

## Together, Forever

They say, "Familiarity breeds contempt." Is it a rule or an observation? It is true – the longer you know someone the better you know them – as Paul Faulkner loves to say, "warts and all."

Maybe that's why marriages seem to fizzle out or explode after only a few years toward "till death do us part." Maybe that's why not many preachers last long enough to have double digit tenures with churches.

Longevity makes it difficult to hide your weaknesses, foibles, inadequacies, insecurities, bad habits, and downright ugliness from someone. After being together long enough, they get to see you as you really are, not as you wish you were or try to appear. And that's when the divide in the highway appears.

When you get to the point that you know a person well enough to know how fallible they are you find out whether you are committed to the real them or you were in love with the image they projected.

And really, that's where love goes through a metamorphosis. That's where you quit loving someone in spite of their flaws, and those flaws endear them to you even more. That's how marriages make it to 50 year anniversaries and endure the inevitable storms and struggles that come to every couple.

And yes, I realize that some couples stay married because they hate it less than they hate the alternatives, or they're just too lazy to make changes of any kind – but those aren't the kind of marriages I'm talking about. I'm talking about the couples who still hold hands when they sit in church, where they still look at each other with a little twinkle in their eye that communicates secrets only they share, who touch each other with tenderness and whose eyes widen with delight when their beloved walks in the room. It's a wonderful place to be.

Do they ever get irritated with each other or speak a cross word? Well of course, they're still human and don't always get it right. But those moments are soon forgotten and swallowed up in the larger flow of joy that makes up the river of their life. They have discovered the power of forgiveness and have mastered the quality of forbearance.

Did they get to that place through luck or accident? No, though God's grace certainly underlies the path. You arrive at that place because you make a decision to take that path. You choose that end of the journey long before you ever get there. And then you keep putting one foot in front of the other, side by side, together.

*John Roberts*

## "We See Jesus"

*Hebrews 2:5-18*

- I. Living with failure
- II. But we see Jesus
  - "Made a little lower than angels"
  - "Crowned with glory and honor"
- III. The grand procession
  - Leading forth ... walking alongside
  - Connected:
    - The same \_\_\_\_\_
    - Call them \_\_\_\_\_
    - The \_\_\_\_\_ God has given me
    - \_\_\_\_\_ in their humanity
- IV. Freed from the fear of death
  - He tasted death for everyone
  - He came to help us

## Upcoming Events

**Today** - The **Hawkins' Life Group** will meet at the Roberts' home at 5 pm this evening.

**Sept 23** - Bike Rodeo after church. Details to come.

Let's celebrate! In honor of the upcoming wedding of **Tate Stanley and Jessica Taylor** on Oct 14 in Hendersonville, NC, we will have a shower table set up in the foyer on **Sept 23**. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and William's Sonoma. There will also be a basket for cards/gift cards. See Darcy with any questions.

**Sept 30** - There will be a money tree baby shower for **Bella and David Collier** in preparation for the arrival of Jesse Tate. There will be a table in the foyer. See Ginny Badger with questions.

**Kip Long** will be here for a weekend of worship **October 6-7**. Make plans to be a part of it.

You are invited by **Youth for Christ** to "**Storying**" a one-night seminar on learning to tell your story. Sept 13, 6-9 pm at the New Hope Church in New Castle. Dinner included. RSVP to Rosa (970)945-7552.

## Opportunities to Serve

### Children's and Teen Classes

Infant through 2 yrs	Rosa Collier	Rm 204
3 yrs to Kinder		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

Keep Youth For Christ in your prayers as they head into a new school year.

Pray for hearts to be opened to Jesus as new friendships are made.

Pray that YFC can get into all of the schools with Bible studies, lunches, breakfasts...

Pray that YFC is generously funded this year to be able to take care of their many ministries and their staff.

Pray that eyes are open to the many volunteers YFC depends on, and that hearts take up the mission.

## Opportunities for Ministry

**Missions Ministry:** Bulletin boards; Keeping in contact with our missionaries.

**Children's Ministry:** Substitute teachers; Decorating classrooms, bulletin boards.

See **Debbie Loter** for more info

## 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 Higgins or Roberts for times and places.

**Wednesday evening 6 pm:** Meal and Bible class in the Fellowship Room. Studying *Mere Christianity* by C.S.Lewis.

### 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's Contribution</u>	<u>Weekly Budget</u>	<u>YTD +/-</u>
\$12,701	\$3,608	\$7,805

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### Please Pray For:

#### Current Prayer Requests:

**Chris & Barry Wurtsmith's mother** in hospital with pneumonia  
**Russ Licht** - recovering from surgery.

**Canard Family—Matt's** kidneys are failing, working with doctors for options.

**Leona Croissant** - surgery for broken hip. Is now recovering at home.

**Bob Collier's mother** is in failing health.

**Jorge**, Debbie Loter's nephew. Needing multiple surgeries on eyes—will lose eyesight without them. Pray for surgeries and funds to pay.

**David and Sharon Bishop**—health concerns..

**Brad Jordan**—upcoming hip surgery.

**Ginny Badger** - health concerns

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

**Batres and Gutierrez families**—missionaries in Nicaragua supported by Dorothy Eckert's former congregation. Situation is worsening and growing more dangerous.

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

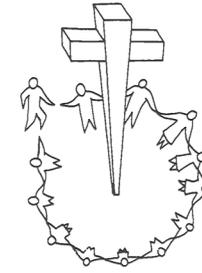
David Bishop's co-worker's son Jesse  
Pam Brown's mom Myra West  
& Dennis' uncle Doug Houg  
Ryan and Molly Brinkman  
Jamie Campa  
Collier family— Bob's mother Barbara,  
Rosa's brother Bill White  
Hagemann's friend -Kim Cornelius  
Charlotte & Margaret Hicks and friend  
Deena & nephew/cousin 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

Kellie Higgins' brother Johnnie  
Julie Boteilho's brother Rick Pancost  
Croissant's friend Laura and Cousin's  
Hudson and Kelly  
Russ Licht and Family  
Lewis' son, Richard  
Loters—Debbie's father—Cecil  
Olivia Jones' friend Debbie  
Roxanne Lough & Travis Jadwin's  
Aunt Alice and niece Lindy  
Amanda & Major Ogg  
Mike Peppers  
Kristen Richards  
Rich Roper & family  
Deena Stanley and her aunt Pat  
Larry Tarrant

**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**, **Juan Felan**, **Austin Hawkins**, Kathy Lough's nephew, **Taylor Rowan**; Jean Hawkins' nephew, **Joshua Catellier**; Lisa Schultz's, nephew **Patrick Byers**; Margaret Hicks' step-grandson **Austin Atkinson**, Debbie Loter's nephew **Chris Wiggs**, friends **Shane**, **Vanessa Hinoios & 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

September 9, 2018

### Worship in Song

Dennis Brown

*What the Lord Has Done In Me*

### Greeting

390 - *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

### Prayer

Nick Croissant

186 - *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

318 - *O Sacred Head*

### Communion

Chris Wurtsmith

### Scripture Reading: Hebrews 2:9

Zeva Carruth

315 - *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

### Sermon "We See Jesus"

John Roberts

722 - *Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen*

### Announcements & Prayer

Kurt Carruth

484 - *You Are My All in All*

### 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