

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

Paul Janeway (623) 583-2726
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Evangelist

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Deacon

Joshua Casselman (Education)
(602) 938-2800

Other Contacts

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

Evangelistic Outreach

Mailer: House to House/Heart to Heart
World Bible School
Small Group Study
Thursday Prayer Meeting

God's Gift of Salvation

The Cross: Eph. 1:7,8a
Hear: Romans 10:17
Believe: John 8:24
Repent: Luke 13:1-3
Confess: Matthew 10:32
Be Baptized: Acts 22:16
Live Faithful: 1John 1:6-7

If you have small children, 3 yrs and younger, we provide an attended nursery. We also have a worship training room for children 3 and up.



Prayer List

Spiritual/Personal

- * Sarah March and family – pray for spiritual hunger and guidance.
- * James Harper is in Afghanistan, possible stateside job.
- * Keep Seth and Raechel, Dora's grandkids in prayer.
- * Tammy & Ashley Avery personal struggles.

Health

- * Oretha Burns recovering from lacerated kidney
- * Paul Olson recovering from a mild stroke
- * Nancy Sparks, bursitis of the hip
- * Treasure, ovarian cancer
- * Monet, better life choices
- * Jim Greene not doing well with chemo, has been very ill
- * Sarah Walker, breast cancer
- * Daniel Marchbank's trying new medication.
- * Ken Simpson, ongoing health issues, kidney failure.
- * Max Proffitt, breathing problems.
- * Virginia Walker fell and injured her spleen.
- * Sherry Berberich, recovering from extensive back surgery.
- * Karen Chance, recovering from a car accident
- * Peggy Dale, ovarian cancer, continued chemo treatments.
- * Cecil Murphy, serious pain and problems walking.
- * Vicki Garry in need of expensive dental work.
- * Sarah Gildenmeister ongoing health issues
- * Katie Wagner, 16 years old, Stage 4 lung/bone cancer.
- * Sandy Price continuing health issues.
- * Tracy Schnur, has stage 3 ovarian cancer.
- * Donald Moorehead, in need of a Kidney transplant.

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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"Is It Nothing To You?"

"Is it nothing to you, all who pass by? Behold and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which has been brought on me, which the Lord has inflicted on me in the day of His fierce anger." {Lamentations 1:12} Jeremiah, the "weeping prophet," was greatly troubled. Why?

Jerusalem had been reduced to rubble by the invading Babylonian forces. Jeremiah laments her condition. How can any of those who pass by her, not be moved to deep anguish and tears? This prophet had a deep love for this city. Yet, the question begs to be asked, what brought this great city to such a terrible ending?

"Jerusalem has sinned gravely, therefore, she has become vile. All who honored her despise her...she did not consider her destiny; therefore her collapse was awesome." {Lamentations 1:8,9} God had warned her, and she had refused His pleadings. Now the "just judgment" of a righteous God has rendered His verdict!

The sad truth of this story—it did not have to end this way! When God's people started to "**walk according to their own designs**," she had sealed her doom. Warnings are now reality! Why did they not listen to God? What lessons can we learn by their grave miscalculation of God's judgment?

Today, we need to take a long hard look at the Lord's church. What do you see? Churches are getting smaller not larger. Many are not only not growing numerically but also spiritually. Why are so many of our children going into the world? Elders are in short supply. Many congregations which have elders, have ineffective leadership. Preachers are afraid and even refuse to preach "the whole counsel of God." Worldliness is no longer a problem for just California and Florida. "New Hermeneutics," "Unity & Diversity," No Pattern," Deity & Humanity of Christ," and changing the Bible teaching on baptism. **Is it nothing to you?**

What is happening to the church as we approach the 21st century? Brethren, we have some serious problems that need to be addressed. What does God think when He looks down on these realms below? Many elders, preachers and brethren are burying their head in the proverbial sand.

Do these things concern you? What can I do? One thing for sure—demand and accept nothing less than book, chapter, and verse teaching! If your heart aches like mine, roll up your sleeves—join in the fight***

By Keith Greer

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 worship so we may have an opportunity to meet you. Please feel free to pick up one of our Visitors Packets or other literature in the foyer.



Christian Apologetics

Were the Six Days of Creation Literal 24-hour Periods?

