

# 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

## ARE YOU FULLY REDEEMED?

The story of Zaccheus is found in Luke 19:1-9. He was a rich tax collector, but he was also short; so he climbed a tree to see the Lord passing by. Jesus called him and invited Himself to Zaccheus' house, a privilege he was overjoyed to receive. In his joy, Zaccheus volunteered to give to the poor half of his possessions and repay anyone he might have defrauded four times as much as he had taken. In response, Jesus remarked, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham" Luke 19:9. For Zaccheus, salvation and redemption weren't just his personal condition; he made everything in his possession "redeemed", too.

Every Christian has had the Zaccheus moment, when salvation came to us. We were redeemed: forgiven, given an inheritance in Heaven, and a new way of life. It just makes us want to stand up and cheer—maybe like Zaccheus. But as with Zaccheus, there's more to our redemption.

There's the redemption of our stuff: money, possessions, homes, cars, food, etc. Can stuff really be redeemed? It's interesting how Romans 8:19-21 talks of the whole created universe longing for redemption, isn't it? And if the whole creation wants to be redeemed, perhaps your stuff would like to go from being used for ordinary, sometimes sinful, purposes to being used for God's purposes. Your contribution is redeemed stuff. Giving a ride to those in need is redeeming the car. Your home used for Christian hospitality makes it a redeemed home. Food provided for the hungry and clothes for the needy are all ways of redeeming our stuff. Grow beyond personal redemption, redeem your stuff, too.

Have you ever thought about redeeming your time? Paul wrote to the Ephesians that they should be "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16, KJV). The book of Ecclesiastes has a lot to say about the time that we waste on things that won't last ("vanity of vanities, all is vanity!"); but it concludes with what gives meaning to our lives, "fear God and keep His commandments" (Eccl. 12:13). While there are things that we ordinarily do that are truly important to sustain ourselves and meet the needs of our families, we also kill a lot of time. Instead of killing time, let's redeem it — promoting the Gospel, helping those in need, encouraging the church, and more. Redeem your time.

And let's redeem our talents and opportunities, too. Moses was trained as a leader in the palace of the Pharaoh, but by Exodus 3, he was content with being a shepherd in the middle of a wilderness. Esther was queen of Persia, but when the chance to rescue her people first presented itself to her, she wanted to pass on it. Romans 12:6-8 encourages Christians to use the talents and opportunities the Lord gives to us with our whole heart and at full capacity in His service—redeem your talents and opportunities.

Full redemption is about more than a saved soul. It is also about living a redeemed life, using our stuff in redeemed ways, spending our time in redeemed hours, and using our talents, and opportunities with redemption in mind. Live a fully redeemed life!

Park Linscomb

# 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 .

### LEADERSHIP MEETING NOTES

- Doug Jones continues to work on a good visitors' list
- Fernando is working on a new worship leaders' schedule and noted that there a number of new brothers who'd like to serve the congregation in worship that he is putting into the list.
- It was noted that we need to get our small groups to meet again.
- The gathering at the Zapata's home has been postponed until fall.
- It was suggested that we have a Rock Hill Reunion this September to invite former members to visit us.
- The baptistry heater is now functional again.
- It was encouraged that we put the Bible reading schedule on our website as part of our new "Resource Page"

### ROCK HILL IS PLANNING ON HELPING THE CHURCH IN PITTSFIELD MA

in a Gospel meeting this fall, Sept. 25-28. We'd like to have several from our congregation come and help between Sept.



21-28 with advertising and encouragement. If you'd be interested Jim, Charles, or Park know BEFORE JULY 10. An informational meeting on Sunday evening and Wednesday evening surfaced 6 or more who might come.

**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

- Ralph L. is scheduled for back surgery later this week
- Bonnie D asks for prayers for her nephew, Robby Peterman, who had open heart surgery and has been having a hard time recovering. He is currently on a ventilator, waiting on a tracheotomy.
- Rex and Isela H. have been ill all last week. Pray for a quick recovery.
- Sue Carter's brother, Lynn Jackson is in end stage cancer. He is in the hospital but hopes to be able to go home this week with Hospice.
- Fernando's father's recovery
- Recovery from eye surgery for Ora Holt
- Isela H.'s Jeff Barnett with stage 4 brain cancer.



