

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

Deacons:

- Reiven Holt
- Doug Jones
- Burley Stinnett
- Fernando Zapata

Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

KNOWING WHERE WE STAND

We have been reviewing a great deal about the Church for which Christ died (**Acts 20:28**). I would remind you that these verses are not necessarily to persuade, but to inform. God's word is called the "seed" in **Luke 8:5-15**. It is meant literally to be broadcast. It is the responsibility of the recipient to accept it or reject it. In **John 4: 23-24**, it is clear of God's intent, "...the hour cometh and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him." **Verse 24**, "God is Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth". If we wish to know what is Truth, John tells us clearly in **John 17:17**, the Bible says "Sanctify them by thy truth; thy Word is truth".

Let us be clear about the word 'worship' in **John 4:24**. Many in the world today 'claim' that they have a "*special relationship with God*" and that they worship God "*in their own way*"! Let me use a Biblical example for what this really is: Look at **Romans 10:2-3** where the Apostle Paul says of the children of Israel, (*the people of God through whom Christ came*) "I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge" **Verse 3**, "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God." It is worth noting here, what Jesus said concerning these same people in **Matthew 23:37...** "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem; thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together even as a hen gathereth her chicks, but ye would not."

What this tells us very emphatically is that following God; Knowing God; worshipping God, can only be done according to the Word of God! In order to do so, we must first know what God expects of us, which is solely the purpose of the Inspired Word of God that we have within the Bible. Look again at **John 14:15** where Jesus says, "If you Love me, keep my commandments". The things written in the Book are the moral standards of GOD. Worship includes our daily walk, and congregational worship in the Church for which Christ died.

Remember too **2 Timothy 2:15** that says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." We cannot know the way of God unless we spend time reading and studying the Word of God and then apply what it teaches.

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 a visitor to our church, 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.

N . E . W . S .

CLEVE STAFFORD, the preacher in Pittsfield MA, the church where we'll be sending a mission team, will be preaching for us on August 28. Be sure and be here and get to know him.

THE SMETZER'S KIDS, who live with them, are recovered from COVID.

WE'LL BE HAVING A HOMECOMING event in October of this year. Details are yet to be determined, but should be coming soon.

LADIES' ACTIVITIES

- The last "Keep in touch" ladies' meeting will be Aug. 23 at 10AM. Dianne will do a "Neema Baby Rescue Home" presentation. We'll have lunch afterwards. All the ladies are invited.
- The fall ladies' Bible class will be the following Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 10AM. Make plans to be there for a great time of learning God's will and having fellowship.

A BABY SHOWER for Julianna Saturday, September 10th. It will be a brunch at 11AM. More details will follow in an invitation.

THE PITTSFIELD MA MISSION EFFORT: Several will be helping in a Gospel meeting this fall, Sept. 25-28. The group that is planning

on going includes Charles, Park, Tom and Nancy Roberts, Hugh and Trudi Ruebush, Linda Stinnett and Elizabeth Hopkins. The trip will Sept 21-29. Park will be preaching on the subject of "Next", about the afterlife. Please pray for fruitful efforts.

OUR ADULT BIBLE CLASS OFFERINGS

- Sunday AM (auditorium) — A survey of Bible history. Currently we're in the historical section of Daniel and will be going on to Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.
- Sunday AM (classroom building) — New Christians class
- Wednesday PM (auditorium) — 2 Thessalonians 2

GIVING...We can now give online (rhcoc.org), by mail (PO Box 2301, Frisco TX 75034), or of course in person at worship assembly.

PRAYER LISTS...

Prayers needed

- John Bautista as he has COVID
- Chuck T. was admitted to Presbyterian Hosp. Friday for tests and observation.
- Dianna Conkling as her cancer markers have gone up
- Penny Ranger, a NH friend of Park's is sick and asks prayers
- Don Jones, Doug's brother, died, please pray for the family.
- Susie C. and infected ears
- Recovery from eye surgery for Ora Holt
- Isela H.'s Jeff Barnett with stage 4 brain cancer.

