

# 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 JUSTICE OF GOD

There is an urgency with which I bring these messages each Lord's Day. God is not kidding about our spiritual well-being. He is not joking about the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ, and the judgment to come. The record of His justice is well documented within both the Old and New Testaments. We bring these messages to you, that you may identify your personal, Spiritual NEED! There are those who will tell you that the "love of God" is so strong that He will overlook our unrepentant sinning, and our unwillingness to abide in the truth. Grace is very real, but we must never forget the price that God and Christ paid to establish the righteousness that is offered within the Gospel (Romans 1:16,17). It is by the grace of God that He provided a means by which we can overcome the guilt and wages of sin AND the sin itself. Grace has not been given so that *we would have little or no responsibility!*

The same God who has given this grace is the one for whom we should "*diligently seek*" **Hebrews 11:6**. That must be worshipped "in truth and in spiritual fashion", **John 4:23-24**. The same one who bought us ( **I Corinthians 6:19-20**), "*know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your Spirit which are God's.*" There is no room for a misunderstanding the meaning of this verse; we belong to God. We are not at liberty to disregard the Word of God and invent OUR OWN moral standard. Rather, the measure to which we should be reaching is God Himself (1 Peter 1:15, 16).

God's word in **Matthew 7:24-25** says, "*whosoever heareth these word of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.*" These are the words of Jesus as he makes a point. He is not talking about how to build a house, but how to build a life; a life of value and a life of worth. A life that is based upon a moral standard that God himself has provided within the New Testament.

And God's justice will reward the righteous and hold the unrighteous accountable by His standard alone.

*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 .

**A LADIES' GATHERING** will take Tuesday morning at 10:30 for some prayer, fellowship, and lunch.

**BUILDING REPAIR UPDATE** — There are just a couple more things to get done — carpeting and TV monitor for the front of the auditorium — and we'll be finished. Many thanks to everyone involved in any way to make it happen.

**AFTER EVENING WORSHIP** TONIGHT, there will be a graduation party/reception for Baylee.



**THE CHURCH IS PLANNING ON HELPING HE CHURCHING PITTSFIELD MA** (The Berkshire County church of Christ) in a Gospel meeting this fall, Sept. 25-28. We'd like to have several from our congregation come and help the week before with advertising. If you'd be interested in going to Pittsfield and help for a little over a week in helping advertise a gospel meeting, please let Park, Charles, or Jim know.



**WE HAVE A NEW RESOURCE PAGE** on our website with lots of Bible study materials for every level of learner. [rhcoc.org](http://rhcoc.org)

### THERE'S A CARD

from the Roberts family thanking everyone at Rock Hill for prayers and support. Find it on the bulletin board.



**GIVING...**We can now give online ([rhcoc.org](http://rhcoc.org)), by mail (PO Box 2301, Frisco TX 75034), or of course in person at worship assembly.



### PRAYER LISTS...

#### Giving Thanks...

- Successful surgery for Trudy R.
- Safe journey for Dianne H.

#### NEW REQUESTS...

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- Linda M. had surgery on her left eye Thursday. The outcome is looking good (pun?). Pray for a full recovery and surgical success.
- Isela H. asks for prayers for Jeff Barnett with stage 4 brain cancer.
- Leah Cloud Parker asks for prayers for her uncle John—a serious infection

#### Prayers needed

- Successful eye surgery for Ora Holt
  - Trudy R.'s surgical recovery
- **Remember these often:**
- A swift recovery for Tom Roberts from quadruple bypass Thursday.
- Margret T. as she spends a few weeks with her son David in Stephenville TX.
- For Lori Cloud's father, with cognitive issues and is now in hospice. Also for Lori and her brother to make the best decision for him and their mother.

