# THE ROCK HILL HERALD

The 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:**

- Iim 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"

## A GREAT TEACHING MOMENT

God has a way of connecting through our Bible Classes, and the Pulpit preaching that Park provides. This can be noticed through the choice of topics related to our studies as well as the names and events that are perhaps mentioned. It is extremely important with our young people and new converts. This is greatly magnified by personal studies and the pursuit of Bible research to learn even more about the events or the individuals who paved the way from the Old Testament to the New.

Communion is a good example of how we do (and should) re-visit the Biblical accounts of *Matthew 26:26, Mark 14:22* and *Luke 22:14*. These are parallel accounts by inspired writers of the same event that took place just before the arrest of Jesus. The Biblical event preceding The Lord's Supper (Communion) is first introduced In *Exodus 12* while the Descendants of Abraham were in Egyptian bondage. It was called 'Passover' and God made it a requirement under the Old Testament Law. It was to be done each year at the same time by the same methods. It was during this historic event, that is, the Passover Feast, that Jesus introduced Communion in the year AD33.

Notice in <u>Verses 15-16</u> of Luke's account, Jesus said, "With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer: for I say unto you I will not eat anymore thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God." In <u>Acts 20:7</u> we find the example of how the disciples followed the pattern. It says, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached to them..."

It is important that we place significance upon the Lord's Supper, therefore we bring it before you for consideration. As adults, we sometime need to be reminded that according to Paul's account in *I Corinthians 11:23-29*, it is possible to partake of it " in a way that is not worthy". We understand this to mean absentmindedly, pre-occupied with something else, therefore "not discerning the Lord's body."

For our children, it is imperative that we begin teaching them about significant Spiritual things at a very early age "that when they are old, they will not depart from it" <u>Proverbs</u> <u>22:6</u>. Yes, some are a little easier than others, but I believe they are capable of learning much more than we give them credit for. Here's a hint; ask your child what they learned from the speaker's lesson during worship. It may well stimulate them to begin listening a little more closely. If nothing else, it's a great teaching moment.

# 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

f you are visiting our congregation, welcome! Please fill out a visitor's card and put it in the collection tray as it is passed. 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.

#### LEADERSHIP MEETING NOTES —

- All audio-visual equipment is now installed. One hiccup is speakers up front that have been chewed through by mice. These will be repaired and mouse traps have been set out.
- We'll be having a youth event on November 4, 6pm to 8pm; Park and John S. will be organizing it. Details to follow
- Since Park is preaching a Gospel meeting in Denver next week; Jim B. will teach Bible classes on Oct. 18 and 22, Doug J. will preach Oct. 22 in the morning, and John S. will preach Oct. 22 in the evening.

#### PLACING MEMBER-SHIP —

 Ron and Esther Myrick. They live 9415 Panther

Creek Pkwy (Apt 1718) in Frisco. Their phone number is 580-716-0462 and email address is r.myrick@sbcglobal.net. Welcome!!

Lynn and Alene Turner, 7210 Linkside Point Dr., McKinney TX.
Phone number 903-2431914.
Email address: alynn903@aol.com. Welcome. Pictures soon!

**A PARENTING SEMINAR** is being offered by the Centerville Rd. church

of Christ in Garland TX on October 28, 29. A poster with details can be found on the bulletin board in the back. The speaker will be Jeff Miller of Apologetics Press. They'd like an RSVP.

THE WHITE ROCK FUND is holding their annual Reporting and Fundraising Day this year on Oct 28. There are brochures in the foyer about it, if you'd like to be uplifted about mission work. Incidentally, Park is speaking briefly during the luncheon. If you'd like to go, let Park know, perhaps we could carpool. They'd like an RSVP.

#### THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH

- There's a new card from the Staffords posted on the bulletin board about the current progress. Check it out.
- We have an ongoing monthly benevolence program to help the Berkshire County church of Christ in Pittsfield Mass. See Trudy R. to contribute

#### **NEW PRAYER REQUESTS...**

- Norma B. for anxiety
- Diana C. for cancer treatment changes
- Linda M's niece Sandra, very near dying

#### **OUR PRAYER LIST...**

- Sue Carter: digestive problems
- Freida R. at home
- Bonnie D. broken shoulder and, struggling; Suzanne as she cares for her mother
- Fernando Z's father, Ramon
- Sandy L's sister, Lisa, in hospice care in Mississippi.
- The Stafford's grand-daughter
- Isela Hughes'...
  - sister Griselda Walters
  - friend Jeff, cancer
- Sarai Lyons' friend Tiffany M.

- Julia's friend Wendy with breast cancer
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the churches in New England
- brethren in India
- our congregational leaders

#### **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
- Ken C.

Read-the-Bible-in-a-year
□ Oct 15, Mark 4-5
□ Oct 16, Mark 6-7
□ Oct 17, Mark 8-9
□ Oct 18, Mark 10-11
□ Oct 19, Mark 12-13
□ Oct 20, Luke 14-16
□ Oct 21, Luke 1
□ Oct 22, Luke 2-3

"If ou don't have to be smart to obey the Gospel — just honest."

Marshall Keeble

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are [God's] workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."

# 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.

## "YOU'RE NOT THE BOSS OF ME!" - NUMBERS 16-18

t starts early in life. "You're not the boss of me," we petulantly tell our parent, sibling, teacher, or other authority figure. From the beginning we want to be the one calling the shots, directing others around us to serve our needs, getting that shot of pride that feeds our ego.

There's a story about that in Numbers, Korah's rebellion. It's a tough lesson about leadership and how God's kingdom is not a democracy!

Korah was a Levite, but he wasn't happy about the task that he had been given. He appears to have been among those who were growing weary of the wilderness wanderings and wanted a regime change. He had persuaded a couple of other vocal individuals to help him whip up more opposition to Moses — 250 leaders from among the 12 tribes. They were the "Return to Egypt" party.

After an exchange of words, Moses told the 250 leaders to come to the Tabernacle with incense burners (censers). Korah, Dathan, and Abiram — the ringleaders — refused to come with the others. Moses warned the other Israelites to get away from their tents, and after people Israel had complied, God opened up the earth to swallow Korah, Dathan, Abiram and their families! At the same time, the 250 men who had gathered at the Tabernacle were consumed by fire from Heaven. The Lord told Moses to take the metal incense burners of these 250 (which, of course, survived the fire) and hammer them onto the altar of sacrifice as a clear reminder and warning to Israel ever after against opposing God and His leadership. The warning still applies.

"Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from

the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor." Romans 13:1-7, NAS95.

Nevertheless, people still try to usurp the leadership God has established — and thus God Himself. There are those who call themselves Christian who prefer the traditions of men over the word of God (Mark 7:1-13). There are those who long for the "new and progressive" waves of the doctrines of men over the sovereignty and authority of Jesus, because the old ways are — you know — old. There are those who call for women's leadership over men's leadership in the church. There are those who call for egalitarianism in the home. And those who call for revolution — just because.

But God demands that His word be authoritative in all things, and that His order be observed (1 Cor. 14:33) having assigned males as leaders in the church and the home (e.g., 1 Tim. 2:14ff). And He really will brook no grumbling, complaining, or other kinds of rebellion, since grumbling against God's leaders, when they are following God's will, is really grumbling against God Himself (Num. 16:11). The truth is that as much as we like the idea of democracy, God's kingdom is not now, will never be, and never has been a democracy.

God is the rightful boss of me. I have no right to replace Him with me or anybody else. In fact, I am foolish to even attempt to do so. Not only is it actually impossible; it is absurd — like replacing Socrates or Einstein with a simpleton.



Wed PM, October 25

Sermon Notes...

Songs ......Charles H A/V.....John S

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