover from his stroke.
- * Seth Begay, Ben Begay's son has cancer
- * David Minnice, Frankies brother-in-law has terminal cancer
- * Adriana – McDonalds friend lost her job.
- * Barbara Murphy's Aunt Judy and cousin Ryan – dealing with emotional and physical trauma.
- * Seth and Raechel, Dora's grandkids, things are not well with their parents.
- * Tammy & Ashley Avery personal struggles
- * The Carpenter Family,

Best Wishes This Week

Retta Morrison

Apr 18 (B)

Brenda Mies

Apr 21 (B)

Sara Gildenmeister

Apr 23 (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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WORD POWER

One of the lessons of the book of Genesis is that people organize themselves into groups based on affinity. The greatest apparent point affinity among men is language. Nations are born out of the fact of a common language. Later in the Biblical text nations come to be known by the language they speak. The language we speak is a fundamental building block in the formation of society. The body politic is derivative of the people's use of language.

Americans have a way of understanding ideas that is held (or at least has been held until recently) by most people in the society. For example, we speak of freedom and independence. We know what we mean by these words. Other people use them differently. Dictators use the same words that are used by people in free societies. The reading of Lenin and Hitler, to mention only two, proves this contention. So we see that language is strong enough a power to form nations. But the student of the Bible knows that it can do more than this. The proper use of language can save souls. We quote Romans 10:17 all the time: "So then faith comes by I and hearing by the word of God." The danger in being so familiar with a passage is that we overlook its power and profundity. Faith is essential if one is to ever come to God (Hebrews 11:6). This text tells us that this required faith comes from the Word of God. Now, this truth is embodied in words, the very things that are the components of language. Language can make nations and some of them free. More importantly, language can make souls free from sin.

We remember Paul from Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth...." Language may be used for various ends. Its best use is as the gospel of Christ. The next best use of language is the presentation of that gospel to all who need to hear it. Preaching the gospel is the most significant use of language. If you do not think so, listen to Paul here: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" and here "But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ, the power of God, and the wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18, 23-24).

Words have many powers. The greatest power of words is to save the souls of the lost. We must both know and share these words

-Bill Irby West Hobbs Street Church of Christ

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 services so we may have an opportunity to meet you. **Please feel free to pick up one of our Visitors Packets in the foyer.**

Condemned Man Refuses a Pardon - Dies on the Gallows

On many occasions I have related the following story during a sermon I preach on the subject of "Divine Pardon." In Pennsylvania, during 1829, George Wilson was convicted of mail robbery and murder. He was sentenced to death. Later pardoned by President Andrew Jackson, Wilson refused the pardon. Confusion reigned among all who were concerned about the case. Nothing like this had happened before. What were they to do with a man who refused a pardon and chose to die on the gallows instead? Finally, the Chief Supreme Court Justice, John Marshall, ruled: *"A pardon is a paper, the value of which depends upon its acceptance by the parties implicated. It is hardly to be supposed that one under the sentence of death would refuse to accept a pardon. But if it is refused, it is no pardon. George Wilson must hang."*

A few weeks went by and Wilson walked up thirteen steps. A black hood was placed over his head and a rope around his neck. Like a bolt of lightning, his body fell six or seven feet. The head jerked, the neck snapped, a few convulsive movements, and all was quiet. Wilson was dead! Why? Because he had to die? No. Because he refused the pardon.

Friends, I know another, much sadder story. It is the story of our refusing the "pardon" God provided for us. Man was in sin and could not save himself. Neither could he reach into heaven and probe the mind of God to obtain salvation. What did God do? He sent His Son to die as a sacrifice for our sins. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."* {John 3:16} Jesus shed His blood to redeem sinful man. He sent the Holy Spirit to reveal the Divine Remedy and to give sinful souls instructions for its application. In Acts chapter 2, we read of the first occasion when people applied the "remedy" of the Divine Pardon on the Day of Pentecost when 3,000 souls were pardoned from the condemnation of their sins. *"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone."* {Hebrews 2:9} Jesus died to give men the "pardon" they need to be saved. Does this mean all men will be pardoned?

When the Jews were convicted of their sins on that day in Acts 2, were they told to do something? Or did Christ's death automatically pardon them? In verses 38 and 39, we read *"Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.'" They accepted and received their pardon! This pardon is available to all mankind. Since all have sinned (Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8), all men need this "remedy." Have you accepted His pardon? Do you want to die and be eternally lost when you can avoid it? The choice is yours to make. I hope your choice will be different from George Wilson's!*

- W.R. Jones (edited-KMG)

(1) **Calling all men** – time is running out for you to attend the **Workshop in the Word**. This years dates are April 21-23. The book of Ephesians will be covered. The fee is nominal. Please see James or Chuck for more information. You will not regret going.

(2) **Thank you** to all who showed up for the work day at Linda's. We were able to get most of her list done. So far we have been able to help four of different members with some much needed work around their homes. We will continue to do this as long as needed.

(3) We have **a few departures** from Northside to make note of. Ray and Betty Curtis returned to Denver for the summer and Norm and Josie will be heading to Indiana in two weeks.

(4) All women are cordially invited to **Northside's Ladies Afternoon Tea**. Ladies Tea will commence promptly at 2:00 p.m., Saturday April 30th. Come and enjoy God's sweet blessings of friendship and tea delights. Please RSVP on the announcement on the bulletin board. Include all the females you are bringing in your group so that we can prepare the right amount of goodies. Thank you

(5) **Dustin Olson**, Cathy Kirshners son is looking for work. He has worked manual labor as well as retail work. He can also handle computer work. Dustin is a fast learner. If you know of anyone who is hiring please call Dustin at 602-466-3811

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: May 1st - Following morning services (Everyone welcome)

Potluck: April 24th – Evening Finger Food. Everyone is welcome.

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

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

Elders/Deacons Meeting: April 24th - 5:00 p.m.

In Touch, this week: Team 1

Communion to shut-ins: Ken P (17th), Joshua C (24th)

Monday Group Bible Study: Linda Hays home 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome – bring a friend

Thursday Community Prayer Meeting: Every Thursday 6:30-7:00 p.m., at the building (1Tim. 2:1-8)

Friday Evangelism Prayer Meeting: Every Friday 6:30-7:00 p.m., at the building (Col 4:2-6)

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.*