

# 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 WEIGHTIER MATTERS

We mentioned [Matthew 7:13-14](#) last week which is the Verse regarding “the narrow way”. The way onto the pathway of righteousness is very specific. Yes, it is through Jesus. Yes, it is by his grace. Yes, it is by Faith. Would you think that we can live our lives in total disregard for the remaining instruction in righteousness contained in His Word? If this were true, there would be no need for the inspired writers to continue to write! How can we expect to learn of God’s ways if we do not study His word? I would ask you to consider [Matthew 7:21-24](#), where Jesus says, “not everyone that sayeth unto me, Lord – Lord shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. He continues, “*Lord-Lord have we not prophesied in thy name, and in thy name have cast out devils, and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then I will profess unto you, I never knew you; depart from me ye that work iniquity.*” Where was the iniquity?

[Verse 24](#) sheds a little more light on the subject; note what he says next, “*Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man who built his house upon the rock*”: the rains came, winds blew and it did not fall”. An active Christian is one that works! Look at [James 2:14-18](#). You cannot be pleasing to God without DOING those things that God intended us to do.

There is another example of misaligned efforts in [Matthew 23:2-36](#). When you have a few moments, you might want to read all of it. Essentially it is summed up in [verse 23](#), where Jesus says, “*Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the Law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone*” The point is, the tithe was part of the commandment, but there was something missing that Christ calls “the weightier matters”. It is true for us today that judgment, mercy and faith are crucial to our Christian behavior; judgment being the ability to make good decisions based upon God’s truth. Even though the scribes and Pharisees were obedient to the Law of Moses, they had neglected the more important, even fundamental commandment to make good decisions, show mercy and have faith. God calls us to be complete.

*Doug Jones*

# Family News

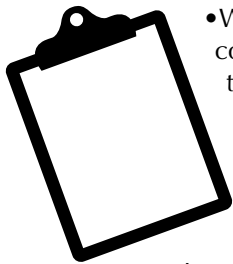
*“For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.” Ephesians 2:18,19*

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 .

### OUR LEADERSHIP MEETING NOTES...

- The church is planning on helping the churching Pittsfield MA (The Berkshire County church of Christ) in a Gospel meeting this fall, Sept. 25-28. We'd like to have several from our congregation come and help the week before with advertising.
- Flood repairs are generally coming in under original estimates.
- Baptistry repairs are all done except replacing the heater.
- We may be replacing the video projector up front with a commercial TV display. Currently waiting on a price.
- We have a new resource page on our website with lots of Bible study materials for every level of learner.



- Website work continues to try to put us up higher on web searches
- We may have Rock Hill Reunion

this summer to include not only former members, but our extended families, too.

**MAY'S MEN'S BREAKFAST** will take a summer break. Look for resumption in September. Report from Dianne H. —

**BUILDING REPAIR UPDATE** — Most of the repair should be completed next week. The “carpeting jury” is still “out” — hopefully this will also be resolved soon.

None of the repairs were covered by insurance, so we will have to foot the substantial bill on our own. If you'd like to contribute toward the building repair over and above your usual contribution, 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).



**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 Trudy R.
- Safe journey for Dianne H.

#### NEW REQUESTS...

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- Freida Rose's mother-in-law, Alla Gene Rose passed away Thursday night due to complications after she had hip replacement surgery recently. She was 100 years old and a faithful Christian woman.

##### Prayers needed

- Dianne H. in mission work in Africa
- Successful eye surgery for Ora Holt
- Nancy J.'s recovery from illness
- Trudy R.'s surgical recovery

**Remember these often:**

- A swift recovery for Tom Roberts from quadruple bypass Thursday.
- Margret T. as she spends a few weeks with her son David in Stephenville TX.
- For Lori Cloud's father, with cognitive issues and is now in hospice. Also for Lori and her brother to make the best decision for him and their mother.
- 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

- May 22, 2 Chron 19-22
- May 23, 2 Chron 23-25
- May 24, 2 Chron 26-28
- May 25, 2 Chron 29-30
- May 26, 2 Chron 31-33
- May 27, 2 Chron 34-35
- May 28, Ezra 1-2
- May 29, Ezra 3-5



# 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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## GOD'S MARRIAGE

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**D**id you know that God tells us that He is married? No, I'm not talking about the ridiculous claims that some have made that Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene, or the foolish pagan belief of Palestine that God has a goddess wife (or consort). I'm talking about something that the Bible quite specifically talk about in places like Jer. 31:31, 32...

*"Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD."*

...or Rev. 19.7, 8...

*"Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints."*

And there are others (see Hosea 1-3; Ezekiel 23; Ephesians 5:22ff; and Revelation 21:2, 9). But when you read through these passages of Scripture and others, you quickly discover that His marriage hasn't been the fairy tale sort.

God's historic bride was Israel, who (according to the prophets) were unfaithful, selfish, indifferent and cold toward Him, demanding, complaining, critical, rebellious, and hard-hearted. And in the New Testament His bride is the church, which has historically had its "moments", too (see Revelation 2-3). Indeed, there have been times when God was so hurt and angry that it crossed His mind to leave them to their own destruction — think of Moses and the days of Samuel.

But through it all, isn't it amazing that God has remained faithful, patient, unselfish, forgiving, serving, redeeming, and loving? Yes, God has been in and continues to wrestle with a difficult marriage — but with integrity and holiness.

Now the reason I point this out is that this makes the New Testament teachings in places like Ephesians 5:22-33, a passage that deal directly with the obligations of the

husband and wife, especially instructive and motivating. Read it through and notice a couple of things.

Married sisters, did you notice that your relationship to your husband is to be like that of the church to her husband, Christ — one that follows His holy lead and respects Him? Such commands directly oppose indifference and coldness toward one's husband, being demanding, or complaining, or rebellious, or hard-hearted, or even (God forbid) unfaithful. God commands a very different behavior in marriage.

"Well," someone might say, "my husband is certainly not anywhere close to being God!" But don't you suppose the Lord knew that when He put this passage here in the Bible? You see, it doesn't matter, if he's not close to being like Jesus, be subject to him and respectful of him, anyway. Indeed that's exactly what 1 Peter 3:1-6 teaches, right?

And married brothers, did you see the stuff in Ephesians that are here for you? You *must* love your wife *as Christ loves the church!* Which is a love that sacrifices self and thinks of her first, which seeks her best interests. It is a love which remains patient, unselfish, forgiving, serving, redeeming, loving, and faithful.

"Well," someone says, "God will certainly understand that I'm not God and I can't put up with the things He's put up with — the things she's put me through!" But look at that passage again (v. 25); it says, "Husbands, love your wife, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her — *if you think you can.*" No, wait, that last part is not in there, is it? Hmm. Maybe we just need to do what the Lord has commanded, rather than make excuses for ourselves.

Let us realize that our God understands marriage much better than we might think. Not only has He created it (Genesis 2); but He has experienced it, including all its heartache, frustration, and disappointments — but has endured. And one day He will be taking His bride home for a true "happily ever after" (Revelation 21).

Follow God's marriage commands and therefore contribute to a happier home here and now — and insure that you'll be a part of the ultimate "happily ever after" of Heaven.

Park Linscomb

