

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
 Monday Small Group Study
 Thursday Prayer Meeting
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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 Skerritt is having struggles after her divorce.
- * Tammy & Ashley Avery personal struggles.

Health

- * Rita is not feeling well.
- * Nancy Sparks in need of a root canal, but complications exist because of her breathing issues
- * Peggy Dale has finished her chemotherapy. Pray for good results
- * Jose Cazarez had a stroke and is in the hospital
- * Melba, Wanda's sister passed away. Pray for the family
- * Jack Smith, evangelist diagnosed with terminal cancer
- * Rick, Tom's son, has cancer and is not doing well
- * Donald Moorehead is being considered for a kidney transplant
- * Karmel Scott, recovering from neck surgery
- * Vicki Dare continued chemo treatments for Leukemia
- * Roger Rhodes, preacher in Bridgeport Tx., has stomach cancer
- * Tim Smith, evangelist in Oklahoma, on dialysis
- * Mandi Raymond, Pat O'Connors niece, breast cancer
- * Debbie Kludjian, dealing with MS
- * 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.

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.

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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Diluting the Word of God

“And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.” (Revelation 22:19)

It is a very serious error to try to add some new revelation to God's written Word, as many cults and false religions do. This is the warning of verse 18 (see also Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:6).

It is even more dangerous, as shown in the above text (the third from the last verse of the Bible), to delete (or even dilute) any of the words of the Bible. Note that the warning emphasizes the words, not just the thoughts. The sad fact is that a great many liberal theologians, especially in the past hundred years or so, have been doing just that, thinking thereby to make Christianity more compatible with modern science and philosophy. But they are literally playing with fire—this same book had just warned that any whose names do not remain in the book of life will be “cast into the lake of fire” (Revelation 20:15). Tragically, many of the sections they seek to “take away” are the references to hell.

God has promised to guard His Word against any such deletions. “The words of the LORD are pure words: . . . Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever” (Psalm 12:6-7).

There are also many who would not try to take away any of the words from the text, but who then dilute their intended meaning in order to attract unbelieving intellectuals. This also is dangerous. Peter warns against those who would “wrest, . . . scriptures, unto their own destruction” (2 Peter 3:16). We must never forget the words of the Bible are “pure words,” meaning just what they say. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God [God-breathed], and is profitable . . .” (2 Timothy 3:16). HMM

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

You Legalistic Scribes and Pharisee's

There are some who say that those of the church of Christ practice their faith like the legalistic Scribes and Pharisee's. To be clear, this term is not used as a compliment.

It sounds crazy to think that someone who claims to be a Christian would ridicule those who seek to live by the commands of God, for Jesus Himself said, *"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."* John 14:15 In what is referred to as the great commission Jesus again pronounces the need to follow His will and that His will is to teach others to obey His will as well. *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

So why would someone mock another for seeking to as God instructed when they claim to be following the same God? It would seem that they do not want to do as God instructs. They have a pretense of faith but not a true biblical faith.

When those who claim to be Christian's begin to practice a faith not supported within the Word, they are in fact doing what they claim those in the church of Christ do. They are living out their faith like the Scribes and Pharisee's. You see the Scribes and Pharisee's did not seek to live according to God's will. Instead the pushed God's will aside so they could keep their own man made traditions. *"You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me. 'But in vain do they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.'"* Matt. 15:7-9 Another passage states, "He was also saying to them, *"You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition."* Mark 7:9

It is a grave mistake to believe that just because someone seeks to speak and do as God instructed that they are legalistic Scribes and Pharisee's. Especially when we understand that true Law keeping was not something they promoted. Nowhere does Jesus ever condemn someone for striving to keep the Law. He himself kept it perfectly. Matt. 5:17; 1Pet. 1:18,19. Was Jesus a legalistic Scribe of Pharisee? Who would dare claim such a thing! Yet today when those in the church of Christ seek to abide in His will, accepting His word to be inspired and necessary to follow we are ridiculed. How can one claim to be in Christ and yet be unwilling to live by His commands? Hear the words of John, *"Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son."* 2 John 9

The truth is, if labels are going to be thrown around, those congregations which frown upon keeping God's will yet are content to create, teach and practice doctrine outside of the faith once for all delivered, Jude 3, are in fact just like the legalistic Scribes and Pharisee's. They set aside God's doctrine, replace it with their own, and then call it God's doctrine. This is a heart far away from God.

Those in the church of Christ who seek to live by God's will for New Testament Christian's can be assured they have both the Father and the Son. We are doers and not merely hearers. James 1:22

James Dale



Special Announcements

- 1. NORTHSIDE LADIES DAY:** We had a great turnout for the Ladies Day yesterday. Thanks to all our speakers and those who helped with decorations and food. All our ladies did a wonderful job!
- 2. NEW ADDRESS:** Vicki Dare, PO Box 46166, Phoenix, AZ 85063
- 3. UPDATE PHOTOS:** Jan Burkhardt will be taking photos today.
- 4. LADIES DAY:** Sun Valley church of Christ is hosting their ladies day on March 22nd. See Bulletin board for more information.
- 5. SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Parking lot – Needed \$4000; Collected \$900. Parking lot to be completed in May. (*All giving to these projects should be in addition to your regular contribution*).

Northside Calendar

SUNDAY

Potluck: March 23rd – Evening Finger food - Everyone is welcome!

Business Meeting: Today - 5:00 pm.

Elders/Deacons Meeting: March 23rd - 5:00 p.m.

Ladies Class: April 20th - 5:00 p.m.

Quilting Class: 4:00 pm, before evening services on Sundays

In Touch: Team 4

MONDAY

Paradise Valley Community Center: 10:00 a.m. group Bible study. 17402 N 40th St, Phoenix, AZ 85032

Monday Small Group Bible Study: Tom and Wanda East's home, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Quilting Class: 5:00 pm before Wednesday night Bible class.

THURSDAY

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

Personal Evangelism Training: March 27th at 7:00 p.m Meeting at Ron Pleasants Home.

SATURDAY

Building Workday: April 5th

Best Wishes This Week

Anne Farney

03/20 (B)

Paul Olson

03/21 (B)

Worth Watching

"What Do The Scriptures Say"
KAZT Channel 13 - Sunday - 7:30 a.m.

"Gospel Broadcasting Network"
www.gbntv.org

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