

## A Living Faith

People are desperately searching for a light in the darkness. It may not seem like it sometimes, but they are. Especially in the confusing, directionless times we are living in, people have their antennas out looking for a life that makes sense, a life that is filled with purpose. They are looking for a person whose life is consistent with their speech.

Is yours a living faith – a faith that is evident in who you are and how and why you live? I’m not talking about perfection – that’s not what people are looking for. But the world is looking for a person who makes mistakes, who experiences struggles – but handles them with faith.

There is a powerful description of the apostles when they were brought before the Sanhedrin for questioning in Acts 4:13 – *When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.* Their message wasn’t what impressed these Jewish officials – that was a nuisance. What impressed them was the fact that they could tell by their lives these men had been with Jesus.

Before people will let you tell them the good news, they want to know – are you living the good news? Paul wrote about that kind of influence we have by the power of a life of faith – *“You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of human hearts.”* (2 Cor. 3:2-3)

When I became a Christian, it wasn’t because somebody convinced me about the rightness of their church organization, or the correctness of their church doctrine, but because I was so impressed by the powerful witness of their lives – they lived their faith. I was drawn to people who embodied the kind of life they talked about. I wanted to know, does your life back up what you are telling me about Jesus?

In other words, before you share the gospel, be the gospel.

*John Roberts*

## The Blessing

Genesis 12:1-3

- I. Parenting
- II. Communicating our love to our children
  - Living without it
  - Esau’s missed blessing
  - A life short-circuited
- III. The Blessing
  - Affirmed \_\_\_\_\_
  - Bestowed \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - Called upon God’s \_\_\_\_\_
  - Marked an important \_\_\_\_\_
- IV. Five elements of the blessing
  - Meaningful \_\_\_\_\_
  - Spoken \_\_\_\_\_
  - High \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pictures a \_\_\_\_\_
  - Active \_\_\_\_\_

## Upcoming Events

**April 21**— Ladies Day 9:00 am til noon. There will be breakfast, fellowship, and encouragement. Please plan to come.

**April 22**—**Kingdom Builders Pizza Party**—**all KB kids and parents** please stay after services to celebrate how hard the kids have been working in KB. We will also use this opportunity to have the kids work on the **skits for Senior Banquet** and Deena would like to meet with parents to discuss and get input on the summer plans.

**May 20**—**Senior Banquet workday** following the service

**June 3**—**Senior Banquet**

**Congratulations to Samantha Felan**—she placed 1st in Weapons at the United States Karate Alliance National Championships held in Albuquerque, NM last weekend.

## Opportunities to Serve

### Children’s and Teen Classes

Infant through 2 yrs	Rosa Collier	Rm 204
3 yrs to Kinder	Jean & Jessica Hawkins	Rm 104
1st - 3rd grades	Debbie Loter	Rm 105
4th - 6th grades	Nichole Ives	Rm 107
7th - 12th grade	Kurt Carruth	Rm 103

### Praying for Our Missionaries

Let’s remember our Mission Teams that we help support through prayer and giving. Their needs are many, their hearts are HUGE!!

La Roca, Tijuana, Mexico...Carlos & Rossy

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil...Larry & Connie

Campus Crusade, Florida...Russ & Jo Anne

Youth for Christ, Colorado...Please keep in your prayers the staff at YFC: Pete, Rosa, Zac, & Oscar

Pray for their physical energy for the Run in May, and that hearts are open to give!

Pray for an abundance of volunteers for the many different ministries that YFC heads up,  
Pray for our youth in our schools.

### Opportunities to Grow in the Word

**Sunday morning 9 am:** Adult Bible class in the Fellowship Room. Studying the book of Ephesians

**Sunday evenings:** Life Groups - See Hawkins, Higgins or Roberts for times and places.

**Wednesday evening 6 pm:** Meal and Bible class in the Fellowship Room. Bible study of the Book of Revelation.

**Our directory** is on the process of being updated. If you have an email address a digital pdf copy will be sent to you. If you would like a hard copy and/or don’t have access to the internet, please let Darcy know.

### Suggestion Box

There is now a suggestion box in the foyer for anyone to offer suggestions on how the Glenwood church can have greater effectiveness in God’s kingdom.

### For Our Guests:

We are thrilled that you have joined us this morning. We hope that your time of worship and fellowship will be a blessing to you. As our guest, we would like to ask you to **fill out a guest card** that you will find in the rack on the back of each pew. When the offering tray comes around, just drop it in as your contribution to us.

If you have any needs we can help with, or if you are looking for a church family where you can worship and serve God, please let us know how we can serve you.

### For Your Children:

**A Nursery** is available for babies through age 3 at the back of the auditorium (on the east side).

**Kingdom Kids** is for children who are ages 4 years through 4th grade. They will be dismissed to go downstairs after the offering.