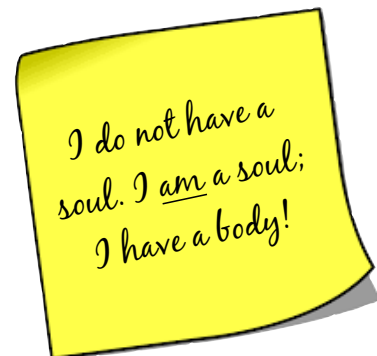
- Please pray for Johnny Vaz's mother, Victoria Vaz.
- Ora Holt, kidney
- Our continued search for a part-time youth minister
- Doug Jones' brother, Don Jones with cancer
- brethren in India
- the churches in New England
- our elders, deacons, and preacher

#### 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

- 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
- Jun 5, Neh 11-13



# 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.

## An Everyday Guide to Righteous Living

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Wouldn't it be great to have a simple guide to life? We have the Bible of course, and it gives us everything that we need to know for life and godliness. But most of us also like short, pithy guides that boil things down to easily remembered points and are able to carry us through a lot of life's challenges. Well, there is such a simple guide in Psalm 15...

*O LORD, who may abide in Your tent?  
Who may dwell on Your holy hill?  
He who walks with integrity, and works  
righteousness,  
And speaks truth in his heart.  
He does not slander with his tongue,  
Nor does evil to his neighbor,  
Nor takes up a reproach against his friend;  
In whose eyes a reprobate is despised,  
But who honors those who fear the LORD;  
He swears to his own hurt and does not change;  
He does not put out his money at interest,  
Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.  
He who does these things will never be shaken.*

The psalmist (David) begins by speaking about the man of integrity (v.2), whose profession of faith and walk of faith are not different. He work seeks to do right in big and small ways, seen and unseen; and he also speaks truth, when it's to his advantage and when it's not — not brutally, but in love and kindness. Are you walking the talk?

The man who will dwell in God's eternal tent will also be the man who doesn't do harm to his neighbor (v. 3). Jesus summed this up in the command to love to love our neighbor as ourselves, but this psalm seems to especially emphasize the hurtful things that can be done to one's neighbor with words. The righteous man of God doesn't slander or take up a reproach (taunting, shaming, sharply criticizing) his neighbor; nor (on the physical side of things) does any sort of evil to him. Are you loving your neighbor?

The person who will dwell on God's holy hill will be the man who honors what is right and esteems the righteous rather than the unrepentant sinful person (v. 4). His heroes are those who seek to do good, seek to honor God, seek to uphold what is right; not those who are spiritually and morally flawed, who take what they want with violence and deception. Who are your heroes?

Those who will abide with God will also be those who are faithful the their oaths — whether they advantage him or not (v. 4). Most folks would like to keep their options open and back out of commitment, if it puts them at a disadvantage; creating "escape clauses", loopholes in contracts, and prenuptial agreements — just in case. But not so with the man of God, on the path to Heaven, who keeps his word in marriage, business, and promises of all sorts. Are you faithful to your word?

Lastly, the person destined to spend eternity with the Lord is one who neither gives nor receives dishonorably (v. 5). Specifically mentioned here is not loaning money at interest (discouraged toward fellow believers), nor taking a bribe (dishonest gain), or in any other way stumbles over the issue of money. The righteous person handles money well — from God's perspective. He will not be grasping and greedy, but sharing, generous, using it for the Kingdom, and providing for his family. Do you handle money like the world or like the righteous?

Psalm 15 provides a simple guide, that even the world would admire — even if they don't want to practice it. This, of course, isn't the sum total of righteousness, but it certainly sets the Christian feet on the solid ground of the path of light that leads to abiding forever on God's "holy hill" (Heaven).

*Park Linscomb*

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN MAY

29 ■ 9:00 AM Bible classes ■ 10:00 AM Worship ■ 5:30 PM Putting legs on our prayers ■ 6:00 PM Worship ■ 7:00 PM Baylee graduation party at church	30 <b>Memorial Day</b>	31 ■ David J. ■ Fernando Z. ■ 10:00 AM Ladies' gathering	1 ■ 7:00 PM Wed. Bible class ■ 7:00 PM Singing	2 ■ 12:00 PM Greek with Fernando	3 	4 ■ Stuart/Lori
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## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

<b>May 29</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
Announcements	John S	John S
Songleading	Doug J	Yaw F
Opening Prayer	Fernando Z	Doug J
Communion	Charles H	Burley S
Closing Prayer	Ralph L	Reiven H
Greeter	Chris. S.	Chris S.

## Shortcuts to good info...

To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...




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## Sermon Notes...

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