

Everybody Loves a Baby

The world, for the most part, loves babies. They are sweet and loveable. They're cute and cuddly (even ugly babies). No-body can hold a baby and not go, "Ahhhh!" That's part of the charm of the story of Jesus' birth – we love babies – they're not threatening, they're harmless, they're innocent.

But babies have a way of growing up, and when this baby grows up, he makes demands the world wants no part of. The world may love a baby, but when Jesus grows up, he calls us to come and die to ourselves and take up our cross and follow him – and we didn't bargain for that. The world says, "Wait a minute, we thought the angel said, 'Unto you a Savior is born.'" But this Savior is also King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and he insists on absolute obedience.

The baby Jesus of the nativity story we love and adore, but the Jesus who confronts us with our sin and calls us to obedience demands that we die to self and follow him. And so we say 'no' to his demands, we push him out of our lives for other priorities, we relegate him to a place of unimportance in our lives. And if we had been there that day, would we have joined in with the crowd in the frenzied cry of "Crucify him! Crucify him!"?

The infinite, eternal Son of God became a very finite baby, clothed in flesh, helpless and dependent. A child like every other child, and yet a child like no other child. He came to earth to be one of us, because only in becoming one of us could he become our perfect redeemer and savior.

Everybody loves a baby laying helplessly in a manger, but how do you feel about the eternal Lord of all creation who calls you to follow him and demands that you die to yourself in order that he might live through you?

John Roberts

"Anticipation"

John 1:1-4, 14

- I. The best prepared event in history
 - Unexpected circumstances
 - God's plan spelled out in prophecy

*Jesus was everything God had promised,
but nothing of what they expected.*

- II. "It is time"
 - The long trip to earth
 - "When the time had fully come..."

It is not just the staggering heights of God's majesty that display his grandeur, but how far he is willing to bend down that fully displays his glory.

- III. The Word became flesh
 - Anticipation
 - Rejection

Upcoming Events

We welcome the **Mountain Madrigals** to our assembly this morning. At the end of worship, they will present a short program of songs just for us. Madrigals performances are at our church building this year. Remaining concert dates are: Dec 7, 9 & 15 at 7:30 pm.

Mountain States Children's Home will be picking up change cans December 9, so finish 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.

Opportunities to Serve

Children's and Teen Classes

Infant through 2 yrs	Rosa Collier	Rm 204
3 yrs to Kinder	Darcy Croissant	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 our Missionaries in prayer. 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!

We have begun our 11th year of partnering with **Feed My Sheep** to house the homeless in our Fellowship Room during the winter nights. We also serve them 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>
\$3,851	\$3,608	\$2,544

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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).

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

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

Ginny Badger - health concerns

Dan and David Cain - friends of Dorothy Eckert. Their sister's husband passed away suddenly.

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:

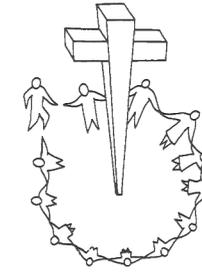
David and Sharon Bishop
Ryan and Molly Brinkman
Jamie Campa
Matt Canard
Rosa's brother Bill White
Hagemann's friend -Kim Cornelius
Charlotte & Margaret Hicks
Linda Holloway
Dennis Hunstad's father Don, mother Carolyn and cousin—Debbie
Hutchinson Family
Debbie Loter's nephew, Jorge
Chris Lynch
David Collier's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

December 2, 2018

Worship in Song

997 - O Come, All Ye Faithful

Greeting

167 - Hosanna

Prayer

Steve Stanley

Wonderful, Wonderful

163 - His Name Is Wonderful

Communion

Wade Higgins

Scripture Reading: John 1:1,14

Henry Slafkes

1001 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Sermon "Anticipation"

John Roberts

Great Are You Lord

Announcements & Prayer

Jim Barnett

1018 - Joy to the World

Mountain Madrigals

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