

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 Church Phenomenon

We have often mentioned the value of spiritual things in these articles. Today, we want to spend much of our time talking about the Church. Not some building where we go to visit, but a place where we assemble in order to formally worship Almighty God. It is easy to lose the feeling that we are in “*the House of God*”. Although this is clearly pointed out in ***1 Timothy 3:15***, it has become more a social gathering place. We can go there to be entertained, or to be made to feel better about ourselves.

There was a time when we would wear our best clothing, and be on our best behavior. We taught our children how to sit still, and to pay attention to the Preacher. I believe years ago, a greater value was placed upon the privilege to be there, and we looked forward to being “*built up in the most Holy Faith*” as described in ***Jude verse 20***.

I suppose there are those who feel as though this change has been a matter of growth. I believe it to represent a digressive pattern instead. This is far different than what God intended. Do you remember what the Temple in Jerusalem had become when Jesus turned over the tables, and told those who had no place in the Temple to leave? This is recorded in ***John 2:14-16***. The idea is, that the people had lost the original purpose of the temple and had brought in things that did not belong there. Is the “*Lord’s Church*” much different today? What do you first think of, when you think about The Church? Is it the last concert, or perhaps the last ball game, or was it the last bit of Truth proclaimed by a Preacher of the Gospel?

In order to fully appreciate the Church, let us consider it’s beginning, and see what the Bible has to teach us. In the early days of Jesus’ teaching, there was no mention of anything known as the Church. The Temple was still standing, and the Old Testament was still in effect. It was not until Jesus brought up the topic while speaking with Peter in ***Matthew 16:13-19*** that the Church was mentioned by name. While speaking with Peter, Jesus simply said, “*I will build my church*”. Was there a specific purpose that God intended, and why should it be considered significant to either Jesus or Peter? Was it incidental or part of the “*eternal Purpose*” of God “*in Christ Jesus our Lord*”? Think about this for awhile and we will continue next week.

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 .

WELCOME TO Jonathan and Lacy Crowell, here to interview for our youth minister position. Young people and their families are invited

to meet with him, his wife, and his wonderful family after morning worship at a pizza lunch.

THE ELDERS, DEACONS, AND PREACHER met this past Sunday and here are some of the things you need to know...

- Fernando composed a well-done small group contact list
- A new white board has been installed in the fellowship hall
- Burley and Park are working on a useable visitor contact list
- A new and improved procedure for communion is being worked on
- Our website will consistently post bulletins and class handouts, including an archive of bulletins
- A 2022 budget was proposed
- There was a proposed mission trip to New England



THE LADIES' CLASS meets in the fellowship hall each Tuesday at 10am.

THE "KICK-OFF" OF CARE GROUPS will be March 20. After March 20th morning worship services, we'll all meet for a potluck and afterward will meet in our separate Care Groups.

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...

Prayers needed

- Ora Holt
- Bonnie Davidson's niece, Brenda Gordon, who fell with several complications; now at Parkland
- Mark Berhstrom, friend of Elizabeth, back surgery
- Sherry Joy: encouragement regarding her health and future
- Kevin Kissinger, Doug and Nancy's grandson
- Nancy Jones' cousin Larry Rigsby
- Rita Wallis (Nancy J.'s cousin), husband Monroe just passed away
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela, paralysis, surgery, recovery, and rehab
- Maxie Savage (cousin of Nancy J.) also has COVID and AFIB
- Lori Cloud's father: some confusion

- Dianne Haley's cousin, Heather Martindale: cancer, chemo, surgery, and just lost her father.
 - Travis Y. feeding tube complications
 - Linda M.'s friend, Sandra: cancer and chemo.
 - Linda M.'s niece
 - Conkling family
 - Trelitha Bryant
 - Zapata's teenage friend Isabella with a heart lesion
- Remember these often:**
- brethren in India
 - the churches in New

England

- our elders, deacons, and preacher

Long Term Requests

- Carol P.
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Bonnie B.
- Dianna C.
- Ken C.
- Mary H. and daughter Sharon
- Cheryl F.
- Ann S.

WE'RE A BIBLE-READING GROUP.

FOLLOW THE SCHEDULE AND READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR — AGAIN.

- Feb 27, Deut 1-3
- Feb 28, Deut 4-7
- Mar 1, Deut 8-10
- Mar 2, Deut 11-13
- Mar 3, Deut 14-17
- Mar 4, Deut 18-20
- Mar 5, Deut 21-23
- Mar 6, Deut 24-26

See what new things you can pick up out of the Bible this time through!

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.

Sight or Vision?

There's a church in our area that puts some very thought provoking sayings on their outdoor sign. They're located on a busy corner where lots of people will notice what the sign says. One that I remember from years ago is:

***"To some God gives sight;
to others He gives vision."***

Sometimes the words sight and vision can mean essentially the same thing. For example, an optometrist's office can be referred to as a vision clinic. But in the statement above I think you can see (pun intended) that the two words are to be understood in vastly different ways. To be able to see with your eyes is indeed a great blessing. But to have vision is extraordinary. To see the difference, let's look at a story from the Bible.

The story is found in 2 Kings 6. During the time of Elisha the king of Aram laid siege to the city of Dothan, hoping to capture Elisha. He sent a strong army with horses and chariots during the night and surrounded the city. When Elisha's servant got up the next morning, he saw (with his eyes) the vast army. Because all he saw was the army, he felt helpless, saying to Elisha, "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" But Elisha was not afraid. God had given him the ability to see beyond what his physical eyes could see. He told his servant, "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them" (2 Kings 6:16). And so he prayed that God would "open his eyes so he may see." God then gave the servant the vision to see more than he had previously seen. God gave him the vision to see the hills full of horses and chariots of fire (2 Kings 6:17). As the army began to attack, Elisha prayed to the Lord, "Strike these people with blindness," which God did (2 Kings 6:18). The

king of Aram saw his vast army and felt powerful. Elisha had the vision to see beyond physical eyesight. He had faith to see the power of God. Guess who won!

Faith is basically having the vision to see what cannot be seen, or as Hebrews 11:1 puts it: "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

Many have read the accounts of Jesus healing the blind, but haven't yet seen that Jesus' healing illustrated more than compassion for a handicapped man. Jesus also revealed His power to give vision to the spiritually blind. I can't help but laugh when I read about the spiritual blindness of those in John 9. Jesus had healed a man who had been blind from birth. In the story, only the blind man had the vision to see Jesus, and this even before he actually saw him (John 9:35-39). The religious leaders didn't see what he saw (9:28). The man's parents didn't (9:20-23). Even the disciples didn't (9:2). Isn't it ironic that only the blind man had the vision to see Jesus? (9:17, 38). Read the whole story. It's fascinating.

Pity the man who can see the sunrise, but can't see the Son who rose from the dead! Pity the man who can see the stars, but not the Creator of the universe! Pity the man who can see the plant that grows from a seed, but not the God who gives it life.

God blesses us with sight. More than that, God also wants us to have vision. Check out Matthew 13:13-17.

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