

THE ROCK HILL HERALD

Bulletin of the Rock Hill church of Christ



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Worship Times:

- Bible Class — 9:00AM
- Sunday Worship — 10:00AM
- Sunday PM Worship — 6:00PM
- Wednesday Bible study — 7:00PM

Elders:

- Jim Boles
- Charles Haley
- Doug Jones
- Scott Wallace

Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

Deacons:

- Reiven Holt
- Hugh Ruebush
- John Smetzer
- Burley Stinnett
- Fernando Zapata

*"We're Here
and We Care"*

Identifying the Lord's Church

The prophecy of [Isaiah 2:2-3](#) identifies 3 specific Biblical truths that help us identify the Lord's Church. Note what it prophesies; *"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's House shall be established in the top of the Mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us His ways, and we will walk in His paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."*

This is wonderful example of Old Testament prophecy that predicts the events of [Acts 2](#). The three key elements mentioned here (1) in the last days (2) the house of God, and (3) the word of the Lord will go forth from Jerusalem. [Hebrews 1:1-2](#) declares *"(God) in these last days spoken to us by His Son"*. Clearly identifies the *"house of God"* [1 Timothy 3:15](#), *"the house of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."* The final instruction is high lighted in [Luke 24:46-49](#); *"Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem, and ye shall be witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high"*. Not only this, but consider the fact that *"all nations"* would be receive the first Gospel sermon. Look at [Acts 2:5-11](#). All Nations were represented in Jerusalem, itemized in order to confirm the accuracy of the prophecy.

The way of the World would define this as the beginning of the 'Church Universal'. I submit to you that God has outlined how the Christian can identify the Plan of God and the fulfillment of the beginning of the Lord's Church on the Day of Pentecost in the year 33AD. Only the Lord's Church can fulfill the description outlined by the Prophet Isaiah. Any organization who attempts to be defined as a Church came as a result of men and not God. Only the Lord's Church is consistent with the three identifying marks as described earlier in this article. Any organization hoping to identify itself as a religious organization cannot...and does not meet the requirements that God set forth.

Doug Jones

Family News

"For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God." Ephesians 2:18,19

If you are visiting our congregation, welcome! If you have questions, we welcome them; please do not hesitate to ask Park Linscomb, our minister (the tall guy) or any other church member.

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A SPRING SINGING WORKSHOP
April 16-19, Ken Dawdy will be here for a singing workshop. Ken will teach on worship in song on Sunday and then will hold workshops each evening Monday through Wednesday.



Ken Dawdy

Here's the schedule...

- **Sunday, April 16**
 - 9:00AM Bible class — "Why is Music Important in Worship?"
 - 10:00AM Worship — "Why is A cappella Music Important in Worship?"
 - **LUNCH — Pot luck!**
 - 6:00PM Worship — "Sing and Make Melody in Your Heart, or Make a Joyful Noise, Whichever it is You Do!"
- **Monday, April 17:**

To be almost saved is to be totally lost.

- 7:00PM — "Song Leading Class" Everybody is invited
- **Tuesday, April 18:**
 - 7:00PM — "Singing Class" Everybody is invited
- **Wednesday, April 19:**
 - 7:00PM — "So You're the Ones Who Don't Have Music!"

MOVIE NIGHT is this Saturday in the fellowship hall. Look for details.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES — A Youth Sleepover on May 5th in the Fellowship Building. All ages are invited.

LADIES' SPRING FLING — Saturday April 22nd at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

Updates on the sick

FREIDA is at home Praise the Lord for His attentiveness to our prayers.

ELOISE is finally at home again, but still needing a little recovery time. Drop her a card or pay her a visit; she'll love it!

JOHN B. needed further surgery to fight an infection. He's in rm. 213 at Baylor Heart Hospital, Plano

LORI C had her 3 month skin cancer checkup today. They took 2 biopsies and told her that she will need surgery, Wednesday, on her forehead just inside her hairline. Pray that the surgeon will be able to do the minimum to protect Lori's hairline.

RALPH L was able to walk today He is sitting up in a chair and able to eat on his own. They are working on getting

him off of the nasal oxygen. Ralph is in the Hamon Building, Cardiac ICU, room 244 of Presbyterian Hospital, Dallas.

PRAYER LISTS...

