

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 COMFORTER

Sharing the truth of God's Word is of utmost importance. I think it is safe to say that most of us believe that Jesus was the Son of God, and that he died with purpose. As Christ declared on the CROSS, "it is finished" in **John 19:30** it marked the culmination of prophecy concerning Him. The only remaining prophetic events were his resurrection and ascension, which would take place shortly thereafter. This would mark the end of Jesus' responsibility concerning the Plan of God, thus the declaration "it is finished". Of course, this would also mark the beginning of the next step of God's plan; the generation of The Word of God as guided by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit has had several assignments as the 3rd person of the Godhead. He was there at creation, at the baptism of Jesus, and was identified as the "Comforter" in **John 14:26** whose responsibility it was to guide the Apostles "to the remembrance of all things...whatsoever I have said unto you." The coming of the Holy Spirit was also part of God's ultimate plan. After Christ ascended, and the Apostles remained to complete the record of the Gospel, Jesus told the Apostles in **John 16:7**, "it is expedient that I go away....for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you." In **verse 13**, we get to see more clearly why this is important when Jesus said, "when the Spirit of Truth is come, he will guide you into all truth" What truth? The Truth of the Gospel, the truth from the mouth of God that will guide not only the Apostles, but all future generations in the word of God, the way of righteousness!

It is also written that the coming of the Holy Spirit was a promise made to the Christ in **Acts 2:33**. It was indicative of the plan of God, that the crucifixion was with purpose. After His sacrifice, there was a continuation of God's plan, executed by the coming of the Holy Spirit to complete the Word, and give the instruction in righteousness that we so desperately need in order to be pleasing in the sight of God.

This is the Grace of God, not salvation because Christ came, but the fulfillment of a Plan by which man could have salvation. Christ died for us, but that was not all of God's Plan!! The giving of the Word was also a part of the Plan, a very important part of the plan. The part that helped us to understand what God has designed in order to bring salvation down to Man. This is why the Word is so important to us. It provides the instruction that we need to be pleasing to God, according to His purpose, to make clear the way through the strait gate.

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.

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BIRTHDAY CAKE FELLOWSHIP —

This Sunday evening we'll all be gathering in the fellowship hall to celebrate all the birthdays of the month of June

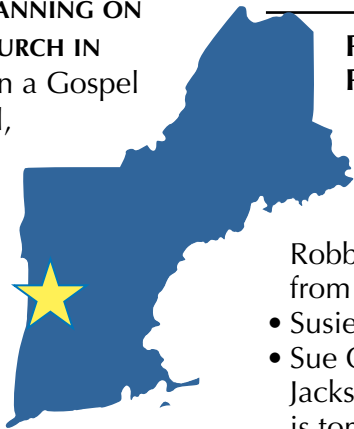
A NUMBER OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE are at Camp Deer Run this week. Please pray for a safe week and a safe return with plenty of great stories and a changed up spirit in the Lord's service.

ROCK HILL IS PLANNING ON HELPING THE CHURCH IN PITTSFIELD MA

in a Gospel meeting this fall, Sept. 25-28.

The New England mission trip is still in the planning stages, but progress is being made.

The group that is planning on going includes Charles, Park, Tom and Nancy Roberts, Hugh and Trudi Ruebush, Linda Stinnett and Elizabeth Hopkins. The trip will be during parts of the last 2 weeks of September. Park will be preaching a gospel meeting



on the subject of "Next", a series of lessons from the book that he wrote. He presented this series of lessons last year to Rock Hill.

TRAVELING: The Jones' are on the road; the Haleys will be attending church in Cleburne Sunday morning at Dianne's family reunion, but plan on being back for the evening services

A BABY SHOWER Julianna's baby shower is scheduled on Saturday, September 10th. Look for more details.

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

- Ralph L. is now home recovering from back surgery
- Bonnie D's nephew, Robby Peterman, recovering from heart surgery
- Susie C. and infected ears
- Sue Carter's brother, Lynn Jackson died, and his funeral is tomorrow in Durant OK (Brown funeral home). Pray for his family
- Fernando's father's recovery
- Recovery from eye surgery for Ora Holt
- Isela H.'s Jeff Barnett with stage 4 brain cancer.

Remember these often:

- 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

- Jun 26, Psa 68-71
- Jun 27, Psa 72-77
- Jun 28, Psa 78-81
- Jun 29, Psa 82-89
- Jun 30, Psa 90-97
- Jul 1, Psa 98-104
- Jul 2, Psa 105-107
- Jul 3, Psa 108-116

*Need home improvement?
Bring your family to church.*

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.

The Sacred Honor of Service

The world usually doesn't use the words "honor" and "service" in the same breath. The world doesn't like to serve, and often considers it a bother and a burden rather than an honor, when it must serve. Honor, the world thinks, is found in being served; and so it pushes and shoves, claws and fights for the top of the pyramid. Sometimes it is through words or law or manipulation and sometimes it is through actual fighting and war. To serve another is considered proof of inferiority—inferiority of station, money, or strength. Thus, everyone in the world wants their own way, wants to call all the shots, wants others to do their bidding.

But Jesus came and modeled a whole new understanding about service. Though equal to the Father, He willingly served the Father's will. And despite being far, far greater than any man, Jesus washed the feet of men (John 13), healed their sicknesses (Matt. 8:2,3), and died for their (our) sins (2 Cor. 5:21). And He taught, "...If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all" (Mark 9:35). In the Kingdom of God there is not only honor in service; there is sacred honor.

It was David's sacred honor and role to serve in the army of king Saul, in spite of the fact that he had already been anointed and was arguably a superior warrior and leader. It was Jonathan's sacred honor and role to yield the throne he was supposed to occupy by inheritance to David, because of God's choice. John the Baptist fulfilled the prophecy of the great Elijah's return, but even so, it was his sacred honor to step aside in service to Jesus as Messiah and recognize his own role as the forerunner to Someone whose sandals he was unworthy to untie.

In the broader world, it is the ruler's sacred honor to serve the needs of his country and his people (for which he will give an account to God, Daniel 5:24-29), and the people's sacred honor to

serve their rulers (Romans 13:1ff). Because it was commanded by God.

In the family, it is the husband's sacred honor and role to serve the needs of his family. It is wife's sacred honor and role to submit to her husband's leadership and meet the needs of her children. It is the children's sacred honor to serve their parents through obedience and to honor them when they grow old. (See Ephesians 5:22—6:4).

In the church, it is the elders' (Acts 20:28-32), preacher's (2 Timothy 4:1-5), and deacons' (1 Timothy 3:13) sacred honor to serve the spiritual and physical needs of their congregation through the duties and authority given them. It is the congregation's sacred honor to serve one another and obey their leaders as they follow the Lord (Hebrews 13:17). And it is the brothers' role of service in the church to lead in worship and teaching, while it is the sisters' role of service to either follow the men (as they follow the Lord) or lead other sisters and children, not exercising authority over men (1 Timothy 2:8-15 and 1 Corinthians 14:34-40).

Even the Father in Heaven serves. Daily filling us with gracious blessings too many to list. Yes, there is a sacred honor in service that makes this life a little taste of Heaven, when we fill our roles.

As Christians, we may be surrounded by those who scorn the idea of service, but we must remember its sacred honor, knowing that the One that we follow has not failed to obey His own command. As disciples let us follow in His footsteps, fulfilling our own roles in love for Him who has loved us to the ultimate measure of devotion—an undeserved cross, bearing undeserved sins, to pay an undeserved debt, that He could have easily avoided.

What an honor, what a sacred honor, it is to serve Him by serving others!

Park Linscomb

