

### Consider the Giver

Gratitude is naturally followed by generosity. We are a people who have been richly blessed by God. We have been entrusted as stewards of so much. But we are only stewards. We are not owners. All that we have comes from God and belongs to him. He graciously allows us to earn and use what he has entrusted to our care.

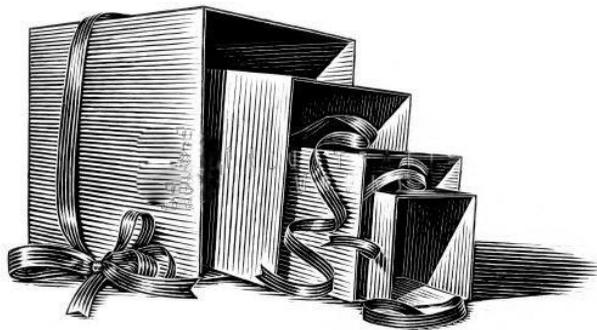
And his generosity toward us should elicit a desire to imitate his generosity in our own giving. Our gratitude to God should also bring thoughts of what we are giving back to him. Our giving should reflect our realization that God owns, not only all that we have, but our very lives.

God has given us the very best. Rather than the meager leftovers some carelessly toss back to him, our giving should be from the first-fruits. It should be the first thing we budget, rather than what is left over after we have taken care of all our needs and wants.

God challenged his people through Malachi, *“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”* (Malachi 3:10)

As we approach this season of giving, let’s make sure we consider first the Giver of all.

*John Roberts*



### Randy Schow is preaching this morning:

#### “Brokenness to Blessings”

### Upcoming Events

Welcome to **Randy Schow**, executive director of **Mountain States Children’s Home**. He and his wife **Janice** are going throughout the state picking up the change cans we have been filling up.

**Dec 23** — Our annual **Christmas Eve service** will be on Sunday morning, Dec 23 this year.

**Dec 30** — **Agape Sunday potluck** in the Fellowship Room after church.

**Mountain Madrigals** performances are at our church building this year. Remaining concert dates are tonight and Dec 15 at 7:30 pm.

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, chili, etc. and put them in the box in the foyer.



Congratulations to **Nick and Breanne Croissant** on the birth of **Madeline Elizabeth** on Nov 30. She weighed 6 lbs 3 oz and was 19 1/2 inches long. Congratulations also to proud grandparents Barry and Darcy and all the family.

Congratulations to **Casey and Nace Huff** on the birth of **Adleigh MariAnn** on Dec 4. She weighed 6 lbs 8 oz and was 20 inches long. Congratulations also to proud grandparents Trina and Michael.

### 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.

#### Communion Preparation

We need volunteers who will come prepare communion on Sunday mornings. Please see John.

#### Inmate Ministry

There are opportunities for serving in out Inmate Ministry at the Garfield County Jail. Each Thursday night we go into the jail and teach Bible classes to the inmates. If you are interested, see Wade.

#### 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.

### 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.

### 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>
\$5,073	\$3,608	\$4,009

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## Please Pray For:

### Current Prayer Requests:

**Nicki Micalizzi** (Clark Lothor's mother) - chronic health issues.  
**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.*

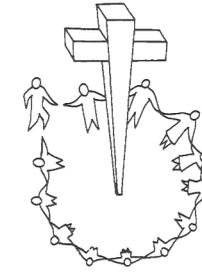
### On-going prayer requests:

David and Sharon Bishop	Kellie Higgins' brother Johnnie
Ryan and Molly Brinkman	Croissant's cousins Hudson and Kelly
Jamie Campa	Russ Licht and Family
Matt Canard	Lewis' son, Richard
Rosa's brother Bill White	Loters—Debbie's father—Cecil
Hagemann's friend -Kim Cornelius	Olivia Jones' friend Debbie
Charlotte & Margaret Hicks	Roxanne Lough & Travis Jadwin's
Linda Holloway	Aunt Alice and niece Lindy
Dennis Hunstad's father Don, mother	Amanda & Major Ogg
Carolyn and cousin—Debbie	Mike Peppers
Hutchinson Family	Kristen Richards
Debbie Loter's nephew, Jorge	Eric Reinmiller, friend of the Vromans
Chris Lynch	Rich Roper & family
David Collier's father-in-law, Jerry	Deena Stanley's aunt Pat Bell
Batres and Gutierrez families in	Larry Tarrant
Nicaragua	

**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 9, 2018

### Worship in Song

**Jason Collier**

*No Other Gods*

### Greeting

*We Are the Body of Christ*  
*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

### Prayer

**Waylon Jadwin**

*448 - The Greatest Commands*  
*How Deep the Father's Love*

### Communion

**Bob Collier**

### Scripture Reading: *Matthew 25:34-36*

**Sam Felan**

*1015 - Jesus Loves the Little Children*  
*624 - Christ for the World We Sing*

### Sermon "Brokenness to Blessings"

**Randy Schow**

*655 - Poured Out Like Wine*

### Announcements & Prayer

**Dennis Bader**

*To the Least of These*

## 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