- Nancy J relative Tom Kissinger: Parkinson's
- Julia's friend Wendy with breast cancer
- Dianna Conkling
- Hugh R.'s sister Andrea
- Sue Carter
- Isela H.'s friend Jeff, cancer.
- Ora Holt, kidney
- brethren in India
- the churches in New England
- our congregational leaders

Long Term Requests

- Bonnie B.
- Carol P.
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- The Zapata's friend Isabella with a heart lesion
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Dianna C.
- Ken C.
- Mary H. and daughter Sharon

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Apr 9, 2 Sam 8-11
- Apr 10, 2 Sam 12-13
- Apr 11, 2 Sam 14-15
- Apr 12, 2 Sam 16-17
- Apr 13, 2 Sam 18-19
- Apr 14, 2 Sam 20-22
- Apr 15, 2 Sam 23-24
- Apr 16, 1 Kgs 1

A Word of Encouragement

"For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it." Hebrews 2:1, NAS95.

THE RESURRECTION — THE KEY TRUTH

Jesus had been crucified. His body had been interred in a tomb close to the place called Calvary. It had been a grief filled Passover in Jerusalem for the disciples and family that had gathered in Jerusalem. Just days before Jesus had been greeted with "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!" (Matthew 21:9). But a different crowd had shouted down the efforts of politically-weak governor Pilate's efforts to release innocent Jesus.

The sudden reversal of things had left those who loved Jesus in stunned and shocked mourning. But equally oppressive was the spiritual confusion—"But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened." (Luke 24:21). And then there was the guilt that some of his closest disciples carried for having abandoned and denied Him. But bringing into this mixture of grief, spiritual confusion, and guilt was some very strange news!

Some of the women in their group had gone at dawn to the tomb to finish the hasty embalming efforts made on the day of Jesus' death. They had returned from the tomb reporting that His tomb was empty and that they had seen an angel that said that Jesus had risen. Peter and John had literally run to the tomb themselves to investigate and came back scratching their heads about the mystery of the empty tomb. One woman, Mary Magdalene, later reported that she had seen the Lord.

Most of Jesus' closest disciples gathered that evening in an upper room in Jerusalem behind a locked door to try to make sense of what had been reported: *His tomb was verifiably empty; there had been no mistake. Had the body been moved? And if so, by who? The Romans would have no interest in it, and the Jewish officials wouldn't have risked breaching the Roman seal on the tomb (punishable by death). And by the way, where were the guards? Yes, we know that Jesus had spoken of rising from the dead, but weren't we all going to be raised at the judgment? And what of Mary Magdalene's claim that she saw the Lord? Surely it had to be just a grief-generated case of mistaken identity through teary eyes.* There was probably a lot of discussion, maybe some of it heated, none of it enlightened. And then to top it all off, there was a knock at the locked door. Were the religious officials here to snuff out the last of Jesus' inner circle? But it was Cleopas and his friend; "Let them in, but lock the door behind them." And they have more puzzling news: they had seen and talked with Jesus over an extended period of time.

Skepticism and confusion was thick enough to cut with a knife in that upper room. One of the more vocal "realists" in the room probably argued, "C'mon, people don't just spontaneously rise from the dead."

And then—surprise! Jesus appears before them—in a locked room. Not like a ghost without any physical substance; but a flesh and blood Jesus you could touch, see, and hear. Oddly enough, the last person in the world that this skeptical room full of men expected to see (and touch) was Jesus.

It was an amazing journey for these men over the next 40 days as the resurrected Jesus taught them. They'd previously given lip service to believing in the resurrection, but there was still a piece of them that hadn't yet believed enough in it to effect their thinking and living. So, they feared for their physical lives, abandoned the Lord, denied Jesus, hid in the shadows, and locked the doors of the upper room. Then the resurrected Jesus appeared to them, the missing part of the equation; and they became committed, courageous, uncompromisable, convicted, vocal, and active disciples that turned the world upside down. The resurrection was the missing piece—the key truth they had "possessed" but never used—to make sense of everything and turn mice into men.

And it still happens. Yes, we know that this world and this life is not all there is; but consider how we often prioritize this physical life, and put things and experiences above spiritual realities. Consider how we sometimes lack the courage of our professed convictions in the face of worldly opposition. Consider how we so easily jettison church attendance for something fun or something "special" (are we saying that church isn't special?). Consider how we resist physical risks (aka "stepping out on faith") that we could or should be taking for the sake of the Kingdom. Somehow, the "realist" in us is still saying, "C'mon, people don't just spontaneously rise from the dead."

But the resurrection of Jesus has been verified, evidenced, and witnessed enough to enter the category of a fact. And being a fact, we can confidently believe that death is not the end, the sins of obedient believers are forgiven, Jesus is the Son of God, obedience matters, this physical world is not worthy of the attention and priority we usually give it, and we will all be resurrected on the Last Day—for some a resurrection to life but for others a resurrection to judgment (John 5:29).

Are you factoring the resurrection of Jesus into your life?

Park Linscomb

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