

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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Other Servants

Jon Lykins (Buildings and Grounds)
Ken Phillips (Worship / Nursing Home)

Supported Mission Works

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

- * Kathy, Joshua Casselman's aunt had a seizure.
- * Pam Seigal, Linda Hays cousin undergoing medical testing.
- * Jim Peters, Barb Statens dad has an infection in his arteries. He had surgery yesterday
- * Rody is now home from the hospital and slowly recovering
- * Jim Greene is recover from a bone marrow transplant.
- * Marie Huls is still needs prayers for her health.
- * Sue Blacketter is recovering from back surgery.
- * Nancy Sparks Aunt Lille is in a care facility.
- * Bill McGrew continues to have issues with his breathing.
- * 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

Jim Kistner
Marilyn McGrew

May 01 (B)
May 03 (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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America Needs God

You are no doubt all too aware of America's continuing moral decline. The evidence is both overwhelming and disputable. You may be unaware, though, just how far and how swiftly we have slipped. William Bennett has recently released through the auspices of the Heritage Foundation "The Index of Leading Cultural Indicators," a statistical portrait of the nation's behavioral trends since 1960. His findings are alarming. According to Bennett's study, the population has increased 41% while violent crime has jumped 560%. Divorces have quadrupled. The teenage suicide rate has risen 200%. Illegitimate births have increased 400%. Today, 30% of all births and 68% of black births are illegitimate. What has gone wrong?

Consider these questions carefully. During the past thirty-four years, have we as a nation drawn closer to God, or have we slipped farther away from God? Have we placed a greater emphasis on the Bible, or have we neglected the Bible? Have religion and spiritual matters generally been advanced, or have they been pushed aside in favor of secular concerns? Are our families attending worship services, praying and reading the Bible more often, or less often now than families a generation ago? The answers are painfully obvious. We are reaping what we have sown. The Bible has been right all along. "Righteousness exalts a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). The solution to America's most pressing problems may be found within each of us, in a renewed and determined commitment to put God and His will first in our lives. As people, we don't need more government. We surely don't need more selfish greed or self-promotional grandstanding. What we need is what we have always needed. WE NEED GOD!

— Author Unknown

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.**

“God Is Not Ashamed”

We’ve all had the experience of being embarrassed by someone else’s actions. Parents are sometimes embarrassed when their children say or do things in public that the parents wish they’d never said or done. Children, in turn, may be embarrassed by their parents, who say and do things that might not be perceived as “cool” or whatever the current slang terminology is. (There — I’m probably embarrassing my daughter this very minute.)

We can even be embarrassed by people we don’t know personally. I know that I have occasionally been embarrassed by American athletes, for example, when they behave boorishly in international venues. (I’ll commend here this year’s U.S. Olympic team, whose members have, from what I’ve observed, comported themselves on the world stage with unfailingly good sportsmanship and camaraderie.)

Do you suppose that God is sometimes embarrassed by His children, even as human parents are embarrassed by theirs? I believe He is, on the basis of this passage of Scripture:

“These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them” (Hebrews 11:13-16).

Notice that God is not ashamed to be called the God of those righteous men and women who served Him faithfully unto death, as did those whose exploits are recalled in Hebrews 11. That statement suggests its corollary: that God is ashamed to be called the God of those who did not walk in faith before Him.

Was God not embarrassed by his creation in the days of Noah? *“And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart”* (Genesis 6:6).

Or at Sinai, when the Israelites lapsed into idol worship in Moses’ absence? *“I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people! Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them”* (Exodus 32:9-10).

Perhaps, we think, God felt such shame occasionally in ancient times, but surely He would never feel that way about His people in this day and age. Could the Lord be ashamed of His church today? Ask the church at Ephesus, to whom Christ said, *“Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place — unless you repent”* (Revelation 2:4-5). Or the church at Laodicea: *“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth”* (Revelation 3:15-16).

As children of God, let’s resolve to conduct our lives so that our Father is not ashamed.

— Michael D. Rankins,

- (1) Zach Gage was baptized into Christ. Please welcome this young man into God’s family and rejoice in his decision.
- (2) If anyone has any **old pictures from Northside** please let Jan Burkhadrts know. Jan will also be taking new photos for the photo board.
- (3) There were several mistakes in the church Directory that need to be corrected. Ruth Medlins number is 623-465-7068. Pat O’Connor’s address is 11802 W Charter Oak Rd. El Mirage Az. 85335. The Horwitz’s can be reached at 219-644-5782, while out of town.
- (4) **Mission work update:** Josh Austin has left Kayenta and is now in Denver. We have not received word from those in Kayenta as to whether support is needed. Josh Austin will need to reapply for support for his new work. At this time we are no longer involved financially with the work in Kayenta.
- (5) In May we will be holding our Monday Bible study at the McGrew’s and then will be taking a summer break. The McGrew’s address is 4336 W Misty Willow Lane. Glendale Az. 85310
- (6) If you have any **Bible questions** you would like answered for the Sunday morning adult Bible study please give them to Kevin Burns.

WORTH WATCHING

Search The Scriptures - KAZIT 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: May 8th – Following Morning Services. Everyone is welcome.

Ladies Class: May 15th - 5:00 p.m.

Men’s Business Meeting: May 15th - 5:00 pm.

Elders/Deacons Meeting: May 22nd - 5:00 p.m.

In Touch, this week: Team 3

Communion to shut-ins:

Monday Group Bible Study: McGrew’s 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.