

THE ROCK HILL HERALD

Bulletin of the Rock Hill church of Christ



The Rock Hill church of Christ

9426 PGA Pkwy

Frisco TX 75035

(972)347-1919

rhcoc.org • rhilchurch@gmail.com

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
- Doug Jones
- Scott Wallace

Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

Deacons:

- Reiven Holt
- Hugh Ruebush
- John Smetzer
- Burley Stinnett
- Fernando Zapata

*"We're Here
and We Care"*

PETER'S CONFESSION OF FAITH

There are those who have suggested that Peter was weak in the Faith because he is the apostle that denied Christ in [Matthew 26:69-75](#). I like to recognize the apostle Peter as an open expressive, one who was confident, and unafraid to speak from the heart. Furthermore, he is the only one of the followers of Christ who walked upon the water, fought for Christ with the sword, and delivered the powerful sermon on the day of Pentecost in [Acts 2](#), at which time 3,000 souls were obedient unto baptism and added to the Lord's Church according to [Verses 37-47](#).

Peter was also the apostle with whom Christ spoke in [Matthew 16:18](#) and was considered "blessed" upon the truth of his *affirmation*, not his *denial*. He 'confessed' that Jesus was "the Christ, the Son of the Living God". It was Peter to whom Jesus appointed in [verse 19](#), "And I will give unto thee the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven; whatsoever thou shall bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose shall have been loosed in heaven." Peter was one of twelve who were first chosen to declare the gospel in the 1st century. Each apostle was selected because of personality traits suitable to do the work that lay before them. The apostle Paul had the talents, the personality traits, that would be required to present the Truth before it was written, then proceed to writing much of the Inspired Word.

Today, we should consider the talents that we have in Christ, and the work that is outlined for us. In [2 Peter 1:10](#), Peter wrote that we should, "give diligence to make our calling and election sure." We should support the urgency that we feel within (our calling) and the 'election' or decision that we make to serve the living God. That we make it certain; that we make it sure; and that we make it a diligent conviction.

In [1 Thessalonians 4:4](#) Paul writes, "every one of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor." Regardless of the topic, it is nonetheless true. He also wrote to the saints (Christians) of the Lord's Church at Philippi ([Philippians 2:12](#)) that they should, "work out their own salvation with fear and trembling." Each of us is responsible for our Spiritual well-being, and held responsible for doing so. We are not at liberty to find a pathway that we like but commanded to find the pathway of righteousness through the strait gate and to walk the pathway that is referred to as "narrow" that is to say SPECIFIC in [Matthew 7:13-14](#).

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 visiting our congregation, 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 .

THIS WEDNESDAY is our quarterly singing Wednesday instead of Bible class. Come learn some new songs and sing a few old favorites.

OUR NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST will be June 17 at the church building (fellowship hall) at 9AM. We will talk about (among other things) the possibility of a men's retreat in the fall. Tom Roberts will be making a presentation on How to deal with Muslim teachings.

HOUSE TO HOUSE, HEART TO HEART is an evangelistic publication produced by brethren, which we are having mailed to several neighborhoods around us, starting in June and going



through August. We will also be receiving about 200 directly to the church for distributing in the neighborhoods that we live in. Among other great things in the publication, we'll be publicizing our meeting with Jack Evans. This is an exciting evangelistic outreach; please pray for success.

MEETING WITH JACK EVANS has been scheduled for August

20-23 — "In Christ Alone". It will have a definite evangelistic aim, so be looking for more information, but be thinking about who to invite.

THE REGULAR LADIES' CLASS has gone into summer season mode and will be meeting on June 13, July 18, and August 22. Touch base with Linda Stinnett for details and topics to be discussed.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Beverly Weldon as she drives to Alabama for the funeral of a dear friend. Also pray for the widow, Sheila.
- Sandy Linebaugh asks us for prayers for her sister, Lisa, with a tumor, paralysis, and little medical care in Mississippi

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Cleve Stafford's grand-daughter Peyton, struggling
- Isela Hughes asks for prayers for her sister Griselda Walters.
- Sarai Lyons asks for prayers for Tiffany Myers.
- Dianna C's recuperation from chemo
- Bonnie D. broken shoulder
- Julia's friend Wendy with breast cancer
- Dianna Conkling
- Sue Carter
- Isela H.'s friend Jeff, cancer.
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the churches in New England
- brethren in India

- our congregational leaders

PRAYER REQUEST UPDATES

- **Jackie, the father of Linda M's daughter-in-law** had complicated heart surgery, now making slow progress. Each day brings him more alert than the day before.