Remember these often:

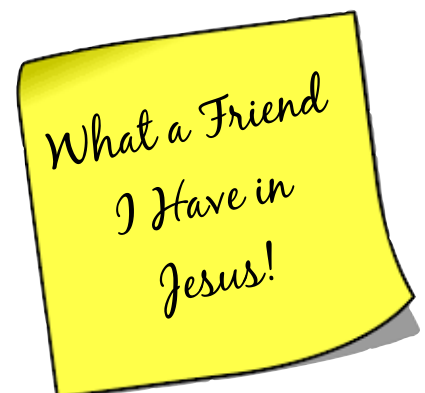
- Please pray for Johnny Vaz's mother, Victoria Vaz.
- Ora Holt, kidney
- Our continued search for a part-time youth minister
- brethren in India
- the churches in New England
- our congregational leaders

Long Term Requests

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

READ-THE-BIBLE-THROUGH-IN-A-YEAR SCHEDULE

- Aug 7, Jer 4-6
- Aug 8, Jer 7-9
- Aug 9, Jer 10-12
- Aug 10, Jer 13-15
- Aug 11, Jer 16-18
- Aug 12, Jer 19-22
- Aug 13, Jer 23-25
- Aug 14, Jer 26-27



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.

God's Plan for Marriage — Part 1 (Basics)

Marriage can be sweet, bitter, fulfilling, and challenging. It comes with a boatload of responsibilities and has a very special set of comforts, joys, and privileges. But it is always hard work, and no one does it perfectly. For these reasons, I thought I'd offer a short series of bulletin articles on it.

It's important to be reminded of these things, because like every other part of our lives, we'll be judged by what we've done. Too often we believe that marriage is such an intimate and personal part of our lives that it is somehow "off limits" for God's inspection. Not so. Ignoring and violating God's rules regarding marriage is considered sin, just like stealing, lying, gossiping, and violence. So we need to be reminded of God's will from time to time.

I hope to offer not only reminder of God's rules about marriage, but also some sound psychological tips with solid biblical foundations, and offer some encouragement to do the right thing despite the world's dysfunctional examples all around us.

And we'll start with the basics as found in Genesis 2.

First, marriage was God's idea, and it is part of the original, perfect Garden of Eden. After creating Adam, God determined it was not good for the man to be alone (possibly because of the image of God that we share). And since it is God's idea, it should be done God's way. Anytime God ever created something, He made it "very good"; it has been man's experimentation with God's perfection that has led to the difficulties and heartaches of marriage.

Second, God made male and female to compose a marriage, period. Same sex marriage, like same sex sex, is not biblical, not recognized by God, and in fact is condemned by God, because it is morally wrong (Romans 1:26,27; Leviticus 18:22; 1 Corinthians 6:9). However, male and female in such a close and intimate relationship, comes along naturally with a certain set of challenges, because men and women tend to view things quite differently. You hear men and women complain about their spouse often, but instead of *complaining*, perhaps we should be *appreciating* the differences — as the French say, "Vive la difference!" God created us differently that we might complement (complete) each other. One without the other is imbalanced. Marriage is between a man and a woman.

Marriage is also a covenant. When God brought the woman to the man, Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh..." (Gen. 2:23). This is covenant language. Of course, Eve was bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh — she'd been taken from his rib! In saying that she was his bone and flesh, Adam was claiming her as family. Covenant seals a family relationship, where no family relationship had existed before. It is as binding as any blood kinship of parent/child and just as permanent — until death parts them (Romans 7:3; 1 Cor. 7:39).

Marriage is a perfect creation of God. Although man continues to try to tinker with it, improve it, and update it; man's changes (even if enacted into law) do not count and will not bring maximum happiness to marriage.

Park Linscomb

