

## Rejoice in the Lord!

None of us goes looking for trouble. We don't send out an invitation for hardship to come visiting. We do our best to avoid the trials and tribulations that, in spite of our best efforts, sometimes show up at our front door. It would be nice to divert every difficulty, side step the struggles, hurdle the heartaches. But I haven't met anyone yet who has done it. Even Jesus himself didn't. He lived his life experiencing the same kinds of trouble that you and I do. Paul met more than his share of trials. Peter was a fellow sufferer, John spent his final years in exile. James wrote that we all "*face trials of many kinds.*" But everyone of them faced those trials with joy: Again, James wrote, "*consider it pure joy....*," Peter said, "*in this you greatly rejoice....*," John wrote "*to make your joy complete,*" of Jesus, the Hebrews writer said, "*who for the joy set before him....*" Paul wrote from prison, "*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!*"

Out of the most unlikely circumstances, they were able to find joy. In the midst of suffering and trials, and even in the face of death itself, their response was joy. And it begs the question "how?" How can anyone find joy in the midst of suffering? It must come from some other source than circumstances. If you can only experience joy when you have everything you need and want, with a comfortable life, a fulfilling job, a perfect family, then you will spend most of your life in misery. If it's that kind of connection your joy has to circumstances, you've probably already found out it's a bumpy journey with more ruts than road.

When Paul wrote to the Philippian church telling them to rejoice always, he followed that with this explanation: "*I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*" (Phil. 4:11-13) What was the secret he had learned? I think you find it back in vs. 5: "*The Lord is near.*"

When I was a little boy, nothing took away fear more quickly or completely than having my hand in my dad's. Things don't really change. How can you rejoice in the midst of storms and in the face of trials? Stand close to God, keep your hand in his. You can always have joy when the Lord is near.

*John Roberts*

## Serving God's Purpose *Romans 12:1-8*

- I. A useful tool for a noble purpose
  - Preparation
  - Presentation
- II. A theology of serving
  - Used up in God's service
  - A living sacrifice
  - Your spiritual act of worship
  - Do not be conformed
  - Whatever your gift, use it
  - Passing on your faith

## Upcoming Events

A Special Thank You to all those who helped make this year's Senior Banquet a success. Congratulations Austin, Jack and Juan!

**June 17** - There will be no Kingdom Kids or Kingdom Builders on Father's Day. All the kids will remain in the auditorium.

**August 5 - Sounds of Praise Chorus** will be with us that morning and will sing following the morning worship.

## 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

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.*

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| <u>Last Week Contribution</u> | <u>Weekly Budget</u> | <u>YTD +/-</u> |
| \$5,335                       | \$3,608              | - \$490        |

### Contact us:

#### By mail:

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### Please Pray For:

#### Current Prayer Requests:

**Ginny Badger** - health concerns

**Dowdy's great-grandson Eamon**—recovering from craniosynostosis surgery.

**Dennis Hunstad's father, Don** —recovery from another stroke.

**Loter's daughter-in-law's father** passed away on May 4.

**Tricia Jadwin's father—Charles Reed** fell off a roof and suffered severe injuries and is recovering at St. Mary's.

**Julie Boteilho's brother Rick Pancost** has developed complications involving his heart issues.

**Eric Reinmiller**, a friend of the Vromans - discovered inoperable mass in his abdomen. Starting radiation treatments.

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

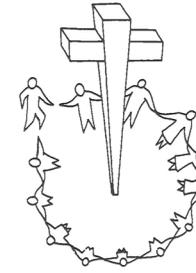
David Bishop's co-worker's son Jesse  
Pam Brown's mom Myra West  
& Dennis' uncle Doug Houg  
Matt Burt's family  
Ryan and Molly Brinkman  
Jamie Campa  
Grant Carruth  
Collier family— Bob's mother Barbara  
Patsy Dowdy  
Guernsey Family  
Hagemann's friend -Kim Cornelius  
Jerry Hays  
Charlotte & 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  
Kellie Higgins' brother Johnnie  
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

June 10, 2018

### Worship in Song

Jason Collier

*You Are Worthy of My Praise*  
*704 - Bind Us Together*

### Greeting

*Light the Fire*

### Prayer

*All to Us*  
*221 - Jesus, Name Above All Names*  
*176 - Lamb of God*

### Communion

*387 - Tell Me the Story of Jesus*

### Sermon "Serving God's Purpose"

John Roberts

*674 - I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

### Announcements & Prayer

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### 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            |