

# 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
- Doug Jones
- Scott Wallace

### Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

### Deacons:

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

*"We're Here  
and We Care"*

## Abraham's Promise and the Church

When we consider the 'Intent of the Lord's church', it takes us back to the Old Testament, the fall of man in Genesis 3:15. This identifies the NEED for redemption from the fall. From that day forward, virtually everything transpired to get us to the CROSS, the eternal purpose which "God purposed in himself" Eph 1:9. Emphasis is placed in the New Testament upon the difference between "the ways of the flesh and the ways of the Spirit" Roman 8:5-8. The primary point being made in verse 8 which says "they that are in the flesh (live after the flesh) cannot please God." The Bible is very clear to explain that "all must stand before the judgment seat" Hebrews 9:27 and 2 Corinthians 5:10 thus the urgency to deal with our individual, spiritual condition.

Perhaps the first hint we receive regarding the Savior comes from Genesis 12, and the recognition of a man called Abram. He is recognized as a man of great faith in Hebrews 11, and selected by God because of it. Furthermore, Abram is made a promise in Genesis 12:3, "in thee, shall all families of the earth be blessed." This is the claim that is made by the entire Jewish nation until this current day. Through the historical writing of the Old Testament, we can trace the 'promise' from Abram (whose name God changed to Abraham), Isaac and Jacob. We can follow the plight of the Jewish nation, which includes the twelve sons of Jacob (whose Name God changed to Israel) and their occupancy of the promised land in the middle-east. As a nation, history identifies the descendants as "The children of Israel", and was known to include all twelve sons and their families throughout biblical History. The descendants of these twelve tribes and all their generations after them, continue to try and hold on to the "Promised Land" under the identification of simply "Israel". The primary city within the country known as Israel is Jerusalem, also recognized in the Bible by King David as Zion, and the City of David, 2 Samuel 5:6-7.

Although the Biblical account is factual, and the events leading up to the rise and fall of the Jewish nation are true, the religious world has missed the most important portion of "THE PROMISE". If we look in the New Testament, in the book of Galatians 3:16, the primary purpose of the promise becomes very clear; "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He sayeth not, and to seeds as of many; but as of one, and to thy seed which is Christ." More to follow

*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 .

**THANKS FOR ALL THE EFFORT** several of our sisters put into last evening's Valentine party. Everything was beautiful and just perfect.

**THE MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST** is this Saturday at 9AM.

**SINGING MINISTRY** — We will be singing next Sunday for the residents at Bethesda Gardens on the third Sunday, this month, February 19th. JOIN US! The address is 10588 Legacy Dr., Frisco, Tx 75034.

**CLEVE AND MELINDA STAFFORD** will be with us here at Rock Hill on March 12. If you've not had the pleasure of meeting, them, you're in for a treat. (also, FYI, Melinda got her green card)

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- March 11th @ 1:00 pm pie crust class with Trudi. Please bring apron, pastry blender, and rolling pin if you have them.
- March 12th potluck so everyone can visit with Cleve and Melinda.

**A SPRING SINGING WORKSHOP** April 16-19, Ken Dawdy will be here for a singing workshop. Ken will teach on worship in song on Sunday and then will

hold workshops each evening Monday through Wednesday.

**KIDS IN ACTION** — Our kids are collecting Items for the children's hospital in Frisco. Assembling of the basket will happen at the fellowship hall on Feb. 25 at 10AM. Donuts will be served. Donation ideas are in the foyer bulletin boards.

**FOR THE CHURCH IN PITTSFIELD MA** — Trudi R. has started an ongoing monthly benevolence program for the Pittsfield church. If you would like to contribute, please see Trudi.

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- A March youth event for the younger children with the date TBA.
- A Youth Sleepover on May 5th in the Fellowship Building. All ages are invited.

*You are the light of the world. (Matt. 5:14)*

### LADIES'

**SPRING FLING** — Saturday April 22nd at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Look for an invitation in the mail as we get closer to the date.

**CARE GROUP UPDATE** — Our Care Groups have been updated and we now have 4 groups; lists are on the table in the foyer. Each of our Care Groups will take turns being in charge

of furnishing the light meal and cake for our monthly birthday cake nights. During that time we'll meet in our groups.

### PRAYER LISTS...

- The Conkling family tells us: Tammy Conkling will have her gallbladder removed on Monday, February 6 at Baylor in McKinney.
  - Julia's friend Wendy Harvey with breast cancer
  - Dianna Conkling
  - Hugh R.'s sister Andrea
  - Sue Carter
  - Chuck T. cancer treatments
  - Isela H.'s friend Jeff, stage 4 brain cancer.
  - Ora Holt, kidney
  - brethren in India
  - the churches in New England
  - 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
  - Dianna C.
  - Ken C.
  - Mary H. and daughter Sharon

### READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Feb 12, Num 1-2
- Feb 13, Num 3-4
- Feb 14, Num 5-6
- Feb 15, Num 7
- Feb 16, Num 8-10
- Feb 17, Num 11-13
- Feb 18, Num 14-15
- Feb 19, Num 16-18

# A Word of Encouragement

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*"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.*

## David's Advice for Building a House for God

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*1 Chronicles 28:9, 10 — "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever. Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be courageous and act."*

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It was not David's place to build God's Temple. God gave that surpassing privilege to David's son, Solomon. But Solomon was young and David, like a good father, wanted to give his son advice on the most important matters of building a temple to God. Interestingly enough, it had nothing to do with design or construction, but Solomon's *heart*.