**Kingdom Builders** is for 5th grade through teens. Meet in teen room after the offering.

*Each week this congregation participates in the Lord's Supper, following the teaching of Scripture and the pattern of the church in the New Testament. This is a time for those who have committed themselves to follow Jesus as Lord to remember His sacrifice for us and to renew our allegiance to Him. Everyone sharing this intention is welcome to participate.*

<u>Last Week Contribution</u>	<u>Weekly Budget</u>	<u>YTD +/-</u>
\$4,222	\$3,608	\$ 4,187

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### Please Pray For:

#### Current Prayer Requests:

**Julie Boteilho's brother Rick Pancost** is having heart issues.

**The Flohr family-** Fred (Linda's father-in-law, Jack and Troy's grandfather) passed away March 20.

**Marilyn Landrum's brother-in-law, Dale** passed away.

**Jordan's friend—Lisa's mother** recently diagnosed with late stage cancer.

**Kellie Higgins' brother Johnnie**—recovering from surgery following an accident where he lost a portion of three fingers. No insurance, long recovery ahead.

**Deena Stanley's aunt Pat**—has been moved to a nursing home and is on a rehab schedule. She is still in extreme pain and weak.

**Jamie Campa**—recovering from surgery for a broken wrist.

**Mason Haputli**—recovering from cataract surgery.

**Carruth family-** Lela's friend is going through family issues, **grandmother** recovering from gallbladder surgery, and cousin Sara.

#### On-going prayer requests: Please contact Darcy with updates

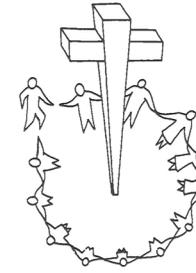
David Bishop's co-worker's son Jesse  
Pam Brown's mom Myra West  
& Dennis' uncle Doug Houg  
Matt Burt and family  
Jamie Campa  
Grant Carruth  
Collier family— Bob's mother Barbara  
Patsy Dowdy  
Guernsey Family  
Hagemann's friend -Kim Cornelius  
Jerry Hays  
Charlotte & Margaret Hicks and friend  
Deena & nephew/cousin  
Higgins/Smith Family  
Robert Michael Stone  
Linda Holloway  
Dennis Hunstad's father Don, mother  
Carolyn and cousin—Debbie  
Chris Lynch  
David Collier's father-in-law, Jerry  
Rosa Collier's brother Bill White

Croissant's friend Laura and Cousin's  
Hudson and Kelly  
Russ Licht and Family  
Lewis' son, Richard & great-granddaughter Sylvia  
Loters—Debbies father—Cecil  
Olivia Jones' friend Debbie  
Paul Kite  
Kathy Lough's brother & sister-in-law  
Mark & Susie and Greg's mom Lavean  
Roxanne Lough & Travis Jadwin's  
Aunt Alice and niece Lindy  
Amanda & Major Ogg  
Mike Peppers  
Nancy Reinisch and family  
Rich Roper & family  
Saathoff's friend Jesslyn  
Deena Stanley  
Larry Tarrant  
White's grandson Jayden

**Our missionaries:** **Russ & Jo Anne Licht** (Campus Crusade for Christ), **Larry and Connie Zinck** (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), **Carlos and Rossy Montoya** with **La Roca Ministries, (Tijuana)**, **Youth For Christ** (Glenwood Springs).

**Our nation's leaders and those serving our country:** **Tate Stanley, Anthony Pittman;** Kathy Lough's nephew, **Taylor Rowan;** Jean Hawkins' nephew, **Joshua Catellier;** Lisa Schultz's, nephew **Patrick Byers;** Margaret Hicks' step-grandson **Austin Atkenson,** , Debbie Loter's nephew **Chris Wiggs,** friends **Shane, Vanessa Hinojos & Kyle Gill.** Rosa Collier's nephews **Trey Chisolm & Chris Griffin,** Wade's brother **Troy Higgins,** **Kate Loman;** Ann's grand-daughter

We have a group of people who serve this congregation by praying for any situation, person, or need. You can activate the chain by contacting Jean Hawkins or Zona Hays or any member of the prayer chain.



## Glenwood Church of Christ

**A church where you can...**  
*experience God's love  
grow in God's family  
serve in God's kingdom*

April 8, 2018

### Worship in Song

**Dennis Brown**

*264 - O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

### Greeting

*Blessed Be Your Name*

*478 - Nearer, Still Nearer*

### Prayer

*844 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*235 - Let All That Is Within Me*

### Communion

*10,000 Reasons*

### Sermon "The Blessing"

**John Roberts**

*83 - God Is So Good*

### Announcements & Closing Prayer

*202 - Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

### Scheduled Meeting Times

<u>Sunday</u>	
9:00 A.M.	Bible Class
10:00 A.M.	Worship
Various times	Life Groups - in homes
<u>Wednesday</u>	
6:00 P.M.	Bible Study