

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
 Chuck Kolinchak (602) 938-9429
 Allan Davis (602) 439-5953

Evangelist

James Dale (623) 882-6671
 nsminister@cox.net

Deacon

Joshua Casselman (Education)
 (602) 938-2800

Other Workers

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

Evangelistic Outreach

Mailer: House to House/Heart to Heart
 Small Group Study / East' Home
 Thursday Prayer Meeting
 www.northsidechurchofchrist.org

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



Prayers

Spiritual/Personal

- * Derek Vogel, prayers for his new business.
- * Monet, make better life choices.
- * Keep Seth, Raechel and their mother Sasha.
- * Tammy & Ashley Avery personal struggles.

Health

- * Pauline Houts fell and broke her wrist and hand,
- * Kevin Glover is having problems with his kidneys.
- * Peggy's has begun her new round of chemo.
- * Aaron Sayles father has congestive heart failure.
- * Eddie & Margaret McGuiggan, both having health issues.
- * Jim Green cancer numbers are up.
- * Erik Long, McGrew's grandson-in-law diagnosed with cancer.
- * Andy Marchbank's continuing health problems.
- * Debbie Kludjian, Vicki's sister, undergoing chemotherapy.
- * Marty Sanders, issues with healing of her ankle due to diabetes.
- * Tyler, Chad's nephew undergoing new chemotherapy treatments.
- * Josephine Garner has colon cancer.
- * Alan Brott, recovering from auto accident.
- * Donald Moorehead, in need of a Kidney transplant.
- * Sarah Walker, undergoing chemotherapy.
- * Leah Menafee, breast cancer.
- * Sherry Berberich, recovering from extensive back surgery.
- * Treasure undergoing treatment for ovarian cancer.
- * Sarah Gildenmeister has Lupus.

Please provide updates for those you have asked to be on the prayer list. Let James or Ella know of any changes.

THE GUARDIAN

"Guard my soul and deliver me; Do not let me be ashamed, for I take refuge in Thee." Ps. 25:20

Northside, church of Christ

20222 North 32nd Dr., Phoenix Arizona 85027 (623) 780-9763 (Fax) 623-780-0266

www.northsidechurchofchrist.org

Vol. 9

March 17th / 2013

No. 11

Forgiveness

There is probably no more beautiful word in the English language than "forgiven." When we remember all the times that we have failed, surely we realize that it is a wonderful blessing to know that God has forgiven us. We understand that when we obey the gospel of Christ, we receive the forgiveness of sin through the precious blood Christ shed for us. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:19).

Saved by the grace of God, forgiveness of our sins does not come as payment for our obedience. Our obedience is but the proper response to His love. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

God gives us His forgiveness. How do we respond to His love in relation to others? In The Vision of Matthew, John P. Meier asserts, "A Christian cannot win God's forgiveness, but he can lose it by refusing to extend it to a brother." Do we forgive as the kind Master, or do we withhold forgiveness as the unmerciful servant?

"Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses" (Matthew 18:32-35). "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (1 John 4:20).

Bob Prichard

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.

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

Natural Laws

The Foundation of Science Is Absolute Truth

Scientific knowledge is not a collection of subjective opinions. Rather, it is a collection of explanations about objective reality that is based on observed or predicted phenomena. In addition, the explanation must be verified repeatedly to confirm that it correctly models reality.

As our technical ability to observe reality improves, we are able to increase the quality and quantity of our observations. Better-observed data challenge our explanations, some of which will no longer fit the observed facts. New theories are then formed and either verified or falsified.

While our scientific knowledge changes rapidly, the absolute reality that is being modeled has never changed. The scientific method assumes an absolute reality against which theories can be verified.

Science Tests Subjective Experience against Absolute Truth

Empirical Science Is Observable

The scientific method requires that the scientist test a *theory* based on observed or predicted facts. The scientist must formulate a theory or a hypothesis based on what has been observed, then design a test by which the theory may be verified as valid or not.

If the theory produces observed events that correspond with the theory postulated in advance, then the scientist has a serious beginning point from which to claim further science (knowledge) about the specific test.

Over the last several hundred years, a number of theories have been repeated so often that they are now considered *scientific laws*. Scientists are confident that these laws correctly model the absolute truth of reality.

Should someone claim they have had a subjective experience that contradicts one of these laws, the burden of proof is on that person to prove that they can repeatedly demonstrate that the law is false. The standard of measure remains absolute truth about reality, verified through repeated observation.

Historical Science Is Based on Assumptions

The scientific method is limited by that which can be tested, reproduced, and falsified. That which lies outside of these parameters is not science but is in the realm of faith, the un-testable assumptions based on the presumption of naturalism or the revelation of creation.

Science can test an assumption by evaluating the accuracy of the predictions of the different models. That model (theory, belief, revelation) that best predicts that which is observable is the more creditable model of reality. However, since new observations cannot be made, verification is limited.

The assumptions the scientist brings to the study of origins can obscure the evidence. Historical science does not benefit from the repeatable observations that have served as the cauldron of truth for scientific knowledge.

The Laws of Science Require a Creator

The laws of nature do not have a naturalistic cause. The cause of the laws of nature was not the laws of nature.

“The miracle of the appropriateness of the language of mathematics for the formulation of the laws of physics is a wonderful gift which we neither understand nor deserve”¹ (Eugene P. Wigner).

There is an objective mathematical structure seen in the physical universe. An example is the relationship of the periodic table and mathematics. One element is distinguished from another by the number of electrons, neutrons, and protons.

“How can it be that mathematics, being after all a product of human thought which is independent of experience, is so admirably appropriate to the objects of reality?”² (Albert Einstein). (www.icr.org)



Special Announcements

- ✓ We had a wonderful turnout for the **Northside Ladies Day**. This was one of our largest groups yet! Thank you to all the ladies who participated.
- ✓ **Rita Kiehl** was baptized on Tuesday! She has been studying with Travis and Linda Stewart. Please add Rita to your directory, 21008 N 23rd Ave. Apt. #208, Phoenix Az. 85027. 623-241-0775.
- ✓ Please add **Jeffery Alloway to your directory**. Jeff was baptized into Christ last week. 2589 W Gail Dr. Chandler Az. 85224, 480-250-2800.
- ✓ **Odd Jobs Crew** workday will be at Nancy Sparks home March 23rd.

Northside Calendar

Visit our online calendar at www.northsidechurchofchrist.org

Monthly Building Workday: April 7th – 10:00 am

Potluck: March 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: March 24th - 5:00 p.m.

In Touch, this week: Team 4

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

Thursday Prayer Meeting: 6:30-7:00 p.m., at the building. (Everyone is welcome)

New Christians Class: Wednesday evening - Chuck Kolinchak

Best Wishes This Week

Paul Olson

3/21 (B)

Jan Burkhardt

3/23(B)

Worth Watching

“Search The Scriptures”

KAZT Channel 13 - Sunday - 7:30 a.m.

“Gospel Broadcasting Network”

www.gbntv.org

Please contact Ella Collins with any Email or Directory information - emc2ns@cox.net