

# 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"*

## How Much is Enough?

It is a somewhat common question among spiritually-minded people...How Much religion is enough? This apparently is a hangup with people who study their Bibles and discuss religious topics with others. The members of the churches of Christ are generally known for their Bible knowledge, but faulted because we "take it too far". One person even remarked, "You can't take the Bible literally, because it was written so long ago and times have changed." As a result, a form of "selective understanding" is popular and has resulted in a vast departure from the Scriptures.

This article is written with the intent of causing each person who reads it to do a quick self-examination, and stir some thinking about where they stand before God relative to the Scriptures. What is the level of commitment to truth in the minds of the average person? Is it different from the appropriate level of commitment held by a member of the Lord's church? Hopefully, while considering these questions, we can identify some areas that we should adjust...or not.

We begin with Christ's death upon the cross with purpose. Next, the appointment of Apostles under training. Thirdly, the coming of the Holy Spirit in **Acts 2** and the establishment of the Church and the Kingdom (although some believe the church was a back-up plan and that God was unsuccessful in establishing the kingdom. The 2nd coming of Christ, to them, is to be the establishment of His kingdom on earth and a thousand-year reign. **Mark 9:1** and **Luke 9:27** declare "some standing here will not taste death until they see the kingdom".) The church and the kingdom came into existence on the Day of Pentecost, approximately AD33. **Acts 2:47** tells us clearly that the church was established on that day because "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

All was accomplished that we have in Scripture. The apostles were told this in **Matthew 16:19** and confirmed the method in **John 14:26**. All of this was completed and placed in scripture as a result of God's eternal purpose with an assurance offered by Jesus in **John 12:49**, "the Father gave me a commandment, what I should say..." The rest is up to us with this comment in **1 John 5:2-3**, "For this is the love of God, if we keep His commandments...and His commandments are not grievous (burdensome)." Give all you have for the Lord's sake.

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 NOTES

- The church's finances showed an improvement
- The next men's breakfast will be February 21 and John S. will spearhead it. And future men's breakfasts will be quarterly.
- The men who lead in worship will be encouraged to come to the front of the building as their part (prayer, scripture reading, Lord's Supper) *approaches* for the sake of conserving time
- Spring meeting — The date is like to be March 15-18. The theme will be "Great Passages from Romans". Area preachers that have been confirmed to speak are Wes McAdams (McDermott Rd.), Jack Evans Jr., Seth McDowell (Shawnee Trail), John Wheeler (Crossway), and Park.
- The leadership team gave their approval to the ladies' planning meeting suggestions that our birthday cake celebrations be changed in the following ways:
  - ✓ they become quarterly rather than monthly
  - ✓ they become potluck rather than furnished completely by the small groups
  - ✓ they occur after Sunday AM services rather than PM services
  - ✓ the October birthday cake celebration be a Friends and Family Day

**OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER BIRTHDAY POTLUCK** will be January 25<sup>th</sup> immediately following AM service. Care Group 2 is in charge of set up and breakdown. All Care Groups will need to bring main dishes and side dishes. No desserts. The church is providing birthday cakes. All visitors are invited.

**A VALENTINE'S PARTY** will be on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship building at 5:00PM. All adults 18 and over are invited. The cost is \$15.00 per person. You can give your money to Nancy Jones or Dianne.



**LADIES' CLASS** — has resumed meeting at the church fellowship hall at 10AM. Join the great Bible study and fellowship.

**IT'S TIME TO START COLLECTING ITEMS** for the Children's Hospital "Love Packs." We will have baskets available next week to put stuff in. Last year we delivered 13 large laundry baskets full of goodies. Flyers will be posted with basket filler ideas. This will be our 5<sup>th</sup> time delivering these. We've always topped our previous baskets and always shock the hospital staff. For those that don't know, This project is an ongoing tribute to Linda Linscomb and her passion to help children and hospitals."

**OUR LADIES WILL ALSO** be sewing Thursday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10AM. Come join us.

**FREIDA ROSE** was released from the hospital.

### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Park will have knee surgery January 19<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for the suc-

cess of the surgery and the rehabilitation afterward.

- Charles H.; pray for complete recovery from shoulder surgery.
- Please pray for Burley in India.
- Lynn Turner is now at home.
- Nancy J's brother
- Linda Curry for her Afib
- Esther Myrick, low blood count
- The Staffords, our missionaries in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, granddaughter Peyton living with them.
- Churches in New England
- Brethren in India
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

### LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Elizabeth's cousin Tracy with Lupus, and also her cousin Debbie
- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness
- Dale C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Travis Y. feeding tube

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

- 1/18 .....Luke 14-16
- 1/19 .....Luke 1
- 1/20 .....Luke 2-3
- 1/21 .....Luke 4-5
- 1/22 .....Luke 6-7
- 1/23 .....Luke 8-9
- 1/24 .....Luke 10-11
- 1/25 .....Luke 12-13

**“Remove the impurities from silver, and the sterling will be ready for the silversmith.”**

— Proverbs 25:4 NLT

# 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 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.

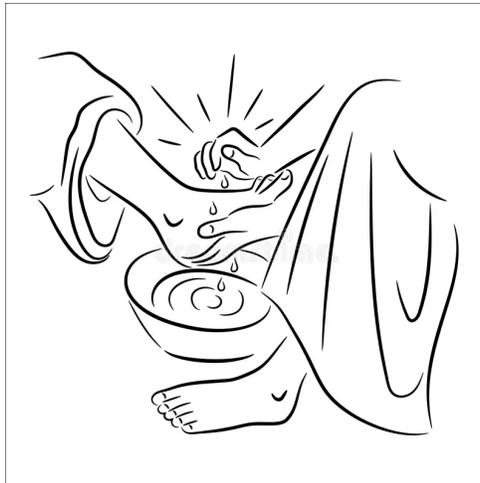
But Jesus came and modeled a whole new understanding about service. Although equal to the Father in Heaven, He willingly served the Father's will. And despite being far, far greater than any man, Jesus washed the feet of men (John 13), healed their sicknesses (Matt. 8:2,3), and died for their (our) sins (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 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). It has been 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 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. 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 in this world too many to list and many more in the spiritual realm for those in Christ. Yes, there is a sacred honor in service that makes this life a little taste of Heaven, when we fill our roles.

Yet, some still chafe at the idea of service and roles. Certainly the world, but never let it be said of Christians.

Park Linscomb

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JANUARY

18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Leah C. 🎂	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	10:00AM Ladies' Bible class	7:00PM Wed. Bible class	Doug & Nancy J. ❤️	Lori C. 🎂 Owen K. 🎂	Ryan B. 🎂
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00AM Bible classes</li> <li>■ 10:00AM Worship</li> <li>■ 6:00PM Worship</li> </ul>						

## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

### **Week of January 18.....AM .....PM .....Wed.**

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

### **Week of January 25.....AM .....PM .....Wed.**

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



## Sermon Notes...

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