

The Authority of God's Word

If we come to the Bible as to a buffet line, thinking we can pick and choose what we like and passing on what we don't like, we will miss the power and the authority of God's Word. God's Word does not present itself to us for approval but for obedience.

I realize that we don't like the idea of obedience because it infringes on our sense of self-determination and freedom of choice. Our culture appeals to this personal autonomy and right to choose from unlimited options, and that those choices are not between right and wrong or good and bad, but merely between preferences whose only value is in our tastes - whether those preferences are paper or plastic, Toyota or Ford, or heterosexual or homosexual. All are considered choices whose value is a matter of personal preference, whose right or wrongness lies wholly in us.

Obedience implies that we are not in control, and need guidance and direction in life. Solomon wrote, "*There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death*" (Prov. 14:12). Jeremiah wrote, "*The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?*" (Jer. 17:9). Jeremiah also prayed to God, "*I know, O LORD, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps. Correct me, LORD, but only with justice—not in your anger, lest you reduce me to nothing*" (Jer. 10:23-24).

God's Word imposes itself on our lives. It doesn't ask permission or offer us a variety of options. It presents the truth and demands that we follow it. The Hebrews letter describes this authority, "*For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account*" (Heb. 4:12-13).

Paul echoed that thought: "*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work*" (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

The authority of God's Word is absolute, but the only way we can obey it is to spend time in it.

John Roberts

The Book of Hebrews
Such a Great Salvation

"A Faith in Danger"

Hebrews 3:1-4:13

- I. Security blankets
- II. Heroes of faith
 - Moses
 - The Law
 - The house and the builder
 - Joshua
 - The promised land
 - The heavenly rest
- III. Sabbath
- IV. When your faith is in danger
"Do not harden your hearts..."
 - _____ on Jesus
 - _____ one another daily
 - Open your life to _____

Upcoming Events

Sept 23 - Kingdom Kids and Kingdom Builders **Bike Rodeo** after church. Bring your bikes, scooters and helmets to church with you (will have a few extras just in case). We will be riding in the parking lot once it has cleared out. Pack a lunch to eat before we ride. See Linda Flohr if you will help set up that morning

Sept 23 - Wedding shower for **Tate Stanley and Jessica Taylor**. There will be a shower table set up in the foyer with a basket for cards/gift cards. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and William's Sonoma. 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.

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>
\$2,950	\$3,608	\$7,147

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Please Pray For:

Current Prayer Requests:

Chris & Barry Wurtsmith's mother is back at Heritage after hospital stay for pneumonia.

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

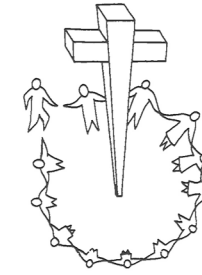
David Bishop's co-worker's son Jesse
Pam Brown's mom Myra West
& Dennis' uncle Doug Houg
Ryan and Molly Brinkman
Jamie Campa
Collier family— Bob's mother Barbara,
Rosa's brother Bill White
Hagemann's friend -Kim Cornelius
Charlotte & Margaret Hicks and friend
Deena & nephew/cousin
Robert Michael Stone
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 16, 2018

Worship in Song

Jason Collier

Blessed Be Your Name

Greeting

My God Reigns

It's All About You

Here I Am to Worship

Prayer

Waylon Jadwin

365 - How Beautiful

Communion

Barry Croissant

Scripture Reading: *Hebrews 3:1*

Henry Slafkes

671 - Purer in Heart, O God

Sermon "A Faith in Danger"

John Roberts

943 - Do You Know My Jesus?

Announcements & Prayer

448 - The Greatest Commands

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