

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

A Purpose for the Church

One of the great 'revealing' verses regarding the Word of the Almighty God, comes to us in the book of **Hebrews 1:1-2**, where the Bible says, "God who at different times and in many ways spoke to the forefathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken to us by His Son whom He hath appointed heir of all things." The methods that God chose to communicate His will took several forms over the ages. More recently, however, God has purposely communicated His will through His Son, and has given Him all power according to **Matthew 28:18**, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

The Father has given all power unto the Son according to **John 5:26-27**. It is also important that we realize: the purpose of God to send His Son; the purpose of His death, burial and resurrection; and the purpose of the Church! If we look at the early prophesies in the Book of **Daniel 7:14**, concerning a "kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve; an everlasting kingdom that shall not pass away, and not be destroyed," and if we consider all such prophesies that were delivered by the prophets, it points us directly to the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

I would ask that you remember the statement made by Jesus in **Matthew 16:18-19** to Peter concerning the Church and the kingdom. That Jesus was going to build His Church and establish a kingdom. Remember too, that in **Mark 9:1** Jesus indicated that it would take place in the lifetime of those who were still alive. "there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death until they have seen the kingdom of God come with power." The 'POWER' spoken of here was fulfilled in **Acts Chapter 2** when the Holy Spirit came and the Church of the Lord became reality **Acts 2:47**.

Listen very carefully: It is a popular opinion of many today, that Jesus ***failed*** at his attempt to establish this kingdom. Our God is not the God of Failures. To believe this false doctrine would DENY that Jesus entered into His glory as a result of his resurrection. That He somehow had not taken his place at the right hand of the Father. Jesus said in **Luke 24:25-26**, "O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?" Let us clearly hear His Word.

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 .

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST was postponed from yesterday to next Saturday. Join us at 9:00 am. The food and fellowship are great!

THE LEADERSHIP MEETING that was to happen this afternoon has been postponed to next Saturday after the men's breakfast (approximately 10:30am).

THE "KICK-OFF" OF CARE GROUPS will be March 20, next Sunday. After morning worship services, we'll all meet for a taco lunch followed by our Care Groups meeting separately to organize themselves.

THE LADIES' CLASS meets in the fellowship hall each Tuesday at 10am.

THERE'S NOW A RECYCLE BIN in the back of the auditorium near the water fountains. When you're done with your plastic water bottles, you can put them there.

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...

New requests...

- Linda Stinnett's brother in law, Kenny Ballou passed away Wednesday evening. Please pray for his family.

GIVING GOD THANKS AND GLORY...

- Ken Conklin's surgical procedure on his heart was successful and his heart rhythm is back to normal. On another note, Dianna's new chemo pill seems to be working and she feels much better. Dianna C. wanted to thank the congregation for all the prayers.
- Juliana's 9 week check up. God has answered our prayers. Everything went great! You

could hear the heartbeat and could see the baby moving! The Dr. said it was the perfect size and heartbeat was strong!

Prayers needed

- From Lori Cloud: "I would

like to add Leah to the prayer list with her upcoming delivery...Dr. is guessing around March 15. Stay tuned...."

- Ora Holt
- Reiven's Uncle Alvin passed away
- Elizabeth Hopkins wanted to let everyone know that Mark Bernstrom (the husband of a friend of mine) is doing great after his recent back surgery. Many thanks for the prayers on his behalf.

- Kevin Kissinger, Doug and Nancy's grandson
- Nancy J.'s cousin Brian is receiving drugs for his tumor.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela, paralysis, surgery, recovery, and rehab
- Maxie Savage (cousin of Nancy J.) also has COVID and AFIB
- Lori Cloud's father: some confusion
- Dianne Haley's cousin, Heather Martindale: cancer, chemo, surgery, and just lost her father.
- Travis Y. feeding tube complications
- Trelitha Bryant
- Zapata's teenage friend Isabella with a heart lesion

Remember these often:

- brethren in India
- the churches in New England
- our elders, deacons, and preacher

Long Term Requests

- Carol P.
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Bonnie B.
- Dianna C.
- Ken C.
- Mary H. and daughter Sharon
- Cheryl F.
- Ann S.

WE'RE A BIBLE-READING GROUP.

FOLLOW THE SCHEDULE AND READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR — AGAIN.

- Mar 13, Josh 10-11
- Mar 14, Josh 12-14
- Mar 15, Josh 15-17
- Mar 16, Josh 18-20
- Mar 17, Josh 21-22
- Mar 18, Josh 23-24
- Mar 19, Judges 1-3
- Mar 20, Judges 4-6

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.