- A swift recovery for Tom Roberts
- Trudy R.'s surgical recovery

#### 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-TROUGH-IN-A-YEAR SCHEDULE

- Jun 19, Psa 18-22
- Jun 20, Psa 23-31
- Jun 21, Psa 32-37
- Jun 22, Psa 38-44
- Jun 23, Psa 45-51
- Jun 24, Psa 52-59
- Jun 25, Psa 60-67
- Jun 26, Psa 68-71



# 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.*

## Is the Mirror Right or Wrong?

There was once a man in a small town. He was a bachelor and had his own unique ways of looking at things. He seldom paid much attention to how he looked, and even sometimes looked down on those who seem to pay any attention to their appearance. He'd call them "pretty boys" and "narcissists". He considered health and beauty products offered in stores a waste of money and time—even a scam. Because of this point of view, his looks, of course, gradually grew worse and worse. When he looked in a mirror, he sometimes was shocked, but his fertile imagination devised a personal theory that the health and beauty products industry had conspired to sell distorted mirrors, in order to sell more products. He stopped looking at mirrors and urged others to do the same.

And because he'd neglected common hygiene, in time, his health also worsened. The town doctor who saw him on the street warned him about an open sore on his forehead, and offered to show him in a mirror. But the man refused to look; in his mind, the medical field had now joined in the conspiracy to distort mirrors.

Even so, the man occasionally caught his shocking reflection in store windows. But he simply expanded his theory that now that "the conspiracy" was distorting windows, too, in order to fool the public.

Meanwhile, although the towns people at first were shocked and repulsed by the man's appearance and philosophy, in time they got used to it. Some began to neglect their own care, and adopted the wild man's conspiracy theory. So now there was a small clan of wild looking, "hygiene challenged" townspeople, complaining about the mirrors and windows that surely had been distorted like funhouse mirrors to bilk an unsuspecting public of their hard earned cash. Over time, ugly became more common, even fashionable; and each wild man would tell themselves that although they might not be beautiful, they were not as ugly as many.

But one day, the original wild man stopped at a local cafe for a cup of coffee; as he sat down, he

caught a glimpse of himself in the reflection of the coffee. The light had caught and illuminated his face just right. Undistorted and undeniable truth was staring back at him from coffee cup. He was horrified! What he saw was far from the foolish lies he had told himself.

There was the long way to go, but a good start been made. His first stop was a barber shop, next a clothing store, a dentist, a drug store, the doctor, and more. Now, as the former wild man walked down the street, most people mistook him for a stranger in town.

The wild man's town "disciples" were shocked. He tried to explain to them how his eyes had been opened and that the mirrors weren't wrong; but their ears were closed to this shocking illumination. "A mental breakdown" is how they described the change. The other wild men in town organized an "intervention", blogged about it, and held a vigil complete with signs outside his house to protest his "conversion". The former wild man came out to talk with them. "But the mirrors reflect reality!" he pleaded. Some listened, but many did not.

The former wild man recovered his health, paid attention to his looks, and consequently made many more friends and lived a long life — as did those who listened to his conversion plea. Those that didn't listen, however, lived much shorter lives and mostly in isolation.

James, as he talks about the importance of reading and heeding the Bible, tells us "But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does" (James 1:22-25).

Park Linscomb



# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JUNE

19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>Juneteenth</b> <b>Father's Day</b> <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>	Kim & Ryan B. ❤️	■ 5:30 PM Dinner with Arnie and Rae	Chris & Sue A. ❤️ ■ 7:00 PM Wed. Bible class	■ 10:00 AM Cleaning ladies	■ 6:00 PM Game night with Jack and Jordie's	Kodie S. 🏠

## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

### June 19

Greeter  
 Announcements  
 Songleading  
 Opening Prayer  
 Communion  
 Closing Prayer

### AM

John S.  
 Burley S  
 Doug J  
 Johnny V  
 Reiven H  
 Chris S

### PM

John S.  
 Burley S  
 Jim B  
 Reiven H  
 Johnny V  
 Doug J

### June 26

Greeter  
 Announcements  
 Songleading  
 Opening Prayer  
 Communion  
 Closing Prayer

### AM

John S.  
 Burley S  
 Doug J  
 Charles H.  
 Chris S.  
 Jim B.

### PM

John S.  
 Burley S  
 Charles H.  
 Doug J  
 Fernando Z  
 Ralph L.

## Shortcuts to good info...

To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...



## Sermon Notes...

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