

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 Janeway (623) 583-2726
Chuck Kolinchak (602) 938-9429
Allan Davis (602) 439-5953

Evangelist

James Dale (623) 882-6671
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Deacons

Joshua Casselman (Education)
Chad McDonald (Youth)

Others Serving

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

- * Lucy, having personal issues.
- * Tammy & Ashley Avery personal struggles.

Health

- * Sandy Price will be having surgery on Dec 5th.
- * Peggy Dale continuing chemotherapy, upcoming surgery.
- * Oretha Burns is recovering from eye surgery.
- * Adam Smelser family, Adam drowned this past week.
- * Karmel Scott, recovering from neck surgery.
- * Sister Marzette undergoing very difficult foot surgery.
- * Vicki Dare has begun chemo treatments for Leukemia.
- * Bill McGrew continued difficulties breathing.
- * Pauline Houts is having difficulties with her memory.
- * Tyler, Chad's nephew, new tumors have developed.
- * Phyllis Periera, maintenance chemo, bladder cancer.
- * Michael Boring is improving from recent bicycle accident
- * Roger Rhodes, preacher in Bridgeport Tx., has stomach cancer
- * Tim Smith, evangelist in Oklahoma, on dialysis.
- * Andy Marchbanks recovering from a stroke.
- * Mandi Raymond, Pat O'Connors niece, breast cancer.
- * Donald Moorehead, awaiting kidney transplant.
- * 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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Finding Complete Forgiveness

"How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!" (Psalm 32:1).

David knew the blessedness of God's forgive-ness because he did not allow his pride to blind him to his sins or prevent him from properly dealing with them. When confronted with his own transgressions, the king acknowledged them rather than making excuses or shifting blame. David openly assessed what he had done saying, "For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me" (Psalm 51:3). He confessed his sins, admitting, "Against Thee, Thee only I have sinned, and done what is evil in thy sight" (verse 4). David sought God's forgiveness, pleading, "Be gracious to me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Thy compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin" (verse 1, 2). He turned his heart toward righteousness, asking, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me" (verse 10). This is why David is a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22). Being truly pardoned, he could say, "How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!" (Psalm 32:1).

At our very best we will not be perfect. There will be times when we stumble and fall. Those falls may even hurt us badly. However, sin does not have to be fatal! If we honestly seek God's pardon we will be forgiven. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). When we turn from sin, and pursue righteousness, forgiveness takes place. We then have a right relationship with God again and enjoy the blessings of His fellowship (See I John 1:7).

How wonderful it is that we can find complete forgiveness!

- Mark Hanstein

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

“God In The Shadows”

The phrase “the providence of God” is not found in the Bible but the concept certainly fills the Sacred Book. The word translated providence is from a Greek word meaning forethought, or to provide for (Vine, Vol. 3, p. 227). Divine Providence may be defined as a part of the nature of God which preserves, governs, and protects His creation. It is sometimes spoken of as God working “behind the scenes” to accomplish His will.

There are two types of providence, general and special. First, in a general way, God exercises providence over His creation by upholding and sustaining it. “He makes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust” (Matt. 5:45). The Hebrew writer declared that “He upholds all things by the word of His power”(Heb. 1:3).

God also exercises a special providence over His people. Peter affirmed, “The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation...” (2 Peter 2:9). Jesus taught His disciples to pray: “And bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one” (Matt. 6:13). It is through the providence of God that “all things work together for good to them that love, God, to them who are called according to his purpose” (Rom. 8:28).

Providentially, God supplies our needs: “And my God shall supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:19; cf. 2 Cor. 9:10). Providentially God protects His people “The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and His ears are open unto their cry...the righteous cry...and the Lord delivereth them out of all their trouble.” Providentially, God governs nations: “He makes nations great, and destroys them; He enlarges nations, and guides them” (Job 12:23; cf. Ps. 22:28; Dan. 5:21; Acts 17:26).

There are times when things don’t seem to be going right. When truth and justice seem to be trampled and crushed, rest assured that God is exercising His providence.

James Russell Lowell has captured the essence of God’s providence in his poem “This Present Crisis:”

Careless seems the Great Avenger, History’s pages but record.
One death grapple in the darkness- Twixt old systems and the Word
Truth, forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne...
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own

“God within the shadows keeping watch above His own” aptly describes the “working of God “behind the scenes.” Thus, we do not always “see” God working, but we know that He does. When it seems that evil is going to prevail in the world, rest assured that God “stands amid the shadows keeping watch above His own.” May we never lose heart because things don’t seem to be going right. Remember, God is still in charge and “all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to His purpose” (Rom. 8:28). **By Dan Flourney**



Special Announcements

- SPECIAL COLLECTION:** We have two opportunities for additional giving at Northside. The parking lot is in need of resurfacing and we are looking at adding additional insulation to our buildings attic areas, which can possibly decrease our electric bill by 25%. If you would like to give to either or both of these special projects please see Allan Davis. (*This giving be in addition to your regular contribution*).
- W.O.W. (WOMEN OF THE WORD):** Will meet Friday, January 3, 1914, 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship room. Please see the bulletin board to sign up to attend and to bring refreshments.
- BUILDING WORK DAY:** Next Saturday will be our monthly work-day at the building. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. Please come and join in on keeping the building maintained.
- DIRECTORY:** We are updating our directory. There is a form to fill out on the table in the foyer. Please return it to Ella Collins ASAP.
- AREA WIDE SINIGING:** Northgate church of Christ, December 14th, 6:30 p.m.
- QUILTING CLASS:** A quilting class will begin the first Sunday in January. See Linda Stewart for info.
- EVANGELISM TEAM:** We need of a few more ladies to be part of a two-person team. You ill be working with one of our men. We a child care volunteer for Thursday meeting. See James Dale.

Northside Calendar

SUNDAY

Potluck: Dec. 8th – Following Morning Services - Everyone is welcome!

Business Meeting: Dec. 15th - 5:00 pm.

Elders/Deacons Meeting: Dec. 22nd - 5:00 p.m.

Ladies Class: No Class for December. Will start again in January

In Touch: Team 4

MONDAY

Small Group Bible Study: Monday nights, 6:30 p.m., McGrew’s house. Bring your Bible questions.

THURSDAY

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

Personal Evangelism Training: Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. - “Into The Abundant Life”

SATURDAY

Building Workday: December 7th

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