Long Term Requests

- Bonnie B.
- Carol P.
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- The Zapata's friend Isabella with a heart lesion
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Dianna C.
- Ken C.
- Mary H. and daughter Sharon

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- May 28, Ezra 1-2
- May 29, Ezra 3-5
- May 30, Ezra 6-8
- May 31, Ezra 9-10
- Jun 1, Neh 1-3
- Jun 2, Neh 4-6
- Jun 3, Neh 7-8
- Jun 4, Neh 9-10

Let God be your first priority.

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.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP, PART 4

The last few of weeks we've been in a series on general Christian leadership. And while the vast majority of us are not leaders in the church, the majority of us are or will be in some sort of leadership position at some point of our lives—whether in our family, in church, in a work environment, among friends, or even in the arena of politics. And when we are, we want to be Christian leaders. So, how do I lead like a Christian?

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP LEADS FROM THE FRONT; that is, it gets involved in the activity at hand. Worldly leadership leads from lofty corner offices, far from the battle line, giving orders while sipping tea. They are the "order-givers", not the doers of the project at hand; the very reason many seek to be leaders—they don't have to get their hands dirty. Jesus never led that way; Christian leaders influence others by encouraging them as they work side by side. A good illustration of this facet godly leadership is Nehemiah:

"But the former governors who were before me laid burdens on the people...even their servants domineered the people. But I did not do so because of the fear of God. I also applied myself to the work on this wall; we did not buy any land, and all my servants were gathered there for the work." (Nehemiah 5:15, 16)

Lead from the front!

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SETS THE EXAMPLE. This aspect of Christian leadership is similar in some ways to leading from the front, but it is also different, too. Worldly leaders are happy to receive the benefits of leadership (authority, honors, etc.), but usually not so anxious to be good examples to followers. They are too happy to say "Do as I say do, not as I do"; to criticize workers for a poor work ethic, while they themselves arrive late and leave early; or to dodge responsibility with "I never asked to be anyone's role model!" Christian lead-

ers understand both the power and obligation of example. They encourage others to work, and then roll their sleeves up do it, too. They encourage others to sacrifice, often after already having sacrificed. Christian teachers, for example, point out the right path, and then walk it themselves. Jesus Himself practiced this sort of leadership, and great leaders of the early church followed, (e.g., Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:1) "Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ." Strong Christian leadership sets the example in its own life.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP ALSO ENCOURAGES, MOTIVATES, CHEERS, COAXES, AND UPLIFTS OTHERS TO

HIGHER GROUND. This is not to say that Christian leadership doesn't correct; it does and I mentioned it in the last article. The emphasis here, however, is how the Christian leader realizes that there is a need for positive encouragement and motivation. Worldly leadership tends to operate mostly in "quality control" mode: looking only for flaws and seldom offering a pat on the back. But the apostle Paul, for instance, almost always

started his letters with words of thanksgiving and encouragement—even when they were followed later with correction. Sometimes encouragement includes correction, especially when it is done kindly, gently, hopefully, lovingly, patiently, and thoughtfully. Christian leadership realizes that followers need to be told more than what they're doing wrong, but also what they're doing right. Such leadership can motivate followers to follow happily, work enthusiastically, live joyfully, surmount obstacles victoriously, sacrifice gladly, and succeed.

Christian leadership isn't "natural". It takes a conscious effort to follow the Lord and a conscious refusal to take the worldly, self-serving path of "lording" it over others. Follow Jesus and lead, wherever you lead, God's way.

Park Linscomb



FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN MAY & JUNE

28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00 AM Bible classes ■ 10:00 AM Worship ■ 6:00 PM Worship 	Memorial Day		<div style="background-color: #d4edda; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">David J. 🙌</div> <div style="background-color: #d4edda; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Fernando Z. 🙌</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00 PM Singing ■ 7:00 PM Wed. Bible class 			

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

May 28

GreeterJohn S.
 AnnouncementsCharles H
 SongleadingDoug J.....Scott W
 Opening PrayerJim BYaw F
 CommunionJohn SScott W
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerJim BRalph L
 A/V ControlFernando Z.....John S

Wed PM May 31

SongsReiven H
 A/V.....Charles H

June 4

GreeterYaw F
 AnnouncementsJim B
 SongleadingDoug J.....Scott W
 Opening PrayerCharles H.....Reiven H
 CommunionDavid J.....Burley S
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerCharles H.....Yaw F
 A/V ControlJohn SCharles H

Wed PM June 7

SongsCharles H
 A/V.....Fernando Z

Shortcuts to good info...

To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...



Sermon Notes...
