

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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Evangelistic Outreach

Mailer: House to House
TV: What Do The Scriptures Say

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

- * Ken Simpson is having medical problems.
- * Kevin Burn's cousin was killed on Thanksgiving day.
- * Karen Chance's 29 year old nephew was killed in a car wreck last week.
- * Dave McGrew was in a motorcycle accident, severely injured his foot
- * McDonald Family – health issues – coughs
- * Robert Ryberg's, wife passed away last week
- * Griggs family, adopted baby was taken away due to mistakes made in the adoption process.
- * Karen Chance is having struggles at work.
- * James Harper is in Afghanistan.
- * Katie Wagner, 14 years old, Stage 4 lung/bone cancer
- * Oretha Burns severe back pain.
- * Donald Moorehead, in need of a Kidney transplant.
- * Joanne Garrett's continuing chemotherapy.
- * Sandy Price is undergoing chemo treatments.
- * Phyllis, Marilyn's sister has bladder cancer.
- * Wilma Sans, Oretha's sister had a stroke.
- * James Reed is very sick with Pancretitis.
- * Keep Seth and Raechel, Dora's grandkids
- * Yvette Stevenson's mother in need of prayers.
- * Daniel Marchbank's continuing medical issues.
- * Roosevelt Burns, Kevin's brother, medical issues.
- * Jim Greene continuing to recover from leukemia.
- * Seth Begay, Ben Begay's son has cancer.
- * Tammy & Ashley Avery personal struggles.
- * The Carpenter Family.

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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Unselfish Love

Agape is a Greek word denoting constant love and unselfish giving. "In respect of *agapao* as used of God, it expresses a deep and constant 'love' and interest of a perfect Being towards entirely unworthy objects, producing and fostering a reverential 'love' in them towards the Giver, and a practical 'love' towards those who are partakers of the same, and a desire to help others to seek the Giver." (Vine's Expository Dictionary Of Old and New Testament Words).

God is love, and He is the one from whom agape flows: "*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life*" (John 3:16). God demonstrated His unselfish love for an unlovable world by sacrificing His Son.

In marriage, agape is a deliberate, lifelong commitment to one's mate, a commitment to give because of love and not because of what one expects in return. It is evident from the number of divorces in the world today that agape is the missing ingredient in many marriages. We have been deluded in our society to believe that love is an emotion, a state of "feeling" which we uncontrollably fall into and out of. This false impression produces excuses such as: "I do not love him anymore," and contributes to our high divorce rate. Agape love is not a feeling or attraction, but rather is an affection which we learn through commitment, persistence, and experience in marriage, as well as in life. The love that never fails (1 Corinthians 13:8) should help us to remain committed to the promises we made on our wedding day, to love our mate "for better, for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and health, till death do us part." Through prayer and study we can expect God to help us develop agape.

Since agape love is a willful commitment to give, it must be followed by action. The more of it we give away, the more of it we will receive. Regardless of how little love we receive in our marriage, we will always have love because we gave it. Lord, help us to put agape love to work in our lives.

—Dale Grissom

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.**

Where are the Dead?

The saints at Thessalonica were concerned about those who had 'fallen asleep.' This phrase has led to some to believe that when one dies they are 'sleeping' that is they are not conscious until the Lord comes again. Others believe in 'soul sleep' because they think that is we are placed in an eternal state at death and then judged by Jesus when He returns that it results in two judgments. However the Bible does not teach that the soul is unconscious between an individual's death and the coming of Jesus.

When Jesus was on the cross and the thief asked Him to remember him in His kingdom, Jesus told the one known as the thief that he would be with Him in paradise that day (Luke 23:43). These were encouraging words and were filled with anticipation. The answer Jesus gave does not fit with the 'sleep' or departed ones.

Paul wrote to the Philippians and spoke of the challenge before him. While he was confident that he would continue in this life and be of benefit to them, he was also anxious to depart and be with Christ, which is 'very far better' (Phil 1:12-23). While we often look forward to a good night's rest, Paul's anticipation was the blessing of being with Christ. His hope did not include a 'sleep' til the end when Jesus would return.

Jesus gave of the place where the departed spirits abide, the place called Hades (Luke 16:19-31). In that place those who lived in accordance with the will of God were comforted, while those who has been disobedient to the will of God were in agony and torment. They could see, perceive, communicate and knew of their condition. Jesus spoke of the rich man who even wanted Lazrus, whom he knew in this life, to return from the dead to warn his brothers. Neither Lazrus nor the rich man was sleeping, but each was receiving from the Lord the recompense of their response to God.

If we die before the Lord comes again, our spirits will leave our physical bodies and be placed in either paradise or torment by the righteous judge of the living and the dead, Jesus Himself. Then, when Jesus returns He will cause the spirit to return to the body and be raised from the dead. At this resurrection all will be changed, and all will enter eternity depending upon what they have done in the body (2 Cor. 5:10; John 5:27-29). Live in obedience to the Lord; be faithful 'til death, and you will enjoy the blessings of eternal life.

- Greg Weston

(1) As of January 1st 2012, all Missionary support from Northside will be completed. Northside's mission policy allows for mission support on a year-to-year basis. The majority of works have been supported for at least three years. The Mexico works have been supported for two years. If you have any questions please see the elders.

(2) Jan Burkhardt will be **taking pictures** for our picture board today. If you would like to update your photo or do not yet have one please meet in the room past the bathrooms to have your picture taken.

(3) Our next **senor/single workday** will be at Mary Bauer's December 17th. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. Main project will be outside work, so picks and shovels will come in handy.

(4) Northside members; as way of reminder, in a few weeks Allan Davis will be handing out a **survey concerning the work and budget of Northside**. Please be looking for this survey. Your input is desired.

(5) **"New Christians Class:** "The work and worship of the church" (James Dale – Sunday morning class) "Fundamentals of Faith" (Sonny Janeway - Wednesday night class) - All those recently baptized are encouraged to attend these classes.

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

Potluck: Today – Evening finger food - Everyone is welcome.

Ladies Class: Dec. 18th - 5:00 p.m.

Men's Business Meeting: Dec. 18th - 5:00 pm.

Elders/Deacons Meeting: Today - 5:00 p.m.

In Touch, this week: Team 4

Communion to shut-ins: James D (27th)

Monday Small Group Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. – Linda Hays home – Gospel of John

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

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.*