

# 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

## THE WORD OF TRUTH, PART 2

What Paul preached was the not only the coming of Christ; not only the reason that he came, but a new, higher standard by which we all should live. The apostles were empowered by God Himself, to deliver the inspired word, the instruction in righteousness spoken of in **2 Timothy 3:16-17**. Salvation is dependent upon something that many overlook. Salvation is dependent upon the obedience that is associated with the message taught by the word of the Lord; not just a few good ideas taught by good men, but the basis of salvation given by God for that very purpose!

Perverting the gospel means we either add-to or take-away from that which the Bible teaches! Listen to the words of the Old Testament quoted by Jesus in **Matthew 15:8-9**, *"This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."* This was a common trait of people in the time of the prophet, in the times of Jesus, and in our world today. It is the *"broad way that leadeth to destruction"* according to **Matthew 7:13**. Remember **2 Peter 1:20-21**? Peter says *"no prophesy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophesy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake (spoke) as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."* To disregard the word of the Lord is to disregard the Lord Himself. This is not a theory nor supposition on the part of men. It is the commandment of the Almighty God! Look at **2 Peter 3:3-7** where is described the attitude of many people today: *"there shall come in the last days, scoffers, walking after their own lusts. And saying, where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning."*

Hear the warning of the Lord today: There is the way of God, and there is the way of the world, which is the way of the flesh. Look at **Romans 8:5-8**, where the Bible says, *"they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the spirit, the things of the spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God neither indeed can be. So then, they that are in the flesh cannot please God."* If you wish to be spiritual, you must be obedient to the word of the Lord.

*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 .

**WORK ON THE INSIDE** of our auditorium is now complete with the laying of the carpeting. The exterior laying

## What's Going On?

down of some grass sod sometime soon will be the final touch. Thanks to everyone who contributed funds, selected designs, and worked with workmen.

**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 be during parts of the last 2 weeks of September. Park will be preaching on the subject of "Next", about the

afterlife. Please pray for fruitful efforts.

**TIM KING** has placed membership with us for the short time he'll be in town (through about the end of August). His contact info is in our directory.

**THE LEADERSHIP MEETING** is next Sunday at 4PM. If you have something for the elders, deacons, or preacher to consider, please bring it to their attention before next Sunday.

**A BABY SHOWER** Julianna's baby shower is scheduled on Saturday, September 10th. Look for more details.

**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

- There are several who will be traveling over the next few weeks for vacations and more. Please keep these brethren in you prayers.
- Bonnie D's nephew, Robby Peterman, recovering from heart surgery
- Susie C. and infected ears
- Fernando's father's recovery

- 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
- Doug Jones' brother, Don Jones with cancer
- brethren in India
- the churches in New England
- our elders, deacons, and preacher

#### Long Term Requests

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

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

- Jul 10, Pro 5-8
- Jul 11, Pro 9-13
- Jul 12, Pro 14-17
- Jul 13, Pro 18-21
- Jul 14, Pro 22-24
- Jul 15, Pro 25-28
- Jul 16, Pro 29-31
- Jul 17, Eccl 1-6

# A Word of Encouragement

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"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.

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## Counterfeits and Substitutes

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**C**ounterfeits and substitutions are everywhere in our modern world. While we like the genuine articles (for examples; real leather, real silk, real butter, or real sugar), we often settle for substitutes (vinyl, nylon, margarine, or Equal). They tend to be less expensive (in money or calories) and easy to obtain. They look or taste similar — but they aren't the same. They aren't the real things, and in the end you realize they are labeled counterfeits and substitutions for a reason — they are inferior to the real thing.

More seriously, people sometimes pass counterfeit money to the unsuspecting; the counterfeiters try hard to make the money look authentic, so that the average person will be fooled; but they can crank it out easily and cheaply. However, the US Mint and savvy merchants won't accept the fakes as legal tender, leaving the duped consumer poorer.

Worse by far, however, are spiritual counterfeits and substitutes; things offered by Satan as "just as good", "no sweat" substitutes for the Lord's way. The problem is that God doesn't accept substitutes. Things like...

**Faithfulness replaced by "hit and miss Christianity".** The Lord requires faithfulness of us (Matt. 25:21 / Acts 11:23 / Rev. 2:10 and others) — faithfulness in terms of loyalty to Him, obedience, love for Him, and placing Him above all. But Satan would like to sell us an easier and "just as good" way — "hit or miss Christianity" — "hit or miss church attendance", "hit or miss obedience" (choosing what to obey and what to ignore), "hit or miss loyalty" (when the crowd presses us too hard), "hit or miss priorities", and more. Don't be taken in by any substitute for faithfulness.

**Truth replaced by popular opinion.** Spiritual truth is just as irreplaceable as truth about the physical world (Prov. 23:23 / John 14:6) and God hates what is false. Nevertheless, Satan offers the so-called truth of popular opinion, which is always

more soothing, more believable (because "everybody" thinks it's true), and appealing to worldly wisdom. But popular opinion (even overwhelmingly popular opinion) nor the legislation of governing authorities can ever make wrong right, right wrong, or the truth false; indeed, popular opinion is just another way to talk about the broad way that leads to destruction (Matt. 7:13). Don't be scammed by any substitute for truth.

**Eternal life replaced by a good time now.** From the days of Eden, Satan has been offering a substitute for eternal life, (to paraphrase) "Go on, eat the apple, enjoy it (it's so delicious, believe me) and revel in your new wisdom. And don't worry about dying; God was just trying to mess with you." And so even today men trade away eternal life for the prospect of a good time here and now. Don't be fooled by any substitute for eternal life.

**Salvation replaced by "Me and God are doing OK."** As a self-chosen plan of salvation, it is certainly easier and less "expensive" than God's genuine way. But the question is not whether or not you believe that you and God are OK; the authenticity of our salvation really is whether God says you're OK with Him. God gave us the things to take note of for genuine salvation: believing in Jesus as the Son of God and sacrifice for our sins, repentance (turning our backs to sinful ways and turning surfaces toward following God's way), confession that Jesus is Lord, obedience to the command to be baptized, and faithful discipleship. And all counterfeits will be rejected. Don't be duped by any substitute for salvation.

**Now, there is one acceptable substitute;** one acceptable substitute for the justice and punishment that you and I deserve — Jesus. God's justice and punishment for sins is a real thing (Rom. 6:23), so grab onto this God-granted substitute and never let Him go.

*Park Linscomb*

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JULY

	10		11		12		13		14		15		16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00 AM Bible classes</li> <li>■ 10:00 AM Worship</li> <li>■ 5:30 PM Putting legs on our prayers</li> <li>■ 6:00 PM Worship</li> </ul>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 7:00 PM Wed. Bible class</li> </ul>								

## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

<b>July 10</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<i>Greeter</i>	John S.	John S.
<i>Announcements</i>	Jim B	Jim B.
<i>Songleading</i>	Doug J	Charles H.
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Chris S	Hugh R
<i>Communion</i>	Reiven H	Doug J
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Ted K	Chuck T

<b>July 17</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<i>Greeter</i>	Johnny V.	Johnny V
<i>Announcements</i>	Jim B	Jim B
<i>Songleading</i>	Doug J	Reiven H
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	John S	Yaw F
<i>Communion</i>	Yaw F	Ted K
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Burley S	Charles H

## Shortcuts to good info...

To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...



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Sermon Notes...

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