

An Inexpressible Joy

It is the thing everyone wants, but few find. It is available to everyone, but as elusive as the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. "It" is joy. Joy permeates the letters of Paul, Peter, James, John, Jude, and most of all, the words of Jesus.

Joy defies pursuit. In that way, it's not like pleasure or happiness which we can orchestrate through finding the right combination of circumstances and situations. You can buy pleasure – or rather, you can rent it for a time. And that's the problem with pleasure – it is temporary and circumstantial.

The truth is that many of us think of joy in terms of what is going to happen when... When we finish school and get a job. When we marry and start a family. When we get our children grown and out of the house. When we get that promotion and raise. When we get to retirement and can relax. When we finally find the right circumstances that will make us happy. Then we think we will find joy – because something has happened to make us joyful.

True joy is neither immediate nor momentary. Joy is found, neither in a mindless escape from reality, nor a headlong pursuit of circumstances, possessions or pleasure. It is not a feeling, it is a choice. It is not based on circumstances; it is based upon attitude. It is free, but it is not cheap. It is a serendipity – the result of seeking, not joy itself, but in pursuing the most important thing. It's what Jesus was talking about in the Sermon on the Mount: *"Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."*

By the same token, the greatest obstacle to true joy is our buy-in with the current cultural infatuation with instant gratification. When we do pursue those momentary and transient encounters with pleasure and happiness, we get a little taste of the possibilities of joy and we assume "this is it!" And it feels so good we assume that more of the same will produce a greater thrill. But instead, it's like an inoculation. We get a little dose of the virus and it keeps us from getting the full-blown disease. And so we settle for the little moments of pleasure, not realizing that there is something so much fuller and richer than what we are settling for – the joy that comes from a life centered in God – what Peter called, *"an inexpressible and glorious joy."*

Let's not settle for the little taste, but hold out for the fullness of the joy that God promises when we put our hope in him.

John Roberts

The Book of Hebrews
Such a Great Salvation

"A Clean Conscience"

Hebrews 9

- I. Ineffective and obsolete
 - Tabernacle, priests, ceremony and show
- II. The power of the new
- III. Why did Jesus have to die?
 - A will executed, a covenant fulfilled
 - Through him the way is opened
- IV. A clean conscience
 - Not more religion, but more of Jesus
 - A promise, a warning
 - Baptism - the pledge of a good conscience

Upcoming Events

November 10 - Pregnancy Resource Center fall fundraiser. New Hope Church in New Castle. 7-9 pm.

November 11 - LUNCHEON SHOWER for **Breanne Croissant** following services. Ladies bring a salad to share and let's love on Breanne as she prepares for her and Nick's first baby. For questions please contact Deena or Rosa.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **David and Bella Collier** on the birth of **Jesse Tate**, born Friday, October 19. He was 7 lb 4 oz and 20" long at birth. Congratulations also to proud grandparents Bob and Rosa on their seventh grandson!

Opportunities to Serve

Children's and Teen Classes

Infant through 2 yrs	Rosa Collier	Rm 204
3 yrs to Kinder	Linda Flohr	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 cover in prayer our Missionaries. There are many ways we can serve them, prayer being at the top of the list. Carlos and Rossy Montoya with La Roca Ministries in Tijuana. Russ & Jo Anne Licht with Campus Crusade in Florida. Larry and Connie Zinck in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Pete, Rosa, Zac, Oscar with Youth For Christ.

Opportunities to Grow in the Word

Sunday morning 9 am: Adult Bible class in the Fellowship Room. Studying the Fruit of the Spirit.

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.

In less than a month, we will begin our 11th year of partnering with **Feed My Sheep** to house the homeless in our Fellowship Room during the winter nights. We will also begin serving breakfast every Saturday morning. If you would like to help cook and serve breakfast, see John.

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>
\$3,953	\$3,608	\$5,637

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Please Pray For:

Current Prayer Requests:

Wade Higgins - upcoming shoulder surgery (11/6).

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 - recovering from first of three eye surgeries.

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

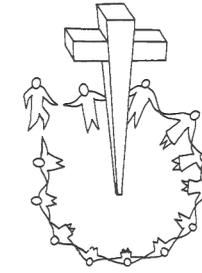
Pam Brown's mom Myra West
& Dennis' uncle Doug Houg
Ryan and Molly Brinkman
Jamie Campa
Rosa's brother Bill White
Hagemann's friend -Kim Cornelius
Charlotte & Margaret Hicks
Linda Holloway
Dennis Hunstad's father Don, mother
Carolyn and cousin—Debbie
Hutchinson Family
Chris Lynch
David Collier's father-in-law,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

Kellie Higgins' brother Johnnie
Croissant's cousins 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 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 28, 2018

Worship in Song

Jason Collier

My God Reigns

For All You've Done

Greeting

No Other Gods

Prayer

779 - I Love You, Lord

662 - All to Jesus I Surrender

379 - If That Isn't Love

Communion

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 9:14

446 - Hear, O Israel

Sermon "A Clean Conscience"

John Roberts

943 - Do You Know My Jesus?

Announcements & Prayer

Behold Our God

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