

When Times Are Tough

I once read a story about an affluent man who lost his job. This led to him losing his life savings. Then, he lost his house and car. Last of all, the wife, who promised to love him "for richer, for poorer ... until death parted them," divorced him and took up with another man. In less than one year, this fellow lost his career, his fortune, his home, and the love of his life. It appeared that God was punishing him, but he couldn't understand why. He prayed and prayed but the Lord seemed to turn His back on the now homeless guy.

Understandingly, he sank into a deep depression. As he walked the streets, in search of a new job, he came upon some people building a new, three-story, rock house. The mansion was a gorgeous home for a very rich person. A stone mason was busy chiseling a stone. The depressed man watched for a few minutes and then asked why he was cutting the stone. The mason replied, "You see that small space up at the top of this structure? I am shaping this stone down here so it will fit up there."

The homeless man thought that over as he walked away from the scene and then, with tears in his eyes, realized that God was doing that to him down here so that he would fit "up there."

Once, he prayed to God to give him strength to accept the Lord's discipline, then peace came to his life ... along with new blessings. *"My child, when the LORD corrects you, pay close attention and take it as a warning. The LORD corrects those he loves, as parents correct a child of whom they are proud."*

Proverbs 3:11-12 Good News Translation

Larry Fitzgerald

People don't know what you had to go through or how long you waited for God to answer your prayers. Praise God anyhow. Shout hallelujah!

PIQUOTES

UPCOMING Events

Family Day & Dessert Auction
Sunday, April 28

Honoring Graduating Seniors
Sunday, May 5

Lincoln County Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday, May 7, 6:15am-7:45am
@ Ruidoso Convention Center

"Lift Up The Word, Light Up The World"
Steve Stucker is the keynote speaker

Mountain View Camp
June 2 - 6

For kids completing grades 3rd - 7th
(details to come)

..... Dessert Auction
Fundraiser for kids to go to various camps

Sunday April 28th
Following worship & Family Day Potluck

Pray for Rob & Tami & their work here every evening at 8:22pm

GATEWAY YOUTH

Pray with us every evening at 8:24 pm for God to bring us a new Student Minister.

Stay up-to-date on what's going in the Student Ministry.
Text @48554 to 81010 to sign up for text messages.

April 10



Serving begins at 5:30 pm
Worship & Devo at 6:15 pm
Followed by class for children & class for adults

MENS MINISTRY

Text @ 3g6b7 to 81010 to sign up for text messages

Women's Ministry

Tuesday Evening Bible Study
5:30pm @ Pam Hough's
123 Meander Dr.

Thursday Morning Bible Study
10am @ Gateway

For more information call or text:
Pam Hough ... 423-580-0616
Reita Kiker ... 575-420-4555

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES
9:30AM—10:15AM

CHILDREN
Cradle Roll & Elementary
Various Teachers

TEENS
6th - 12 Grade
Teen Room Upstairs - Various Teachers

ADULTS
Fellowship Room - Dennis Moore

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:30 AM - 11:45AM

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Meal @ 5:30pm
6:15pm - Worship, Adult Devotional & Children's Class

GATEWAY CHURCH & CHRISTIAN SERVICES OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00PM
Friday 9:00 AM - 12 Noon

ELDERS / MINISTERS / STAFF

John Duncan Dennis Moore
Wyatt Sparks Paul Wetzel Anson Whitton

To the Community..... Every Member
Pulpit Minister John Duncan
Worship Minister Rob Duncan
Student & Family Minister.....
Secretary Twylla Wetzel
Christian Services Director Gayla Skeen
Christian Services Assistant Sara Spoerri
Christian Services Assistant Dennis Moore
Custodian Julie Mellor

MINISTRY LEADERS

Children's Education..... John Rucker, Vanessa Thetford
Discipleship Training..... John Duncan
Facility Improvements..... Paul Jackson, Dave Skeen, Cody Thetford
Meals..... Betty Jowell
Men's Ministries..... Freddy Velasquez
Mexico Mission..... Wyatt Sparks
Mountain View Camp.....
Our Gifts Seminar..... Twylla Wetzel
Peak of the Week..... Gayla Skeen
Prayer Ministry..... Paul Wetzel
Ruidoso Homeschool Co-op.. Torrey Bellon
Social Media Anson Whitton
Technology & Sound..... John Rucker
Widows..... Chuck & Betty Jowell
Women's Ministries..... Pam Hough, Reita Kiker, Shelbi Rucker, Kelli Spray

