

# THE ROCK HILL HERALD

The 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
- Doug Jones
- Scott Wallace

### Deacons:

- Reiven Holt
- Hugh Ruebush
- John Smetzer
- Burley Stinnett

### Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

*"We're Here  
and We Care"*

## PREPARE FOR THE CROWN

The month of May is fast approaching. It is a favorite time of year for many of us, with two exceptional events that occur at this time each year. One is the running of the Kentucky Derby on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is an exclusive race for 20, 3-year old Thoroughbreds who have earned enough points in previous competition through qualifying races leading up to the Championship race known as the Kentucky Derby. The purse total is \$5 Million Dollars this year, and winners have a reserved place in honor as Champions.

On May 1-3, the 2<sup>nd</sup> great competition is scheduled; the Texas High School UIL State Track Meet takes place in Austin, Texas. In similar fashion, competition is held during the regular Track Seasons with little regard to Divisional separation (1A, 2A, etc.). Beginning with the District meets, all Divisions hold their District and Regional Track Meets with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place contenders for each event, and qualify to advance towards the University of Texas at the State Capital. At the State Meet, there are no preliminary events. The qualifiers include only the 8 athletes who have proven to the best in their respective events.

Obviously, to qualify for the Kentucky Derby or the State Track Meet requires much more than a casual desire to do so. Those who have realized that they have the 'potential talent' to qualify are filled with determination and have little problem with making the additional effort to train and practice their skills. It is a measure of accomplishment that can fuel the individual to understand an objective can be reached with proper preparation and persistence. It is also how we come to more clearly understand that the reward is always in direct proportion to the effort put forth. No one qualifies accidentally.

The Apostle Paul says in *1 Corinthians 9:24*, "know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?. So run, that ye may obtain." To the Christians at Galatia, Paul had a concern that perhaps he, while preaching the Gospel, "might have...run in vain" not giving all that he had to give *Galatians 2:2*. He reinforces this is *II Timothy 4:7-8*, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith...hence- forth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

Prepare for the Crown.

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 visiting our congregation, **welcome!** Please fill out a visitor's card and put it in the collection tray as it is passed. 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 .

**LEADERSHIP MEETING** is today at 4PM. If you have something that you'd like the elders, deacons, and preacher to consider, please give it to one of our elders, deacons, or preacher

**BIRTHDAY CAKE** — Is this evening! Our monthly birthday cake fellowship after evening services today. Come and enjoy the food and the fellowship.

**THE SPRING FLING GOT FLUNG**— Thanks to everyone who organized, decorated, cooked for, and attended. Special thanks to Jessica S. who put together the lesson for this special ladies' gathering.

**YOUTH ACTIVITY** — **Saturday, May 10th from 10-noon.** The kids will be making cookies to give to mothers on Mother's Day the 11th.

**ADDRESS UPDATES??** — Please check our online address book and see if your information is correct. If not, please let Nancy Jones know.

### SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

• **Camp Deer Run camperships** — If you'd like to help with sending our youth to Camp Deer Run this summer, please

give any special donations to any of the elders.

- **The Pittsfield MA church** — Those who wish to provide the Pittsfield MA church money for their benevolence fund monthly can see Trudy R. to contribute.

### NEW REQUEST...

- Jim's son passed out this past week for unknown reasons and had to stay in the hospital for a few days.
- Please pray for Eloise's recovery for a broken bone from a fall.
- Suzanne asks for strength for her mother Bonnie. She wants so badly to be able to attend services but does not have the physical strength to do so.
- Elizabeth's aunt Gloria Elam passed away last week. Please pray for the family.

### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Our missionary in Pittsfield MA, the Staffords, now has their grand-daughter, Peyton living with. Please pray for them in this transition.
- Kim B.— for a quick recovery from her surgery.
- Gary Don R., Nancy's brother is home from the hospital. Continue to pray.
- Ora H's health
- Mary H is recovering at home.
- Ralph L. suffers from double vision. Pray for a quick recovery.
- Reiven H — Pray for a quick and complete recovery.

- From Juliana: Pray for Becky B., recovering from tongue cancer surgery.
- Elizabeth's cousin Tracy to recover from Lupus, and also her cousin Debbie H.
- Jim B.'s daughter-in-law is terminal.
- Emma's grandmother, Karla R, dementia and cancer.
- Bonnie D recovering from a minor stroke.
- Sue C: digestive problems
- Ora H, kidney
- Churches in New England
- Brethren in India
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

### LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness
- Carol P.
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Rosa's friend Isabella, heart lesion
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Ken C.

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

- ☐ Apr 27, 2 Kgs 1
- ☐ Apr 28, 2 Kgs 2-4
- ☐ Apr 29, 2 Kgs 5-7
- ☐ Apr 30, 2 Kgs 8-9
- ☐ May 1, 2 Kgs 10-12
- ☐ May 2, 2 Kgs 13-14
- ☐ May 3, 2 Kgs 15-16
- ☐ May 4, 2 Kgs 17-18

*Jesus demonstrates  
His love by delay. — Don  
Carson*

# 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.*

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## STRUGGLING? DO WHAT'S RIGHT!

