

# 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 Church in its Place

Early in these lessons, we talked about the plan and the purpose of God. That Jesus was the eternal sacrifice for Sin; that God's plan for salvation included the death, burial, and resurrection of His dear Son. That after Jesus completed His portion of the plan, the Holy Spirit would come to complete the plan through the inspired Word, and the duties of the Apostles. Do you recall that on the Cross, Jesus declared "it is finished" **John 19:30**. Note also **John 7:39**, "this spake He (Jesus) of the Spirit, which they that believe should receive; for the Holy Ghost (the Holy Spirit) was not yet given, because that Jesus had not yet been glorified."

If we look back into the book of **Mark 16:19** we see that Jesus was, "received into heaven and sat on the right hand of God." In **Acts 1:9-11**, Jesus ascended into heaven while some of the Apostles watched. In **Acts 7:55-56** Stephen saw the "Glory of God and Jesus at His right hand." Finally, **Hebrews 1:3** tells us that, "Jesus is the brightness of God's glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" Notice that the plan of God concerning the Kingdom has been marked complete, and Jesus had received His **John 7:9** "GLORY" in power and position.

The Plan of God concerning Jesus is unique in every way. If we look back at **Ephesians, Chapter-1**, we will see the Apostle Paul giving a more complete explanation. It will give us a clear path for other lessons concerning the Church. Note what Paul says in this Chapter: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ ...having made known unto us the mystery of His will...which he purposed in himself...that he might gather together in one, all things... both which are in heaven and on the earth...to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will....according to the gospel...which he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places...far above all principality and power, and might and dominion, and every name that is named...not only in this world...but in the world to come....and put all things under his feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church....which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all."

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 .

**AND THE LORD ADDED...**Sunday morning Javier and Maria Padilla, put on their Lord in baptism. Javier is Rosa Zapata's uncle who recently moved here from California. Rosa and Fernando have been studying



with them. It was a great day at Rock Hill and the great majority of the congregation stayed while we filled the baptistry. (it had been drained) Please pray for these new Christians as they start their life following the Lord Jesus.

**THE "KICK-OFF" OF CARE GROUPS** is today. After morning worship services, we'll all meet for a taco lunch followed by our Care Groups meeting separately to organize themselves. Thanks to Fernando Z. for his help in getting these groups arranged.

**THE LADIES' CLASS** meets in the fellowship hall

each Tuesday at 10am.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Lori Cloud's daughter, Leah, had her twin girls yesterday.

They arrived healthy and alert. Sienna Lynn weighed 5lb 13oz and Presley Jo weighed 5lb 1oz.

Mother and Father are both doing fine. Lori is helping Leah with the two baby girls.

**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.

**A "WIDOWHOOD WORKSHOP MINISTRY"** will be April 2nd at the Brown St. church of Christ in Waxahachie, starting at 8:30am.

**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...

- Norma Bautista is having vision problems and will have cataract surgery on Mar 28<sup>th</sup>



and April 4<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for successful surgical outcome.

## Thanks for answered prayer

- For a safe delivery of twin girls for Leah
- Good news for Heather Martindale's cancer; she's improving.

## Prayers needed

- Ora Holt
- Lori Cloud's father: cognitive confusion
- 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.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Trelitha Bryant
- 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 20, Judges 4-6
- Mar 21, Judges 7-8
- Mar 22, Judges 9-10
- Mar 23, Judges 11-13
- Mar 24, Judges 14-16
- Mar 25, Judges 17-19
- Mar 26, Judges 20-21
- Mar 27, Ruth 1-4



# 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.

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## The Weapons of our Warfare

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*"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ." (1 Cor. 10:3-5)*

**W**e live in a world with a lot "saber rattling". From a war in eastern Europe that has the potential for starting a world-wide war, to the political conflicts that seem to get nastier and more polarizing by the day, to the crime wave rolling over the larger cities in our country, to the persecution and violence that occasionally comes right into church buildings, we live in times in which warring according to the flesh is becoming the status quo — though to be fair, the world has always been a warring place.

It was in Paul's day, too, especially when Christianity was not welcome in either the Roman or the Jewish world. Paul had suffered violence at the hands of both Jews and Romans, and the churches that he established likewise found themselves in danger of prison or mob violence. But rather than issue a call to physical arms, Paul talked about a different, more important call to arms, a spiritual one. One of ideas and truth versus deceptions and traditions. The weapons of his warfare, he says are divinely powerful and able to take down the most powerful and "fortified" of worldly arguments. His targets were the speculations and lofty arguments of philosophy, worldly wisdom, and pagan and Jewish religion. His aim was to take captive every mind and heart to the obedience of the King of kings, Jesus Christ.

And this applies to us today, as well; Paul's war of the spirit is our war, too. It is about the kingdom of heaven conquering the world — not by force of guns and fighter jets — but by offering the world the actual truth, by articulating a better hope, showing the world a better life, and demolishing the lies of the world.

These things being so, it is essential for us to know God's word well; to construct persuasive arguments against the fortresses of the day with divine ideas,

arguments, verses, and truths; and aim them straight at the world's wisdom. We need to use them to fortify one another within the church and then use them through whatever channels become available to the world.

Of course, as we do so, we must keep in mind that the point of the weapons is not to destroy men — a common tactic for winning an argument in the world. Rather the weapons are for the destruction of speculative, worldly ideas; men, on the other hand, must be taken "captive to the obedience to Christ".

To do this we need to identify the speculative ideas that are keeping men from obeying the Lord — ideas like...

- "To be free, I must be allowed to do whatever I want, but God's word restricts me."
- "All love is good love."
- "There's no sin between consenting adults."
- "The Bible is a man-made book, nothing more."
- "It can't be wrong, when it feels so right."
- "I need to please me first."
- "Evolution is a fact."
- Etc.

This is the reason for passages like...

2Tim. 2:15 *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling the word of truth.***

2Pet. 1:5 *Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, **knowledge,***

1 Pet. 3:15 *but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, **always being ready to make a defense** to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;*

This is the reason for the exhortation to put on the armor of God (Eph. 6:11-17), and it is the way that we "resist... stand firm" (v.13).

Are you ready? Gear up and fight the good fight!

Park Linscomb



