

A Work in Progress

At some point you would think you would have things figured out and have your life on auto-pilot, running like a well-oiled, smoothly-running piece of machinery. If so, I haven't achieved that. I turned sixty this month, and I'm not sure I have this following Jesus down any better than the day I started. I was baptized forty-four years ago and came up out of the water a baby in Christ. I had never really been to church before a month earlier. I had never read the Bible, never been to Bible class, didn't know Abraham from Moses, had never heard the story of Noah and the ark. Nor did I know anything about Jesus, and so my life as a follower of Jesus began with a blank slate.

I hungered for the Word of God and began reading and studying and growing in Christ. I wanted to know more about Jesus, but more especially to come to know Jesus. Some patient and persistent mentors started helping me to reexamine where I was going and what my priorities were. They encouraged and urged me to go into ministry, and so I changed my life's direction and began making plans to go to a Christian university to study the Bible. Now, thirty-nine years into ministry, I still feel like I am in the kindergarten of learning about Jesus.

In a sense, we are all works in progress. When Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth, he described our growth in Christ as a process: *And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.* (2 Cor 3:18) One version translates that "from one degree of glory to another." It's not a destination, but a journey. The Spirit is continually working on us, sometimes planting and nurturing qualities which will make us more like Jesus, sometimes pruning away habits and sins that make us less like him.

All the while, we "fix our eyes on Jesus" who is both our guide and our goal. The moment we think we have arrived, or accomplished something, we will find ourselves with our face in the mud because we have taken our eyes off of Jesus and put them on ourselves. When we compare ourselves with others and think we're doing pretty good by comparison, God will find a way to humble us and bring us back to where we belong.

But also, like Jesus, we keep our eyes on "the joy that is set before us" and keep our feet firmly in the footsteps that Jesus has left for us to follow.

John Roberts

A Promise Kept

Mark 10:13-16

- I. Integrity
 - Promises and covenants
 - Imitating God
- II. Faithfulness?
 - Marriage
 - Work
 - God
 - A decision to follow through on our promises
 - Living with integrity

Upcoming Events

May 6—Youth For Christ Run For Youth—Cody, Caden, Josh and Tucker Collier, Jake Croissant, Henry and Elsie Slafkes are participating in the run and looking for pledges. They would appreciate your support!

May 20—Senior Banquet workday following the service.

June 3—Senior Banquet 4:30pm. Everyone is invited!

Please join us for an evening to honor and celebrate our graduating Seniors: Austin Hawkins, Jack Carruth and Juan Felan. Dinner and entertainment provided, \$8.00 per person. Please RSVP to Darcy by May 1.

THANKS!!

A special word of thanks and appreciation to **Darcy Croissant**, who serves as our church secretary and so much more. She is a true servant at heart and takes care of so many things behind the scenes that make the Glenwood church a family.

You're Invited

You are invited to **Kaylee Dunham's Portfolio Night**. She is a CMC student who is majoring in photography and is graduating this spring. Her show is **May 3** from 4:30 - 7 pm at the Spring Valley Campus. (Kaylee is from Delta, CO and has been worshipping with us the past two years while going to CMC.) Congratulations on your graduation, Kaylee!

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

If anyone no longer has need of the following (working) items, we could use them in the Children's Ministry:

Iron and ironing board
Deena and Debbie

Praying for Our Missionaries

Please pray for Missionaries around the world.

Pray for protection from physical harm.

Pray for healthy bodies to be able to do the work God has sent them to do.

Pray for their finances, and that they receive in abundance.

Pray for them to understand they need times of refreshing to give them the strength to continue in their work.

Pray for our hearts to remember that we are to "Go into all the world and make disciples", and if we can't go, we can send!

Opportunities to Grow in the Word

Sunday morning 9 am: Adult Bible class in the Fellowship Room. Studying the names of God.

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. Video Bible study of great themes in the Bible.

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>
\$2,956	\$3,608	\$ 1,337

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Please Pray For:

Current Prayer Requests:

Tricia Jadwin's father—Charles Reed fell off a roof and suffered severe injuries but is recovering remarkably well.

Ryan and Molly Brinkman—Their baby Beau died at birth April 15. If you would like to send a note, their address is on the back board.

Leona Croissant recovering from her 2nd knee replacement surgery.

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

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

Mason Haputli—recovering from cataract surgery.

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

Margaret Hick's daughter-in-law, Susan-PRAISE! recent tests show no signs of cancer.

On-going prayer requests: Please contact Darcy with updates

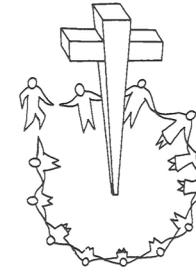
David Bishop's co-worker's son Jesse
Pam Brown's mom Myra West
& Dennis' uncle Doug Houg
Matt Burt's family
Jamie Campa
Grant Carruth
Collier family— Bob's mother Barbara
Patsy Dowdy
Guernsey Family
Hagemann's friend -Kim Cornelius
Jerry Hays
Charlotte & Margaret Hicks and friend
Deena & nephew/cousin
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
Jordan's friend Lisa's mother
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 and her aunt Pat
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 29, 2018

Worship in Song

Jason Collier

Hosanna You're My King

We Have Come to Worship Him

Greeting

8 - Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing

Shout to the Lord

Prayer

Here I Am to Worship

413 - Lord Be There

778 - Be with Me Lord

Communion

Chris Wurtsmith

396 - No Not One

Sermon "A Promise Kept"

John Roberts

902 - Nothing But the Blood

Announcements & Closing Prayer

Jim Barnett

262 - Thine Is the Glory

Scheduled Meeting Times

Sunday

9:00 A.M. Bible Class
10:00 A.M. Worship
Various times Life Groups - in homes

Wednesday

6:00 P.M. Bible Study