

## Hope against Hope

Let's be honest. Hope flies in the face of what we fear most – that it's all a house of cards ready to come crashing down. Whether it's the economy, our nation, our security, or even our faith. Hope holds on to the belief that our worst fears are not true and that God really is in control.

Paul had to fight that battle in the Corinthian church. There were some who were saying that the resurrection was a made-up, unbelievable story – that if we want to believe in Christ that is fine if we need something to make us feel better about ourselves, but the grave is as far as that goes – the promise of the resurrection will never happen. Paul's answer was this: *"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile... If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men."* (1 Cor. 15:19)

Hope is based on a decision – a leap of faith, if you will – that what the Bible says about Christ and the resurrection is true. In the end, to reject the resurrection and put your hope in this world is a leap of faith as well – a far greater and blinder leap, but also a decision based on the belief that the Bible is wrong, and God has lied to us.

Fyodor Dostoyevsky wrote to a friend who suggested his hope in Christ was misplaced. He responded, "If anyone proved to me that Christ was outside the truth, and it really was so that the truth was outside Christ, then I would prefer to remain with Christ than with the truth."

When given the evidence and knowing the consequences of the decision to stake my life on the truth of the gospel, I am confident that my hope is well founded – that Christ was raised and that we will share in his resurrection. Our hope in the promises of God fills us with a joyful expectation of Christ's return and an eager anticipation of our home with him in heaven.

*John Roberts*

The Book of Hebrews  
*Such a Great Salvation*

## "The Power of an Indestructible Life"

*Hebrews 7:1-28*

- I. Left out... passed over?
- II. Melchizedek
  - A battle, a rescue, a blessing
  - No ordinary priest, no ordinary king
    - King of righteousness," "king of peace"
    - A priest forever
    - Transcending human limitations and standards
    - Lesser honors greater, greater blesses lesser
- III. Jesus
  - Qualifications?
    - Not the "right name"
    - "The power of an indestructible life"
  - If perfection was possible through Levi... why Jesus?
- IV. Ancient history or present application?
  - God can use a nobody
  - You have the power of an indestructible life

## Upcoming Events

**October 21** - The Children's Ministry is inviting the congregation to join them on a hike. We will be hiking to the cross and back, with turn arounds for anyone who doesn't want to make the entire hike. Please meet us downstairs after service and bring a packed lunch, water, sunscreen, proper clothing, etc. Questions? TEXT Debbie Loter at 970-379-2112.

Welcome to **Eric, Kelli and Sawyer Mosher**! They are the newest members of our church family.

Congratulations to **Crystal Tollefson** on her baptism into Christ last Sunday (9/23). Crystal husband is Steve and she is the mother of Brodie, Serenity and Justin, and the daughter-in-law of Clark and Debbie Loter.

## 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.

## Help Needed!

**Feed My Sheep** is in desperate need of canned soups, stews, chile, etc. Please pick up a few cans and put them in the box in the foyer.

### 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>
\$2,142	\$3,608	\$2,356

### Contact us:

#### By mail:

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### Please Pray For:

#### Current Prayer Requests:

**Our sympathy to Bob Collier and family** in the passing of his mother, **Barbara Collier** (10/5).

**Lori Zehring's** friend and co-worker, **Carolyn's** son took his own life Saturday am (10/6). Please pray for the family.

**Jeff Badger**—recovering from hip surgery (10/1).

**Julie Boteilho's brother Rick**, recovering from heart surgery.

**Canard Family—Matt** is improving. He is being watched closely by his doctors—they are pleased with his progress.

**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. Have moved to Grand Junction.

**Brad Jordan**—recovering from hip surgery.

**Ginny Badger** - health concerns

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

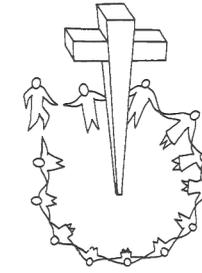
Pam Brown's mom Myra West  
& Dennis' uncle Doug Houg  
Ryan and Molly Brinkman  
Jamie Campa  
Leona Croissant  
Rosa's brother Bill White  
Hagemann's friend -Kim Cornelius  
Charlotte & Margaret Hicks  
Linda Holloway  
Dennis Hunstad's father Don, mother  
Carolyn and cousin—Debbie  
Hutchinson Family  
Chris Lynch  
David Collier's father-in-law, Jerry  
Batres and Gutierrez families in  
Nicaragua

Kellie Higgins' brother Johnnie  
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  
**Eric Reinmiller**, friend of the Vromans  
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**, Kathy Lough's nephew, **Taylor Rowan**; Jean Hawkins' nephew, **Joshua Catellier**; Lisa Schultz's, nephew **Patrick Byers**; Margaret Hicks' step-grandson **Austin Atken-son**, 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

October 14, 2018

#### Worship in Song

Jason Collier

103 - He Has Made Me Glad

63 - I Will Call Upon the Lord

#### Greeting

Let God Arise

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

#### Prayer

Wade Higgins

Shout to the Lord

Behold Our God

337 - Hallelujah! What a Savior!

#### Communion

Jim Barnett

Scripture Reading: **Hebrews 7:15-16**

Jake Croissant

18 - Faithful Love

Sermon "Power of an Indestructible Life"

John Roberts

922 - Jesus Paid It All

Announcements & Prayer

Barry Croissant

31 - Be Still and Know

### 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