

# 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

## *Thank You, Lord!*

Just this once, Lord, I want to come to you with no problems, but simply to say, "Thank you..."

For Your forgiveness, when I fail...

For the sheer joy of sleep, when I'm terribly tired...

For the silent strength of humility, when pride threatens to overtake me...

For the justice of your laws, when men are cruel...

For the remedies for sickness, when I am ill...

For the simplicity of orderliness, when I face confusion...

For the assurance that you have made a place especially for me, when I feel inadequate among my peers...

For the joy of helping others, when I see people in need...

For the wisdom of Your will, when I'm trying to find out what life is all about...

For the awareness of Your spiritual reality, when I stray too far into worldly foolishness...

For the reminder of your faithfulness, when I panic too quickly...

For the fun that refreshes, when everything gets too serious...

For the renewal of moments of silence, when I'm dizzy being busy in a hectic world.

Thank you, Lord, for all these things. But most of all, thank you for Your abiding presence, that makes every day I live a day of thanks.

Author unknown

# 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 .

**ELDERS AND DEACONS SEARCH** — Elders and deacon search is over and the men that have agreed to serve will be installed this morning.

**THE MEN'S MONTHLY SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST** will be postponed to Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Be sure to join us at 9AM for devotional, fellowship, and

household items to contribute to various food banks in the area. There is a list of suggested items and collection tubs in the back of the church building by the water fountains. If you would rather contribute money, a money jar is on the table for your convenience. Please keep this outreach effort in your prayers.

**LADIES' ACTIVITIES** The fall ladies' Bible class continues each Tuesday at 10AM.

**GIVING OPTIONS** — please be aware that there are now several ways to contribute. The collection plate will continue to be passed, but we also have online options at our website, rhcoc.org.

- Isela H.'s Jeff Barnett with stage 4 brain cancer.

### Remember these often:

- 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 teenage friend Isabella with a heart lesion
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Dianna C.
- Ken C.
- Mary H. and daughter Sharon
- Cheryl F.
- Ann S.

# What's Going On?

food.

**THANK YOU, VETERANS!** See a display in the foyer regarding those who have served our country in the military, who are in our congregation.

**OUR NEW OUTREACH PROGRAM**  
We are collecting food and

week; the memorial service is this Saturday. Please pray for Doug's family

- Sue Carter: please pray for more health improvement
- Chuck T. cancer treatments
- Recovery from eye surgery for Ora Holt

### PRAYER LISTS...

#### Prayers needed

- Dianna C.'s cancer markers are improving after her chemo, no doubt due to God's blessing; so, prayers are still urged.
- Hugh R.'s sister Andrea Kerley, whose surgery was unsuccessful and now must undergo chemo.
- Doug Jones sister passed away this past

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

- Nov 6, John 10-11
- Nov 7, John 12-13
- Nov 8, John 14-16
- Nov 9, John 17-18
- Nov 10, John 19-21
- Nov 11, Acts 1-3
- Nov 12, Acts 4-6
- Nov 13, Acts 7-8

*Exercise daily.  
Walk with the  
Lord.*

# 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.

## The Rules of Marriage, Part 2

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While back I began a series on marriage and got distracted onto something else, but it is an important subject that should not be left hanging. The Lord has much to say about marriage that is not intuitive or natural to mankind, in order to make it what God originally designed it to be.

In the last bulletin article I focused on Genesis 2 and the things we can observe about marriage in the original institution of it by God Himself. We had noted that marriage was God's idea, that God designed marriage to be between male and female, that marriage is a covenant, and that man's alterations are not only sinful but actually harmful.

This time around let's study Ephesians 5:21-33 — arguably a favorite passage of husbands. But both husbands and wives might be surprised at what they find here, when they *really* read it!

The passage actually begins with verse 21, which is not just a throwaway verse, "And be subject to one another in the fear of Christ." It is a transitional sentence leading to God's commands for husbands and wives and sets the proper tone for the teachings that follow. Being subject is not just talking about general Christian relationship, but in context is aimed right directly where we live (literally). It puts a stake in the heart of the rebellious snarl "You're not the boss of me!"; because, truth be known, we don't belong solely to ourselves in either marriage or family. Paul gives specifics in the next several passages.

He starts with wives, and reminds them that they need to both be subject (v. 22-25) and respect (v. 33) their husbands. He uses the illustration of the relationship between Christ and the church, Christ being like the husband and the church being like the wife. It's a powerful parallel, because the church has no right to disobey the Lord or operate independently of Him. So also, the wife needs to follow the leadership of her husband *in the Lord* (Col. 3:18). Thus, young women, before you marry

that young man, are you willing to follow his lead? A basic principle of a happy, godly marriage is that wives should follow their husband's leadership and respect them — regardless of the society's pressure to do otherwise. The great Solomon wrote, "The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish tears it down with her own hands" (Proverbs 14:1).

*But this is not giving men any sort of pass!* In Eph. 5:26ff Paul focuses the spotlight on men, and tells husbands much more than he does the wives. He begins by using the illustration of Christ and the church again, pointing out how sacrificial and loving the Lord has been and continues to be to His people. The Lord always has the church's best interest in His great heart. So, young men, before you get married, ask yourself the question, do I have this young woman's best interests in my heart? If you don't, you don't have any business getting married to her; you need to get rid of your selfish interests first. Beyond this first illustration, though, Paul points to the relationship of the head and the body. Certainly the head has charge of things, but the head also *listens* to the body, *caters* to it, and has the body's best interest in mind. The head is not selfish, arbitrary, or hateful toward the body. Rather, the head nourishes and cherishes it — and that is how you submit to your wife — remember vs. 21??

To sum up, marriage is about learning to submit to one another in the fear of Christ, with wives following and respecting their husbands, and with husbands sacrificially and lovingly cherishing their wives. The net result?? When everyone is doing what the Lord commanded, nobody is anybody else's doormat (the great fear of both men and women).

God has known what He was doing all along. Let's follow His commands and reap the blessings that come with them.

Park Linscomb