Garry K. Brantley, M.A., M.Div

Genesis 2 indicates that on day six Adam named all of the animals before God created Eve. It seems that this would have taken a considerable amount of time (certainly longer than 24 hours). Also, upon seeing Eve, Adam exclaimed *happa'am* (literally, "now at length" or "at last"). Do not these textual considerations indicate that day six was longer than a 24-hour period?

This argument commonly is posed by those who deny that the days of creation were literal, 24-hour days (see Ross, 1994, pp. 50-51). However, the language of Genesis 2 does not demand that day six was an elongated period. Consider these reasons.

First, textual information places certain restrictions on the animals Adam named. Excluded from the naming process were sea creatures and creeping things mentioned earlier in the creation narrative (cf. Genesis 1:21,25). The text seems to place additional restrictions on the particular land-dwelling creatures paraded before Adam. The beasts God brought to Adam are qualified by the descriptive phrase beasts of the "field" (*hassadeh*). The precise limits of the term "field" are difficult to determine. However, since this qualifying term (*hassadeh*) apparently is used to describe the vegetation peculiar to Eden (Genesis 2:5), then the phrase "beasts of the field" also most likely refers only to those beasts living in Eden.

Further, if the beasts of the field were limited to those animals within the boundaries of Eden, then livestock and birds could have been similarly limited. This would greatly reduce the number of animals involved in the naming process, since it is very unlikely that all created animals lived in Eden. If so, Eden quickly would have been overrun and destroyed. One final point to keep in mind: Adam did not go find the animals; God brought them to him, reducing the amount of time and human energy necessary to complete the process (Genesis 2:19).

Second, the time word *pa'am* can describe both an indefinite period (Genesis 29:34) and a **contemporary** event in distinction to a previous incident (Exodus 9:14). In the final analysis, context determines the appropriate interpretation. Grammatical and contextual considerations indicate that Adam simply was reacting to the humanity of Eve, in contradistinction to the animals. The definite article (*ha*), especially when prefixed to time words (e.g., *pa'am*), carries a demonstrative force (Seow, 1987, p. 35). Accordingly, Adam simply specified that "this time" (*happa'am*), unlike the other times when he observed mere animal nature, he was confronted with his human female counterpart. There is nothing inherent in the phrase to suggest an extended period (see also Jackson, 1984). These textual considerations, therefore, suggest that the events of day six could easily have been accomplished within a 24-hour period.

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Seow, C.L (1987), *A Grammar for Biblical Hebrew* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press).
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Special Announcements

(1) VBS!!! Our VBS will be July 30th - Aug 3rd this year. Our **VBS WORKDAY** will be Saturday July 28th. We will meet at 10:00 am at the building to begin making decorations etc.... Our theme this year is, "All Aboard The Kingdom Express." Please see Joshua Casselman for more information. A sign up sheet for cookies has been posted on the bulletin board.

(2) The section across from this one has been changed from "Reasoning Together" to "Christian Apologetics." The word apologetics comes from the Greek word *Apologia* (ἀπολογία) which means, "to make or give a defense." (1Pet. 3:15) Christian Apologetics is the work of defending the Christian faith. Beginning with this issue, articles will be presented that will help reinforce our faith in God and His word through various topics of Christian Apologetics. These articles will cover topics pertaining to the Bible, evolution, science, and archaeology. I pray you enjoy these articles and use them to help others. The majority of articles I will be presenting will come from www.apologeticspress.org and www.icr.org.

(3) TRAINING FOR CHRIST: (1) Memory Work: 2Cor. 5:20,21 (2) Song Leader Training, Sunday a.m. class. (3) How To Study The Bible, Wednesday night class.

Northside Calendar

Visit our online calendar at www.northsidechurchofchrist.org

Potluck: Tonight – Following Evening Services– Everyone is welcome!

Ladies Class: August 19th - 5:00 p.m. (Please read Ephesians)

Men's Business Meeting: August 19th - 5:00 pm.

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

In Touch, this week: Team 1

Monday Small Group Bible Study: Wanda & Tom East' home – Monday 6:30-7:30 pm – Gospel of John

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

New Christians Class: "Now That I'm A Christian" - Wednesday evening - Chuck Kolinchak

Best Wishes This Week

Worth Watching

Rhiannon Casselman

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"Search The Scriptures"
KAZT Channel 13 - Sunday - 7:30 a.m.
"Gospel Broadcasting Network"
www.gbntv.org