FAITH TO RISK THE FLAMES

Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were forced to accept a transfer (exiled) to Babylon. It was a long way from home, family, everything familiar, and everyone they knew. The upside was that Babylon was probably an exciting place for young men; it was the center of the political empire of Babylon and a center of learning (the Magi were learned men, who were widely known and respected). They'd gone to school and been trained in Babylon at the king's expense; and because they had done so well in their studies, their boss, the king, had given them responsible positions. They'd even been given new identities, new names (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—SM&A), to help them fit in and assimilate. Their lives, while not perfect, were probably pleasant, full, and meaningful. Though they had been taken captive, God had nevertheless blessed them, and they enjoyed the favor of their boss, the king.

But one day the boss decided that the whole company (the kingdom) needed to participate in a sinful act of idolatry. It wasn't targeted at SM&A, but it certainly was going to "out them" as religious oddballs—insubordinate monotheists!

The "invitations" were issued, the proper protocol for the event was set (the band plays and your bow to the image), and the hour of decision arrived. Would SM&A back down or hold their ground?

SM&A came to the "event" and stood with the other executives and employees, just the way they were supposed to...and then the band played. Every satrap, prefect, governor, counselor, treasurer, judge, magistrate, and ruler of the provinces followed protocol and dropped to bow to the king's golden image, just the way the king had envisioned it—except for SM&A.

"Maybe," the king thought, "SM&A misunderstood the protocol." The king liked them, so he gave them the benefit of the doubt and another chance to comply on the spot. The king explained the protocol to SM&A again, including the consequences of not complying—a consequence that gives a whole new meaning to the phrase "you're fired", being thrown into a fiery furnace.

But SM&A replied, (Daniel 3:16-18) "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an

answer concerning this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is **able** to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up." What great faith!

This time there was no misunderstanding. The king's favor turned to anger, and he had them thrown into the fiery furnace. But (to make a long story short) God did, in fact, rescue them, and the king was profoundly impressed with the God of SM&A!


There's a couple of things for modern people living in our modern world that are worth thinking about in SM&A's reply to the king

We need to have faith that God is **able** to rescue us. When our jobs, our security, our relationships, our popularity, our "coolness", etc. are on the line, do we act like God could rescue us? Or do we take the option right out of God's hands and do what we need to do to protect what we don't want messed with? The many stories of the Bible resound with the truth that no one is outside of God's ability to rescue. God is able and worthy of relying on to rescue us and perhaps make things even better for us. Note that SM&A did actually get thrown into the furnace—and not only did they come out without even the smell of smoke *but* they also came out to enormous honor from the king himself. Have faith that God is **able** to overcome anything!

But a second thing to notice here is SM&A's **loyalty**, even if God chose not to rescue. SM&A weren't being rebellious toward the king, they were holding to a greater loyalty and they were determined to do so, regardless of the consequences. SM&A realized that sometimes it is not in God's greater will to rescue us from physical troubles, and that we must sometimes simply rely in faith on the fact that God will make things right on the last day. Be a **loyal** follower of the Lord, regardless of what or who the world wants us to conform to or be loyal to.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN MARCH

13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Heather B.  ■ 9:00 AM Bible classes ■ 10:00 AM Worship ■ 5:30 PM Putting legs on our prayers ■ 6:00 PM Worship	■ 10:00 AM Ladies class	■ 7:00 PM Wed. Bible class			■ 9:00 AM Men's Breakfast ■ 10:30 AM Leadership meeting	

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

March 13	AM	PM
Announcements	John S	John S
Songleading	Charles H	Charles H
Opening Prayer	Chris S	??
Communion	Reiven H	Johnny V
Closing Prayer	Yaw F	Burley S
Greeter	Burley S	Burley S

March 20	AM	PM
Announcements	Jim B.	Jim B.
Songleading	Doug J.	Yaw F.
Opening Prayer	John S.	Johnny V.
Communion	Reiven H.	Charles H.
Closing Prayer	Charles H.	Doug J.
Greeter	Burley S.	Burley S.

Digital ways to keep connected...



Streaming: Sunday, Bible class at 9AM; Sunday Worship 10 & 6; and Wednesday Bible class at 7PM

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- YouTube: search for "rhcoc"
- Facebook

Our website: www.rhcoc.org
"Rock Hill Reflections" 2x weekly on Facebook

Email: rhilchurch@gmail.com

Park's website: parklinscomb.com

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 Sermon Notes...
