

As a Man Pleads for a Friend

In the book of Job, we find this man who is suffering terribly and enduring the accusations of his friends who have come to “comfort” him. He is surrounded by friends, but no one is on his side. But in the middle of his suffering and pleading to God for relief, Job says this: *“Even now my witness is in heaven; my advocate is on high. My intercessor is my friend as my eyes pour out tears to God; on behalf of a man he pleads with God as a man pleads for his friend”* (Job 16:19-21).

I couldn’t read that without thinking that Job had a keen insight into the nature of God, far beyond his companions and beyond his own time. Throughout the Old Testament we get glimpses of Jesus, not by name, but certainly in clear perspective. Isaiah 9 speaks of the *“Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace”* who *“will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom.”* Isaiah 53 speaks of the suffering servant who *“was despised and rejected by men”* who *“was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities... and by his wounds we are healed.”*

Daniel will write of his three friends thrown into the fiery furnace and King Nebuchadnezzar looking in and seeing *“four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”* Job will proclaim, *“I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.”*

But in Job 16 I was especially fascinated by Job’s firm belief that there is one in heaven pleading his case, an advocate on his behalf. And not just a legal custodian, but one who *“pleads with God as a man pleads for his friend.”*

The apostle John will write, *“we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.”* What Job hoped for, we know to be true, that we have a Savior who is also a friend. And that is the story of the incarnation – that Jesus came, not just to accomplish a judicial transaction (his blood for our sin) by an indifferent God, but to become our friend and give his life for us so that we could share eternal life with him forever.

John Roberts

“Jesus, Prince of Peace”

Matthew 11:28-30

- I. Busy-ness and exhaustion
- II. Jesus, Prince of Peace
 - Rest for your souls
 - Conflict - between nations, in families, in yourself
- III. God, with us
 - You are not alone
 - Where can you go, to whom can you turn?
- IV. God’s Holy Spirit
 - Washing, rebirth, renewal
 - God knows you, and loves you anyway
 - Why Jesus came

Upcoming Events

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.



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 **Adeigh MariAnn** on Dec 4. She weighed 6 lbs 8 oz and was 20 inches long. Congratulations also to proud grandparents Trina and Michael.



Dale, Jean and Jessica Hawkins’ new address is:
471 Via Linosa Ave.
Springdale, AR 72762

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.

Celebrate Recovery Program

We are starting a new ministry in the coming year. Celebrate Recovery will be a great outreach to our community. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, see Wade.

Helping the Homeless

If you would like to help cook and serve breakfast for the homeless on Saturday mornings, see John. If you would like to help with donations for gift bags for the homeless, see Trina Richey today.

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>
\$1,299	\$3,608	\$1,700

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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.

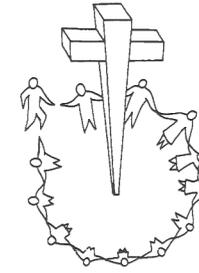
On-going prayer requests:

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
	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 16, 2018

Worship in Song

Firm Foundation

Greeting

991 - This Is My Father's World

Prayer

Kurt Carruth

71 - As the Deer

Communion

Jim Barnett

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 11:28-30*

Lela Carruth

31 - Be Still and Know

Sermon "Jesus, Prince of Peace"

John Roberts

Lay Your Burdens Down

Announcements & Prayer

Brad Jordan

474 - Thank You, Lord

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
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