Worship Coordinator.....
Worship Projection..... Twylla Wetzel

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Week of 3-31-2024	Weekly	Year To Date
Anticipated Spending ..	\$ 8,245.97	\$ 115,443.58
Contribution	\$ 9,609.03	\$ 95,641.45
Housing Project	\$ 3,572.52	



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Prayer
Requests

Name _____

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ◆ The Leaders of this great country, all those in power making laws
- ◆ Safety for our Firefighters, Police Officers, First Responders, Medical Staff
- ◆ Our School System - School Board, Administration, Teachers, and Students
- ◆ Our families
- ◆ Our Elders
- ◆ Our Community
- ◆ Our World
- ◆ Brandon Dickson
- ◆ Armand & Jacqueline, missionaries in the Middle East
- ◆ John Crouse, health concerns
- ◆ Mary Rodella, cancer
- ◆ Charlotte Stonestreet
- ◆ Kristen Gibson
- ◆ Wisdom & discernment for our Elders as they seek God’s guidance in hiring a Youth Minister



“Spring is the time of year when it is summer in the sun
and winter in the shade.”

— Charles Dickens

“In the spring, I have counted
136 different kinds of weather inside 24 hours.”

— Mark Twain

“The sun was warm but the wind was chill.
You know how it is with an April day.”

— Robert Frost

Our Mission Work

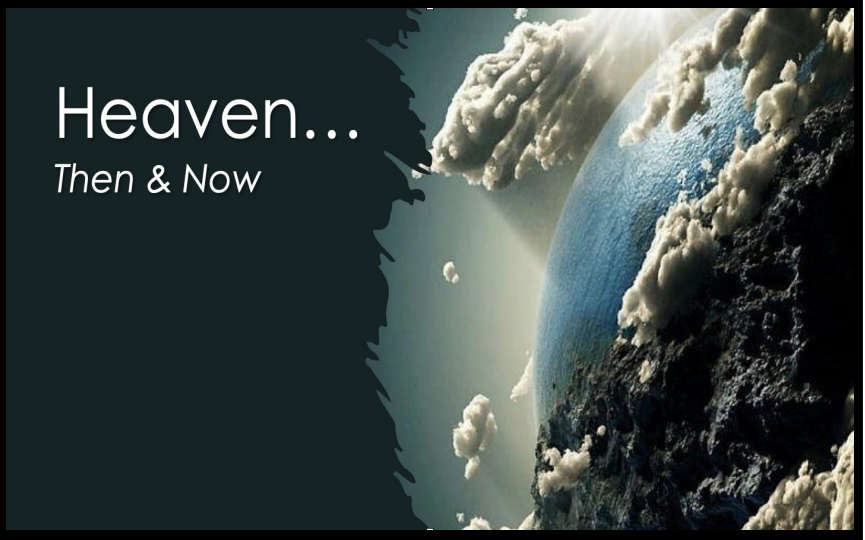
- ◆ Armand & Jacqueline, Campus Crusades for Christ - Middle East
- ◆ Wyatt Sparks, Mexico
- ◆ Vicky Cordova, Kairos Prison Ministry; Western NM Correctional Facility
- ◆ Adrian & Moriah Olvera, UNM Campus, Albuquerque, NM
- ◆ Kenya Widows and Orphans, Kericho Kenya
- ◆ Sydney Reynolds, Impact Church, Houston, Texas
- ◆ Life-Way of Lincoln County Pregnancy Center, Ruidoso, NM

NEXT WEEK
1 Thessalonians 2:19-20



April 7, 2024

Our mission at Gateway
is to grow closer to Christ
and to encourage others
to grow closer to Christ.



Order Of Worship

Hosanna, Praise Is Rising

Kids / Announcements / Guest Welcome / Prayer

King Of My Heart

Call To Worship & Contribution

One Thing Remains

Communion Thoughts & Prayer

Nothing But The Blood

Jesus Paid It All

Scripture Reading

Today’s Message with Pastor, John Duncan

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

I Trust In God

Elder’s Prayer