**T**he book or letter of 1 Peter was written by apostle Peter as a general letter to churches of what we'd call Turkey, who were struggling with persecution from the government, from masters, from family and other directions. The premier question of the letter is essentially, "What am I supposed to do when I am encountering persecution and wrong doing directed toward me?" and the consistent answer is simple and yet challenging: "Do the right thing." And this inspired wisdom offers very practical counsel for modern day Christians, also, who might be struggling with what to do in the face of suffering and challenges.

### **Reserved in Heaven for you (1:3)**

Yes, the reward will all be worth the struggle. The self-discipline, the suffering, the refraining from revenge, the persecution, the long-suffering, etc will be worth it. The Bible reminds of this many time in other passages, but the struggle in this world can be so wearing, followers of Jesus need constant encouragements and reminders. The siren call of giving up is so powerful. It's the reason for the Pauline exhortation for keeping our eyes fixed on things above, because when we drop our eyes to this world, we are tempted to throw our hands up in surrender.

### **Be holy for I am holy (1:15,16)**

This is the essential theme of the book: doing the right thing regardless of what things might come our way. Here's the foundation of all morality – be like God. Do you have a question about what the right thing to do is? Look to God, or particularly, Jesus, since He came in the flesh and was tempted in all ways like us, yet without sin (Heb. 4:15). Consider in your persecution what Jesus Himself did.

### **Remember who you are (1:17—2:12)**

As the lengthy reference above indicates, this is a major part of the Lord's encouragement against suffering. Remember, we are...

- Blood bought — The highest price imaginable was paid for your freedom and redemption. Do not waste His great sacrifice for you.
- Born again – you're not the same old person you used to be, live like it!

- Living stones of the Temple of God – like with any building, the materials make a difference and they must be strong. When one stone fails, the rest are then at risk. Be strong, the Lord deserves such a Temple.
- A chosen race – the Jews have long understood the privilege of being chosen, do we?
- A royal priesthood – offering acceptable sacrifices to the Lord of our lives– which sometimes includes suffering. Offer such sacrifices with honor.
- A people for God's own possession – God's treasure!
- Aliens and strangers – the best way to live in this world is to understand that we are different, we're supposed to be, so live that way.

### **Submit (2:13)**

Yes, the government may persecute, there may be temptation to despise and rebel against the kings, governors, and even masters who mistreat, hate, or take advantage of us, but act like Jesus and submit to the authority, because Jesus did. Do what's right.

### **Marriage (3:1ff)**

Yeah, but what about that man/woman who is so mistreating me!? Oh, in that case — do what's right! Submit to your husband like Sarah did to Abraham, who was not the most honorable of men to be married to – lying about his marriage relationship to Sarah to men who wanted her. Treat your wife with understanding and honor even if you don't think she deserves it. Treat the aggravating spouse well – do what's right.

### **Give an answer (3:15ff)**

This is two-fold in its exhortation. Not only should we 1) have a good verbal answer, but we need to 2) have a good behavioral answer to them. And we need both. We can study up on all the Christian evidences we can get our hands on and have a debate-worthy answer, but it will do little good, if we respond poorly to the suffering we encounter. What kind of answer to the revilers in your life do you give?

*Park Linscomb*

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN APRIL & MAY

27	28	29	30	1	2	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00AM Bible classes</li> <li>10:00AM Worship</li> <li>6:00PM Worship</li> <li>7:00PM Birthday Cake Sunday</li> </ul> <p>Leadership meeting 4PM</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00AM Ladies' Bible class</li> </ul>	<p>Mary L.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00PM Singing</li> <li>7:00PM Wed. Bible class</li> </ul>	<p>Scott W.</p>	<p>Ralph L.</p>	

## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

### Week of April 27 .....AM.....PM.....Wed.

Announcements .....Burley S.....Burley S  
 Song Leading .....Scott W .....Doug J .....Jim B  
 Opening Prayer .....Jim B .....Hugh R  
 Communion .....David J.....Jim B  
 Closing Prayer.....Doug J.....Reiven H  
 A/V Control.....Charles H.....John S .....Hunter M  
 Greeter.....Jim B

### Week of May 4 .....AM.....PM.....Wed.

Announcements .....Jim B .....Jim B  
 Song Leading .....Doug J.....Scott W .....Reiven H  
 Opening Prayer .....Yaw F .....Jim B  
 Communion .....Reiven H.....Burley S  
 Closing Prayer.....Scott W .....Doug J  
 A/V Control.....John S .....Hunter M.....Charles H  
 Greeter.....John S



## Sermon Notes...

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