

## 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  
nsminister@cox.net

### 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

***If you have small children, 3 yrs and younger, a nursery is available. We also have a worship training room for children 3 and up.***



## Prayers

### Spiritual/Personal

- \* Loyd Brent died early Monday, June 30, preached at Sunland
- \* Kenneth Hoover passed away this past week
- \* Chad's grandfather passed away this past week.
- \* Pray for the Bible studies taking place.
- \* Pray for the brethren in the Ukraine.

### Health

- \* Jerry McKenzie, Alza's son, had back surgery, surgery went well.
- \* Lillian Rivers, 3 month old having heart surgery.
- \* Ann Chacan possible surgery for her back problems.
- \* Andy Marchbank's in having medical problems.
- \* Paul Olson has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.
- \* Marilyn McGrew recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- \* Alvin McCarty has had several mini strokes.
- \* Peggy Dale undergoing new chemo once a month.
- \* Clark Tatum continued medical problems.
- \* 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
- \* 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.*

# 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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## Vending Machine Religion

Sitting in an automobile repair shop, I was recently confronted with one of the biggest opponents to health – the vending machine. As a young boy, like a magnet, I was drawn to the bright lights and the colorful display of pure sweetness found within every wrapper. However, looking at this enemy of the waistline today, I can't help but see an illustration relating to the American concept of religion.

In a culture of moral relativism and unbiblical tolerance telling us that all belief systems are equally valid and for some- one to stand up and say otherwise is judgmental and pushy, it's easy to see why we are in the shape we're in. Just like when we stand in front of the vending machine to select our snack, culture tells us to pick the religion we want, the one that fits us best. In the end, religion is not based upon anything other than what we desire – if we desire anything at all.

In Matthew 22:37, when confronted with a trapping question pertaining to the greatest commandment of all, Jesus replied, "You shall love the Lord you God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." With this single answer, Jesus placed all teachings pertaining to religion into the proper perspective – It's All About God! When He's first, there's no room for my particular desires. It's not about my cravings. Rather, it's about loving – wanting and doing what's in the best interest of another – God.

Individuals are the kings when we stand in front of the blissful vending machine. We get what we want, when we want, and truth-be-told, that's okay in matters pertaining to peanut butter crackers verses cheese filled crackers. However, let us never adapt that same mentality when we approach our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. May we always remember that it's about God and not us! May God bless you this week as you walk with Him!

Joe Wells – Lakeside church of Christ

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

### HOW TO SEE EYE-TO-EYE RELIGIOUSLY

Why do some people not see religious things the way we see them? Why is there so much difference between what we teach and what the denominations profess? Do we not all have the same Bible? Are we not all trying to serve the same God? Do we not all believe in the same Savior? These are perplexing questions, and they are not easily answered to everyone's satisfaction.

Basically, our understanding of the Scriptures differs from the majority of the religious world because we operate on a different principle of interpretation. To most religious people "truth" is relative, adjusting freely to different times and circumstances. For us, however, truth is truth. It is unalterable, unchangeable, and everlasting. But did "we" just arbitrarily decide this would be our regard for truth? Not at all. God's own word boldly claims "thy word is truth" (John 17:17) and "the word of the Lord is right; and all His works are done in truth." (Psalm 33:4) While there are scoffers at the idea of absolute truth, we accept Bible teaching that such does exist, and we are determined to know it. Pilate's piercing question, "What is truth?" (John 18:38) was prompted by these words from Jesus: "I have come into the world that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." This then, is the basis upon which we may come to see religious matters alike. There must be a commitment to the same standard of truth. No one would ever attempt to use differing standards of measurement if building a house, marking off a football field, or sewing a garment. This would guarantee error and disaster. Twelve inches must equal one foot on all our rulers if we desire uniformity. There must be a healthy regard and respect for the Bible on the part of every religious person in order for understanding to occur. Without this common devotion to God's word, all efforts to see things the same will fail. In order to come to agreement on matters essential to salvation, we must begin where we agree. From this point we must study the Scriptures, resolving differences as we go along. Major problems of difference are solved in small steps, and then we can be united in Christ. But we will never see things the same if we cannot agree on the existence, necessity, and location of the truth.

No Bible discussion is profitable unless every participant is a truth seeker. If everyone concerned really wants the truth, then coming to an agreement and an understanding of truth will be achievable. Believe it or not, it is possible to discuss religious differences without becoming rude or creating hurt feelings. People who love the truth are not concerned with who is right, but with what is right. Every truth seeker is willing to surrender any position if it is false. There is no other honorable course for an honest man. An honest man will seek the truth, and when he finds it he will believe it. "Buy the truth, and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding." (Proverbs 23:23).

- by Mark White



## Special Announcements

1. **SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION:** The elders have approved taking up a special contribution for the purchase of hearing devices for the hearing impaired. For \$800 we can get a set of four receivers and one transmitter. \$300 has already been given towards this effort. If you would like to contribute please give the funds to Allan Davis and note that they are for the special collection. You can also make a check out and place it in the offering tray, but make sure you indicate it is for the special contribution.
2. **AREA WIDE SINGING:** Camelback church of Christ, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.
3. **MARRIAGE RETREAT:** The Southside church of Christ in Tucson is hosting a marriage retreat July 25-27. The theme is "Standing on The Promises". See bulletin board for more information.
4. **MEN'S RETREAT:** Copper Basin Bible Camp, SEPT. 26-27, "Rise Up On Men of God". See bulletin board for more information.

### Northside Calendar

#### SUNDAY

*Potluck:* July 13<sup>th</sup> – Following Morning Services - Everyone is welcome!

*Business Meeting:* July 20<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm.

*Elders/Deacons Meeting:* July 27<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m.

*Ladies Class:* On Summer Break

*Quilting Class:* No class for July

*In Touch:* Team 3

#### MONDAY

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

*Monday Small Group Bible Study:* July 14<sup>th</sup>, at Tom or Wanda's, 6:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

*Quilting Class:* On hold for July - Fellowship Hall

#### THURSDAY

*Prayer Meeting:* 6:30 p.m. Northside building

*Personal Evangelism Team Meeting:* July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Northside Building

#### SATURDAY

*Building Workday:* August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8:00 a.m.

### Best Wishes This Week

Charlotte Blaauw

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### 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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