

# 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

## CHURCH WORSHIP

There was a time when the average person held the church in high regard. They looked forward to gathering together in a place where those of “*like precious faith*” came together for the purpose of forgetting the burdens of life and practicing the Worship of our Creator; Enjoying the HOPE for an eternal home in the presence of God for eternity. We sing, pray, observe communion, and study a portion of God’s Word together for encouragement. It was considered important.

As a young man, I heard those that tried to teach that the idea of church had become antiquated. Some would even teach that church membership or church worship was not necessary for salvation. I venture to submit to you that any person who has ever accepted this teaching has entirely missed the Truth of God’s word!

I trust today that you are interested in what the Bible has to say about the church. The church has little to do with the building. The building is nothing more than a convenient place to assemble. As we have studied earlier, the church was established on the *Day of Pentecost, in the year AD33, in the city of Jerusalem* according to the book of **Acts 2**. It was at that precise time that the Lord had planned it. I enjoy **Galatians 4:4-5** which says, “*when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son...to redeem those under the Law...*”. If we look at **Matthew 16:18-19**, we will see that Jesus planned to establish or ‘build’ His church. It was so definite in its planning stages, that He told his apostles in **Luke 24:49** to “*tarry in Jerusalem until they be endued with power from on high*”. In the Book of **Acts 1:4** Jesus commanded that they should “*not depart from Jerusalem but wait for the promise of the Father.*” The Apostles were instructed to stay in the city of Jerusalem, because God would fulfill the establishment of the church in the very near future. In **Acts 2**, we see the power of God in the coming of the Holy Spirit; the first gospel sermon given by Peter, who verified that this was the fulfillment of Prophecy according to **verse 16**, and the very moment that the church came into existence as a part of God’s plan. Furthermore, we see the acceptance of the gospel by some 3,000 souls that day who were baptized as Peter instructed in **verse 38** and added to the church by the Lord Jesus as indicated in **verse 47**. The church is a blessed part of God’s eternal Purpose.

*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 ANGELS IN HEAVEN



**REJOICED** at the baptism of Rex Hughes this past Sunday morning — *and so did we!* Please be praying for Rex's spiritual

strength at this beginning of his walk with Jesus.

**THE STORM OF APRIL 4** brought a lot of damage to our auditorium — none of which was covered by insurance. If you'd like to help with the substantial cost of putting things back together again, please find envelopes next to the bulletins in the back of the auditorium OR give online (there's a building fund option you can give to).



**THERE WAS** to be a congregational picnic at the Zapata's home on May 7, however, because of



### Picnic

predictions of rain all next week, it has been **postponed**. Stay tuned for details.

**THIS WEDNESDAY** is our monthly singing Wednesday. Come join us in praise to the Lord

**MAY'S MEN'S BREAKFAST IS SCHEDULED FOR, May 14.**

Make plans to join us and stay for the service in worship class.

**AFTER EVENING WORSHIP ON MAY 29,** there will

be a graduation party/reception for Baylee.



**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...

#### Giving Thanks...

- Successful surgery for Tom Roberts

#### NEW REQUESTS...

##### Prayers needed

- A swift recovery for Tom Roberts from quadruple bypass Thursday.
- Trudy R. will likely be having surgery on her jaw this week. Please pray for a successful outcome.

##### Remember these often:

- Margret T. as she spends a few weeks with her son David in Stephenville TX.
- For Heath Peery's work project which has met many troubles, and that Heath will do the right thing.
- For Lori Cloud's father, who has some cognitive issues and is now to be placed on

Hospice. Lori and her brother pray that they are making the best decision for him and their mother.

- Please pray for Johnny Vaz's mother, Victoria Vaz.
- Ora Holt
- 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

- May 1, 2 Kgs 10-12
- May 2, 2 Kgs 13-14
- May 3, 2 Kgs 15-16
- May 4, 2 Kgs 17-18
- May 5, 2 Kgs 19-21
- May 6, 2 Kgs 22-24
- May 7, 1 Chron 1
- May 8, 1 Chron 2-4

# 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.

## Stained Glass Words — "Faith"

**O**K, so the word "faith" is actually used a lot in our modern world, but the rub is that it is used wrongly most of the time. So for this installment of "Stained Glass Words" let's examine the meaning of faith

Essentially, of course, faith is about what you believe, and it is used regarding such wide-ranging subjects as political philosophy, personal relationships, trustworthiness, and contracts and treaties, as well as religion. In each case it means that the individual who holds the faith continues to believe in the philosophy, the continuing loyalty of the relationship, the truthfulness of an individual, the ongoing integrity of a contract or agreement, or the trust of a religious believer — **and act accordingly.**

In every aspect of life in which faith is required, appropriate action is expected. So, why is it that the world around us pressures Christians to redefine faith to become an insipid, harmless opinion to be held privately, neutralized, and devoid of any effectiveness in daily life? Actually, the answer is obvious; the world doesn't want your light to shine and make their deeds look evil. The sad thing is, however, that there is many a "believer" who has obliged the world's desire for a phantom faith, a wisp of a faith, a faith that takes no action, that is willing to live inconsistent to what it says it believes, and sheds no light in this dark world. But this is not real faith.

Real faith will have an effect in the life of its believer. In fact, real faith and consistent deeds are *inseparably* linked, you really can't have one without the other. James rather famously put it this way...

*What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me*

*your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works." You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and he was called the friend of God. You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead. (James 2:14-26)*

In the same way that salvation is not by works alone, so salvation is not by faith without works. Hebrews 11 provides for us what is sometimes called the "Hall of Faith", biblical heroes of faith. Notice something about them — they did things! You see, living faith

naturally includes and requires action, appropriate deeds consistent with what is believed; otherwise, it really is a "ghost faith", dead, useless, and harmless.

This leads me, therefore, to pose these two very critical questions: "How alive is your faith? How active is it?" After all, James says that we show our faith by our works. Is your faith **alive** at work? At school? At home? Among friends? When temptations pop up? When you're called on to confess your Christianity in a hostile environment?

Let me encourage you have a live, active, light-bearing faith. Put your faith into action, live like your beliefs — hold to the standards of right, step out in faith, be bold, be compassionate (another action word), dare to be different, and show your faith in Jesus brightly whether you're in the church building or out.

Park Linscomb



