

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
- Doug Jones
- Scott Wallace

Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

Deacons:

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

*"We're Here
and We Care"*

Beginning in Jerusalem

To emphasize the responsibility of the apostles in the plan of God, does nothing to minimize the part that Jesus played as He died and was resurrected. The entire plan of God would have been circumvented had not Jesus carried out His portion. **Luke 24:25-26** says, "Oh fools and slow at heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?" After His resurrection, he spent 40 days with the believers (the apostles and others) to be certain of the fulfillment of God's plan. Note the latter part of **Luke 24**, beginning at **verse 44**: "these are the words that I spoke...that all things must be fulfilled in (A) the Law of Moses (B) in the prophets (C) and in the psalms concerning me....and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all Nations, beginning at Jerusalem? **Verse 49**, " And behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry (stay) in the City of Jerusalem, until ye be endued (given, prepared) with power from on high."

This is the beginning of the final 'transition' mentioned in an earlier article, how that Jesus would complete His portion of God's plan and take His place at the right hand of God. The Prominence of the Old Law (the Law of Moses) would be replaced by the New Testament. (see **Galatians 3:16-27**). The plan included what is more clearly explained in **Hebrews chapters 8, 9 and 10**. These chapters make several comparisons of the articles under the Old Testament and the New Testament; how they relate to one another but more importantly that the first Law was incomplete and replaced by the New Way in Christ.

The plan of God concerning the establishment of the Church was a simple plan that can be understood easily. Phase I (if you will) was the coming of Christ and His resurrection. Phase II would be the coming of the Holy Spirit to guide the apostles to "bind and loose" **Matthew 16:18-19**. Phase III is the physical beginning of the Church in **Acts 2** which occurred in AD33. We know the Church was established by the record of **Acts 2:47**, because people who followed the plan were "added to the Church". If we compare the fulfillment of the prophesy recorded in **Isaiah 2: 2-3** Isaiah said, "and it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's House shall be established in the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills and all nations shall flow unto it." **More to follow:**

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! 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 .

EASTER IS APRIL 9 — A lot of people who ordinarily don't go to any church will often look for a church to attend on



Christmas and Easter. So...invite your friends, especially those who aren't usually

religious, to come to church with you. We are likely to have several visitors among us that day, so...greet all the visitors and be helpful to them in finding a seat (*even if it is usually your seat*)

A SPRING SINGING WORKSHOP April 16-19, Ken Dawdy will be here for a singing workshop. Ken will teach on



Ken Dawdy

worship in song on Sunday and then will hold workshops each evening Monday through Wednesday.

LAST WEEK, WHILE PARK WAS IN MANCHESTER CT he saw Cleve and Melinda Stafford who wanted Park to relay greetings “to our favorite Texas church”.

THE STAFFORDS now have COVID. Mel was going to travel

to S. Africa to visit her very ill mother, when they found out

SPEAKING OF THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH— Trudi R. continues to collect funds for an ongoing monthly benevolence program for the Pittsfield church. The Pittsfield church has sent a thank you card, and if you'd like to see what has been sent to Pittsfield, there's a note on the bulletin board.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

• A Youth Sleepover on May 5th in the Fellowship Building. All ages are invited.

LADIES' SPRING FLING — Saturday April 22nd at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

ZEKE RODRIGUEZ has a new address, Alexis Estates Gracious Retirement Living, 680 N Waters Road, #302, Allen TX 75013

FREIDA IS AT HOME as of Thursday morning. She is resting but is weak and a little nervous. Pray that the medications will work for her and she will be able to get her strength back.

PRAYER LISTS...

- Eloise will be moved to a rehab facility Monday
- Dianne H's sister, brain tumor
- John B. recovering from surgery
- Nancy J relative Tom Kissinger: a fall & Parkinson
- Julia's friend Wendy with breast cancer
- Dianna Conkling
- Hugh R.'s sister Andrea

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
(Matthew 22:39)

- Sue Carter
- Isela H.'s friend Jeff, cancer.
- 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 friend Isabella with a heart lesion
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Dianna C.
- Ken C.
- Mary H. and daughter Sharon

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Apr 2, 1 Sam 16-17
- Apr 3, 1 Sam 18-20
- Apr 4, 1 Sam 21-24
- Apr 5, 1 Sam 25-27
- Apr 6, 1 Sam 28-31
- Apr 7, 2 Sam 1-3
- Apr 8, 2 Sam 4-7
- Apr 9, 2 Sam 8-11

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.

BEING SMART DOESN'T MAKE YOU RIGHT

The apostle Paul faced a number of problems in the church in Corinth. They were divided on a number of levels — race, wealth, status, gifts, and even doctrine. But the greatest obstacle to overcome in the church to reconcile was apparently human wisdom. It is the first issue that Paul takes on in the first letter, and he spends no less than four chapters on the problem. The initial problem seems to have been the worldview of the prideful “wise” Greek culture and society. This wisdom (see the whole letter of 1 Corinthians)...

- Placed greater value on who taught and baptized them than the Savior
- Winked at sexual immorality, especially when committed by a person of some importance.
- Had no problem with taking a brother to civil court, giving the church a bad name, and belie the claim of brotherly love
- Was adamant about their rights, regardless of its effect on weaker fellow Christians
- Considered some flashy, spiritual gifts, more important than other, truly important gifts, and wanted to practice them in church worship, regardless of their lack of edification to the church
- Couldn't imagine a thing like resurrection at the end of time, since returning to a half-decomposed body would be undesirable
- Thought baptism for the dead might save their long dead relatives

This “wisdom” was anything but wise, Paul rebuked it at every turn, because just being smart, doesn't make you right. Paul put it this way, “...the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men” (1 Corinthians 1:25).

And in our own day, things remain much the same. People still think they can “out-wisdom” God. Having high IQs, having many letters after their names (M.Div., M.Min., Ph.D., Th.D., etc), and having read lots of books, they believe that things found in the Bible are for simpletons, full of notions too old-fashioned to be relevant in a modern world of science, computers, and space-ships. So, they foolishly promote homosexuality, transsexuals, abortion, criminal behavior (if done to accomplish the “greater good”), women in church leader-



ship, changes in worship, questioning the historicity and truthfulness of the Bible, openly calling men to believe in “extreme grace” without repentance, and as much more as their imaginations can muster — doing so to the destruction of society, family, and their own souls.

But being smart or well educated today, doesn't make a person any “righter” than it did 2000 years ago (Paul's day), or 3000 years ago (the time of the judges, when everyman did what was right in his own eyes), or even 4800 years ago (when Noah endured the scorn of the “wise” as he built the ark). Years ago I met with another preacher who was trying to make the case that the Lord would permit women to serve as elders and preachers in the church. He brought along several books from learned denominationalists to read and prove his belief. When I would read from Scripture on the subject, he would rebut with another reading from another man-made book. He somehow thought that higher education could trump God and His Word. Indeed, it remains as true today as it was in Paul's day,

Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.” (1 Corinthians 1:20-25)

Don't misunderstand me — schools and education are a blessing; having intelligence is a blessing; having books to increase our knowledge is a blessing. But how truly blessed is the person who has some or all of these, AND is also wise by the wisdom of God!

Park Linscomb

