

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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Allan Davis (602) 439-5953

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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

- * Courtney Book family, Courtney was killed while riding her bike.
- * Roosevelt Burns passed away Sunday Oct 6th
- * Vicki Dare is traveling.
- * Lucy, having personal issues.
- * Tammy & Ashley Avery personal struggles.

Health

- * Hedel Lachman, diagnosed with congestive heart failure
- * Phyllis Periera, maintenance chemo, bladder cancer.
- * Manuel Pariera, upcoming bypass surgery.
- * Vicki Dare has been diagnosed with Leukemia.
- * Zoe Montano, cancer and possible knee replacement.
- * Bob Montano, diagnosed with brain cancer.
- * Max Profitt, surgery for pacemaker and stints.
- * Michael Boring injured by bicyclist while walking, doing better.
- * Roger Rhodes, preacher in Bridgeport Tx., has stomach cancer
- * Kathy Magness, has breast cancer, surgery will be Oct 30th .
- * Tim Smith, evangelist in Oklahoma, on dialysis.
- * Joe Kirby, friend of Karen's, has lung cancer
- * Andy Marchbanks has suffered a stroke.
- * Jason Dykes, receiving shock treatments for seizures.
- * Michelle Janeway's neck surgery - Oct. 24th.
- * Tom East continued treatment for cancer.
- * Mandi Raymond, Pat O'Connors niece, breast cancer.
- * Donald Moorehead, awaiting kidney transplant
- * Peggy Dale continuing chemotherapy.
- * Debbie Kludjian, dealing with MS.
- * Treasure undergoing treatment for ovarian cancer.
- * Sarah Gildenmeister has Lupus.
- * Nancy Sparks is having continued health issues

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

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Phobia or Love

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. (1 John 4:18)

The above words seem strange, especially in the light of such passages as I Peter 1:17: "And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear". One passage seems to imply that one's conduct is to be motivated by fear. The other passage seems to teach that the Christian is to have no fear. How do we resolve this supposed conflict?

The word "fear" (phobos) is a neutral word that can have both a harmful or useful connotation depending upon the context. Two common uses of phobos in classical Greek are 1) to be stricken with panic or dread, or 2) to have awe or reverence for one who is infinitely superior.

The last use of the word (reverence) certainly applies to one's life with God. Between God and man there is intimacy, but not familiarity. Man is to be lost in wonder and praise with God. It was the impetus behind the early church: "Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied." (Acts 9:31) Or, Paul says, "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;" (Philippians 2:12) Thus, God's child, living in the shadow of eternity, must stand in awe of the presence of God!

However, when fear turns to phobia it can have a crippling effect. Thus, John says "perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment". The Christian is not to live in constant dread of punishment, but a continual awareness of God's love and grace.

There can be no perfect walk with God without a sense of awe and reverence. It can be a great deterrent to sin. But, when such reverence turns to phobia it can stunt one's walk, which because it has lost its grace, it has lost its assurance, and because it has lost its assurance, it has lost its glory.

- George Slover

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.



Reasoning Together

Abba! Father!

This phrase, which Jesus used during His anguish, is also available to the faithful child of God. In 1854, L.R. Jameson wrote the hymn "Night with Ebon Pinion," which depicts in song the anguish of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. The third stanza contains a phrase based on Jesus' words recorded in *Mark 14:36*. The song says, "Abba, Father, Father, if indeed it may, let this cup of anguish pass from Me, I pray. Yet, if it must be suffered, by Me, Thine only Son, Abba, Father, Father, let Thy will be done."

The word *abba* occurs only two other times in the Bible. In *Romans 8:15*, the Apostle Paul wrote, "For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.'" Similarly, in *Galatians 4:6* the apostle wrote, "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts crying out 'Abba, Father!'"

Interestingly, in each case the word *abba* occurs in conjunction with the word *father*.

Over the years, there has been some debate about the full meaning of the term *abba*. Some see it simply as referring to one's physical father, the male who begot you. Others feel it is intended to express a sense of intimacy that they feel is lacking in the term *father* alone.

Abba is an Aramaic word, and some believe it is the expression a child would use, evidencing trust. It is viewed as a diminutive or shortened form of a name, rather like a child might say "daddy" or "papa." In any case, it certainly expresses a family connection--whether we are looking at Jesus' use in his prayer or at our use as God's adopted children who have a relationship with Him.

In trying to better understand the significance of this term, it is useful to realize that slaves were forbidden to use the term "*abba*" in reference to the head of the family. They couldn't speak in those terms, because their relationship didn't merit it.

And, we might recall that the Jews refrained from addressing God in such a way, or even using the name Jehovah, lest they be guilty of taking His name in vain or somehow blaspheming the holy name. Thus, the Old Testament simply contains the word LORD where the name of God normally would appear.

Yet, in the hour of His greatest need, Jesus certainly had no fear of addressing His Father with child-like intimacy... and... because of Jesus' work, saints today are able to boldly approach God. The removal of sin enabled a return to intimate communion and communication with our Father in heaven.

When we face severe tests in our lives, like Jesus, we can go to our Father, Who is able to provide relief and help. We can trust Him as a little child trusts his or her father. It is, indeed, a beautiful and comforting picture that these words convey--whether as used in Scripture or in the song we so often sing--that God is always near in time of need.

- Randy Blackaby



Special Announcements

1. **NORTHSIDE LADIES RETREAT:** The ladies had another wonderful time of fellowship at the retreat this year. Thank you to all who participated.
2. **GOSPEL MEETING:** North Valley church of Christ is having a meeting Oct 25th-27th. The theme is "Reaching the Lost". Check the bulletin board for more information.
3. **GOSPEL MEETING:** Casa Grande church of Christ is hosting a gospel meeting, Nov. 3-7th. See bulletin Board for more information.
4. **MONDAY SMALL GROUP:** Travis and Linda's house. Every Monday at 6:30. Travis will be answering your Bible questions.
5. **JOSIE HORWITZ:** New address, 2844 189th street, Lansing IL 60438
6. **ALZA BEIERSCHMITT:** New address, 13617 N. 55th Ave. #259 Glendale Az. 85304

Northside Calendar

Visit our online calendar at www.northsidechurchofchrist.org

Monthly Building Workday: November 2nd - 8:00 am

Potluck: Oct 27th - Evening Finger Food - Everyone is welcome!

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

Men's Business Meeting: Today - 5:00 pm.

Elders/Deacons Meeting: Oct 27th - 5:00 p.m.

In Touch, this week: Team 2

Monday Small Group Bible Study: Monday nights at 6:30, Stewart house. Bring your Bible questions.

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

Best Wishes This Week

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