What does this have to do with 21st century Christians? More than you might think, because although this article has nothing to do with the building of a physical building, we are supposed to be building up the spiritual temple of the Lord, the church. And the things that David emphasizes here are exactly the things that build up the Lord's church.

### **KNOW THE LORD**

This advice is not about being able to identify God (although that's where it starts). It's about really knowing Him: who He is (in all of His awesome, eternal majesty and power), what He likes, what He hates, what He expects us to do, what He can be expected to do, what His history is, where He's taking history, what He promises, and how faithful He is to His promises. And such knowledge results in a relationship with Him. This kind of knowledge both motivates and guides us to humbly follow and serve Him, so that we build a church for Him—not culture, not what's cool, not philosophy, not tradition, nor my personal tastes. There are plenty of "churches" that know the culture well, what's current, what's cool, etc.; and so, they build for their own tastes, the latest moral standards, and the spirit of our age. In contrast, the Lord's church is built on the knowledge of Jesus as God's Son (Matt. 16:15,16), according to the Lord's unchangeable pattern (e.g., 1 Cor. 7:17), and by the Spirit of Truth (John 16:13). To correctly and effectively build the Lord's church and receive His blessing, we must first know the Lord.

### **SERVE HIM WITH A WHOLE HEART AND WILLING MIND**

The Lord deserves a whole heart, not a divided one. What is a divided heart? One that is distracted, one that is torn with other loyalties, one that is struggling with being "all in", and one that has other "masters". The young Solomon was going to be king and that would mean a million distractions, competing priorities, and options. The Is-

raelites who returned from captivity to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and the Temple found just how easily the divided heart can form: "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house [the Temple] lies desolate? Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Consider your ways!'" (Haggai 1:4, 5). Do you have a divided heart and mind about the Lord's work, the Lord's church, the imperative of sharing the Gospel? Fun, work, pleasure, personal fears, hobbies, and general busyness are common competitors to the heart being wholly devoted to the Lord's business. The Lord's church grows spiritually and numerically, when we all take the advice of serving the Lord with a whole heart. Half-hearted, lukewarm efforts will not do; the work is too high and holy to be given a common priority in our calendars, in our lives, in our efforts, or in our hearts.

### **BE COURAGEOUS AND ACT**

This last piece of advice from David to young Solomon is not really advice is it? Rather, it commands, "Get with it! Go! Get off the dime!" Why? One of the greatest challenges of good works is getting out of the planning phase to the action phase. However, to get to the action phase will often demand being courageous, and that's why David commands it at the end. Building something as great as the Temple (or in our case, the church) would take stepping out on faith, building things that had never been built in Israel, and devoting enormous time and resources to the project. Courage isn't the lack of fear; it is doing the fearful thing anyway, despite the fear, because you know you should.

Until things get to the "be courageous and act" stage it bears no fruit, it accomplished no good, and it leaves the world unchanged and lost. While ideas and planning are both important and even crucial to successful good works (especially the complex ones), we must not settle for the false good feelings of merely planning something good; we must "be courageous and act".

Will you take David's advice and help build the Lord's church here at Rock Hill?

*Park Linscomb*

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN FEBRUARY

|  |  |    |   |  |    |  |  |
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| 12<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00 AM Bible classes</li> <li>■ 10:00 AM Worship</li> <li>■ 4:00 PM Leadership meeting</li> <li>■ 6:00 PM Worship</li> </ul> |  | 13 | 14<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10:00 AM Ladies class</li> </ul> | 15<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 7:00 PM Wed. Bible class</li> </ul> | 16 | 17<br><div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px; border: 1px solid #d9ead3; display: inline-block;">Donna E. 🎂</div> | 18<br><div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px; border: 1px solid #d9ead3; display: inline-block;">Ora H. 🎂</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00 AM Men's breakfast</li> </ul> |
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## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

| Feb 12               | AM               | PM                |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Greeter .....        | Charles H.       |                   |
| Announcements .....  | Burley S .....   | Burley S          |
| Songleading .....    | Scott W .....    | Doug J            |
| Opening Prayer ..... | David J .....    | Tom R             |
| Communion .....      | John S .....     | Yaw F.            |
| Servers: 1) _____    | 2) _____         | 3) _____ 4) _____ |
| Closing Prayer ..... | Charles H .....  | Fernando Z        |
| A/V Control .....    | Fernando Z ..... | John S            |

### Wed PM Feb. 15

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| Songs ..... | Reiven H.  |
| A/V .....   | Charles H. |

| Feb 19               | AM             | PM                |
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| Greeter .....        | Charles H.     |                   |
| Announcements .....  | Burley S ..... | Burley S          |
| Songleading .....    | Doug J .....   | Scott W           |
| Opening Prayer ..... |                |                   |
| Communion .....      |                |                   |
| Servers: 1) _____    | 2) _____       | 3) _____ 4) _____ |
| Closing Prayer ..... |                |                   |
| A/V Control .....    |                |                   |

### Wed PM Feb. 15

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| Songs ..... |  |
| A/V .....   |  |

## Shortcuts to good info...

To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...



## Sermon Notes...

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