

A Heart of Thanksgiving

Have you ever had to write thank you notes for wedding or graduation gifts, and it was so hard and you put it off – not because you weren't thankful, but because you didn't know the people you were thanking? They were from friends of your parents or distant relatives, and the gifts were impersonal and sometimes obligatory. You didn't know what to say and didn't really have anything in common with the people who sent them.

Sometimes our thankfulness to God runs into that kind of obstacle. We don't express our thanks very well because we don't know the sender – we lack a personal connection with the giver.

One of my Old Testament professors at ACU, John Willis, said that ingratitude toward God is really the source of all sin – that we fail to acknowledge God – his blessings, his actions, his control. *"...For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened"* (Romans 1:21). Sin is looking at God and saying, "No thanks."

Most of the time our lives revolve around ourselves, limited in recognition or dependence on others. Thanksgiving causes us to expand our horizons. Thankfulness flows out of the realization that God has done for us what we could not do for ourselves. It is even more pronounced as we set the reliability and dependability and consistency of God in contrast with the unreliability and faithlessness of others. Thankfulness drives us to a deep sense of humility as we acknowledge how dependent we are on God.

But thankfulness is never a passive reaction. We don't express thankfulness in the warm, fuzzy feeling that follows a big turkey dinner. Thanksgiving always brings a response: *"...You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God"* (2 Cor. 9:11).

Rather than an event, thanksgiving is a continual attitude of mind and way of life: *"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"* (1 Thess. 5:16-18).

John Roberts

Growing in Gratitude

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

- I. The ingratitude of Israel
- II. A weekly reminder to "thank" God - "*Eucharist*"
- III. Growing in gratitude
 - o Something good happens _____
 - o Something good happens because God _____
- IV. The power of gratitude
 - o Our perspective and focus

Upcoming Events

Kingdom Builders is cancelled today and next Sunday, and **Kingdom Kids** is cancelled for next Sunday.

Mountain States Children's Home will be picking up change cans the first week of December, so finishing filling up your cans and bring them in soon.

You have been so generous in bringing canned goods for **Feed My Sheep**. They are very grateful, but the need continues and grows each week. Please keep bringing canned soups, stews, chile, etc. and put them in the box in the foyer.

Mountain Madrigals performances will be at our church building this year. Concert dates are: Dec 1 at 2 pm; Dec 7, 9 & 15 at 7:30 pm. They will also do a short program for us after church on Dec 2.

Have a happy and blessed



Opportunities to Serve

Children's and Teen Classes

Infant through 2 yrs	Rosa Collier	Rm 204
3 yrs to Kinder	Debbi Loter	Rm 104
1st - 3rd grades	Debbie Loter	Rm 105
4th - 6th grades	Nichole Ives	Rm 107
7th - 12th grade	Kurt Carruth	Rm 103
Kingdom Kids	Debbie Loter	
Kingdom Builders	Deena Stanley	

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!

Starting this 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>
\$1,915	\$3,608	\$4,014

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Please Pray For:

Current Prayer Requests:

Wade Higgins - recovering from shoulder surgery (11/14).

Grant Carruth - Kurt's father - fell and hit his head and suffered a stroke (10/26).

Our sympathy to **Mildred Hicks**. Her sister-in-law **Hazel Hamilton** passed away on October 26.

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

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

Ginny Badger - health concerns

At times we inadvertently miss needs or concerns. If you have updates for anyone on the prayer list or have needs or concerns you would like us to pray for, please let us know by contacting John.

On-going prayer requests:

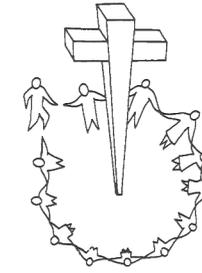
David and Sharon Bishop
Pam Brown's mom Myra West
& Dennis' uncle Doug Houg
Ryan and Molly Brinkman
Jamie Campa
Matt Canard
Rosa's brother Bill White
Hagemann's friend -Kim Cornelius
Charlotte & Margaret Hicks
Linda Holloway
Dennis Hunstad's father Don, mother
Carolyn and cousin—Debbie
Hutchinson Family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

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's aunt Pat Bell
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 Atkinson**, 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

November 18, 2018

Worship in Song

Dennis Brown

264 - O Come, Let Us Adore Him

Greeting

779 - I Love You, Lord

309 - In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified

Prayer

180 - Jesus Is Lord

354 - I Gave My Life for Thee

Communion

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:11

You Are Worthy of My Praise

Sermon "Growing in Gratitude"

John Roberts

68 - Give Thanks

Announcements & Prayer

Hosanna, You're My King

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