

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

WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER

At what point does the Bible command that we have to go to church? Now, this is an important question...that we must let the Bible answer. The first indicator is perhaps in **1 Timothy 3:15**. The apostle Paul says we should, “*Know how to behave ourselves in the house of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.*” **Acts 2:42** says the Christians, “*continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*” We know that Jesus was resurrected on the “first day of the week” **Mark 16:9**, and the apostle Paul met with the followers of Christ **Acts 20:7** on the first day of the week when they came together in the same way they did in **1 Corinthians 16:2**. If we look at **John 4:23-24**, Jesus mentions worship. Look at what he says, “*the hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*”

I would also ask you to recall **Romans 12:1-2** where Paul says, “*I beseech ye therefore brethren by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service. And be ye not conformed to the world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.*” The wishes for us are clear from our heavenly Father: if we expect to be pleasing unto him, we must follow His ways. We must worship Him according to truth and in spiritual fashion. Consider **Hebrews 10:24-26** where the word of the Lord says, “*let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much more as we see the day approaching.*”

It is the will of our heavenly Father that we come together to worship. The example is clear, and the commandment is clear. It was never intended that we just show up but that we come together with a spiritual heart to formally worship the Creator. It is The Lord’s church; His body; purchased with His blood; the pillar and ground of the truth. This morning, it is our prayer that you hear these words and come to understand. It is the standard of God that we declare, and wish for you to be a part of the family of God through formal church worship.

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 .

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!

We love and appreciate all the sisters of the congregation, but today especially those who are mothers or grandmothers. Being a good, Christian mom is a hard job but with a value that is far above jewels (Prov. 31:10).

OUR LEADERSHIP MEETING, usually scheduled for the second Sunday of a month will be postponed to next month, due to Mothers' Day.

MAY'S MEN'S BREAKFAST IS SCHEDULED FOR, May 14, this Saturday. Make plans to join us and stay for the service in worship class.

BUILDING REPAIR UPDATE — April 4th's storm brought a lot of damage to our auditorium, but the work on the building is finally scheduled to begin tomorrow, Monday morning. None of the repairs were covered by insurance, so

Happy Mothers' Day



we will have to foot the substantial bill on our own. If you'd like to contribute toward the building repair over and above your usual contribution, please find envelopes next to the bulletins in the back of the auditorium OR give online (there's a building fund option you can give to).

AFTER EVENING WORSHIP ON MAY 29, there will be a graduation party/reception for Baylee.



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...

Giving Thanks...

- Successful eye surgery for Ora Holt

NEW REQUESTS...

Prayers needed

- Nancy Jones has been in BSW hospital (McKinney), room #347, since Thursday with an unknown infection.
- Trudy R. will have surgery on her jaw next week. Please pray for a successful outcome.

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 8, 1 Chron 2-4
- May 9, 1 Chron 5-6
- May 10, 1 Chron 7-9
- May 11, 1 Chron 10-12
- May 12, 1 Chron 13-16
- May 13, 1 Chron 17-19
- May 14, 1 Chron 20-23
- May 15, 1 Chron 24-26

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.

Stained Glass Words — "Humble"

Humble or humility is often a misunderstood word from the Bible. It often conjures up images of someone with their head down, a poor self-image, and a wallflower. But is this really the biblical definition of humble? Does the Lord want us to have a low opinion of ourselves? After all, isn't the opposite of humble "proud"? And isn't being proud sinful?

Let's consider Jesus' life. Many passages talk of Jesus' humility, but perhaps none so eloquently as Philippians 2:5-8, "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Yet, Jesus was no wallflower as He cleansed the Temple, rebuked the Pharisees, spoke to thousands, or told Pilate that He was the king of the Jews — just not a political one. In Jesus' case, His humility could be boiled down to being "not too good" to wash feet or die on a cross, even though He was the Son of God.

Let's consider what Paul had to say in Romans 12:3, "For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith." Paul encourages Christians to have the right amount of self-esteem, corresponding to the gifts one has been given by God with all the faith and zeal that we can muster. Without appropriate self-esteem a

person would never use the talents God has given for the benefit of the church and the lost world. The problem is not appropriate self-esteem, but pride and arrogance — thinking too much of oneself, thinking that we're too good to serve others (e.g., wash feet), thinking that one is superior to



another because of the gift one might have. It was such pride that was at the root of the divisions in the Corinthian church (see 1 Corinthians).

So, is all pride sinful? No, Paul boasted of his offering the Gospel at no cost, though he had every right to ask for it. He boasted of the faith of the Macedonians, who gave over and above what anyone expected of them; because of their poverty. He boasted about his weaknesses, because God prefers to use the weak to manifest His great power to men. Paul lived in such a way that those churches that he established could be proud and would never have reason to be ashamed of him. And he boasted in the Lord as the true power for everything he accomplished.

So, what is biblical humility? Essentially, it is the willingness of heart, the attitude, that serves anyone to do anything. It is not a self-degrading attitude, but one that reasons with sound judgment about the gifts God has given and uses them to do anything good to benefit the lowliest to the mightiest. Consider what the apostle John is saying about Jesus...

*"Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father... Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself. Then He *poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded." (John 13:1-5)*

Jesus knowing He was the Son of God and knowing that the most terrible hour of His earthly life had arrived, and being burdened with the weight of the moment — still washed the disciples' feet (something they were "too good" and unwilling to do for each other).

No, biblical humility is not what the world thinks of when they think of the meaning of humble, but it what we need to be daily, hourly, serving the Lord Jesus as we serve the "least of these".

Park Linscomb

