

## Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class ..... 9:00 AM  
Sunday AM Worship .....10:00 AM  
Sunday PM Worship ..... 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Bible Class ..... 7:00 PM

### Elders

Paul "Sonny" Janeway (623) 583-2726  
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Joshua Casselman (Education)  
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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

- \* Andy Marchbanks got her blood test back and the doctor said there are some irregularities.
- \* Roosevelt Burns, Kevin's brother is dealing with some major health issues.
- \* Joy Woods, Alza's sister did not have a heart attack but doctors are running some medical tests.
- \* Linda, Jan and Mary are all traveling together to Alaska
- \* Jim Peters, Barb Staten's dad continues to recover from surgery. He is having problems with his memory.
- \* Yevette's mom was diagnosed with a severe bronchial infection.
- \* Jim Greene is recovering from a bone marrow transplant. Doctors say he is making good progress.
- \* Max & Rena Proffitt both have health issues
- \* Michell, friend of the McDonalds, lost her job
- \* Tina, Amy's cousin having relationship problems.
- \* Pam Seigal, Linda Hays cousin undergoing medical testing.
- \* 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
- \* Seth Begay, Ben Begay's son has cancer
- \* Barbara Murphy's Aunt Judy and cousin Ryan – dealing with emotional and physical trauma.
- \* Tammy & Ashley Avery personal struggles
- \* The Carpenter Family,

## Best Wishes This Week

Lynne Cheffins

May 22 (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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## Make It Count

When you think about it, of what use is our life if we do not use it in service to God? The precious gift of life was given not to spend on the selfish pursuits of what is passing always...but to glorify the One who gave it.

Every individual is put into a unique situation so that he may choose to use his life to bring glory to God. Mordecai recognized this when he reminded Esther, *"And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"* (Esther 4:14). Jeremiah knew first-hand what God's purpose was for him *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations"* (Jeremiah 1:5). Paul, also understood that God has a specific purpose in mind for the life He gives an individual. The apostle told the Galatians that God had "set me apart, even from my mother's womb...that I might preach Him among the Gentiles" (Galatians 1:15-16).

Of what use is the life of a man who never utilizes it in God's service? *"For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?"* asked Jesus (Mark 8:36). Our life must count for something...it must accomplish what God intended for it to accomplish. Now is the time for us to make a decision about how we will use this gift of life. So, remember...*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 15:58).

-Guy Orbison, Jr.

**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.**

## Performance Based Preaching

In our modern era it has long been believed that the best way to get people into the church building is through a dynamic preacher. Often congregations advertise gospel meetings or lectureships boasting that their speaker is one who is dynamic in his presentation. It is even common practice for people to invite friends and family to hear the great dynamic preacher they have.

This attitude seems to suggest that a preacher must be dynamic before the message will be received. When this attitude pervades a congregation we set our preachers up for what can rightly be defined as performance based preaching. Performance based preaching can be likened to motivational speaking. In both cases, although the message might be on point, **it is the speaker who carries the day.** We need to ask ourselves is this the kind of preaching God desires? After all, we are speaking His word, and we should ask what is it about the preaching He wants to stand out? Is it the man or the message?

According to 2Tim 3:16,17 motivating people to follow the will of God has little to do with the style of preaching, *“All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”* It is the word that motivates, not the preacher. I am not suggesting that a speaker be inadequate at conveying God’s word in a clear concise way, but to suggest that a sermon lacks power to change lives unless it is delivered in a dynamic way is simply wrong. The word has the power to change lives simply by reading it. *“For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”* Heb. 4:12

When we promote performance based preaching in our congregations we are setting our preachers up for failure because performance based preaching requires that the preacher deliver a stellar performance every week, not necessarily a stellar message. In fact, if the preacher were dynamic enough he could speak on just about anything and the audience would be inspired. Yet, what the preacher is called to do is clearly defined in 2Tim. 4:1,2. *“I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom, preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.”* (cf. 1Tim. 4:13).

Performance based preaching suggests that it is up to the preacher to empower the word, rather than the word being that which empowers believers. Performance based preaching has not the power to do what the word can. As brother Dave Miller writes, *“We must return to the practice of putting biblical preachers (not cheerleaders, warmed over Dale Carnegies, or excited P.R. men) in our pulpits – preachers who will expose people to all of God’s message, and leave the increase (or lack of it) to God!”* (Piloting The Straight, pg 67).

Preachers must preach the word with passion; this is only natural if one is passionate about the word, but the man must never get in the way of the message. It is the word that motivates people to change and no amount of performing by a preacher will change that.

**James Dale**

- (1) Tonight we will honor our **High School graduates** at our evening finger-food potluck. Everyone is invited to join in this event. Congratulations to Tim Davis and Bethany Dale.
- (2) **The Fergusons - Lonnie, Angela, Ashley, Breanna and Faith** have requested to be recognized as members of Northside. Please add them to your directory, 6034 W Monte Cristo Ave, Glendale Az, 602-795-7464
- (3) **Our VBS will be August 1-5<sup>th</sup> this year.** Joshua Casselman is our director and materials have already been ordered and received! This year’s theme is Upside ‘Down Under’ – A Life Transforming Outback Adventure.
- (4) This Monday will be the **last Monday Bible night Bible study** before the summer break. We are still meeting at the McGrew’s at 4336 W Misty Willow Lane. Glendale Az. 85310
- (5) 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 - 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)

**Crafts:** Summer Break - Will start up again in the Fall

**Potluck:** Tonight – Evening Finger food – HS graduate recognition. Everyone is welcome.

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

**Men’s Business Meeting:** Today - 5:00 pm.

**Elders/Deacons Meeting:** May 29<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m.

**In Touch, this week:** Team 2

**Communion to shut-ins:** Allan D (22<sup>nd</sup>) Chuck K (29<sup>th</sup>)

**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.*