

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

Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

Deacons:

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

*"We're Here
and We Care"*

EMPHASIS ON BAPTISM

A great deal of emphasis was placed upon baptism during our recent Gospel Meeting. I thought it beneficial to spend some time and 'chronicle' many of the verses covered in the lessons brought to us by brother Jack Evans. Baptism is one of the more fundamental characteristics of the Lord's church, and indeed one of the more important commandments that has been provided by the inspired writers. In **Galatians 3:27**, Paul says, "For as many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." When we explore the context of this teaching, we see a contrast between the Law (the teaching of the Old Testament) and the New Testament. **Verse 19** says, "Wherefore then serveth the Law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made." There are two promises I wish to identify; (1) the clear definition of the promise made to Abraham in **Galatians 3:16** concerning the specific seed, "not to seeds as of many, but as of one, and to thy seed which is Christ."

The other promise is found in the book of **Acts 2:32-33**. This one you may have not noticed before. In his first Gospel sermon, Peter said, "This same Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore, being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father...the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this that ye now see and hear." This promise was in the culmination of Jesus' part in God's "eternal purpose" mentioned in **Ephesians 3:11** "which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord."

In **John 7:38-39**, the two verses are inseparable. Jesus said, "He that believeth on me...out of his belly shall flow rivers of living waters." **Verse 39** was apparently added in the original text to help clarify the meaning of **verse 38**; "(But this spake He of the Spirit, which was not yet given because that Jesus was not yet glorified.") After the resurrection, Jesus ascended and took His place at the right hand of God "exalted", that it to say, 'glorified'. He had completed His portion of God's eternal purpose in Him, and the Holy Spirit had moved into position **John 16:7** "it is expedient that I go away; for if I go not away, the Holy Spirit will not come unto you;" Baptism is clearly connected to our resurrection by the pattern set in the eternal purpose of God! 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 .

AND THE LORD ADDED...Rick Powell was baptized into Christ on Wednesday evening after the last night of our Gospel Meeting. Rick lives in Lake Dallas.



THANK YOU, everyone who came every night to the Gospel meeting, everyone who came as often as they could, everyone who contributed to the evening meals, and everyone who invited someone. What a great Gospel meeting! We had 96 Sun. AM, 48 Sun. PM, 49 on Mon., 56 on Tues., and 64 on Wed.; total visitors 101, and 1 baptism.



BIRTHDAY CAKE SUNDAY —

After worship services on Sunday evening, we celebrate the birthdays of everyone born this month. Come join us!

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST will resume Sept 16, Saturday, 9AM. Theme: to be announced.

THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH We have an ongoing monthly benevolence program to help the Berkshire County church of Christ in Pittsfield Mass. See Trudy R. to contribute

LEADERSHIP MEETING NOTES:

- Our budget and cash flow is good. Will be looking into another online giving method.

- Time saving measures for our worship services were discussed, to give us more time to worship (e.g., starting on time, leaders ready to get to the pulpit, etc.)
- An update on the widows and elderly was given
- Building maintenance discussed
- The possibility of providing Bibles to the church in Guadalajara was discussed
- A leadership meeting to discuss congregational plans for 2024 (Lord willing) was proposed.

LADIES' CLASS — Our ladies' next gathering will be Tuesday, August 29, at 10AM. Come join the fellowship, Bible study, and a little lunch. It's a great way to grow closer to the Lord and to one another.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Rick Powell**, our new brother in Christ
- **Rosa Z's** father passed away this past week and she is in Guadalajara for the funeral. Pray for her and her family
- **Elizabeth H.'s** mom was taken to the hospital with pneumonia
- **Margret** hospitalized with infection; now in PAM Health Rehab Hospital until "Monday week"

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Linda Moore had knee replacement surgery last week and will be absent until she's able to walk again. Pray for her while she's doing PT
- Norma Bautista recovering at home from broken bones
- The Coopers settling into a new facility.
- Jim P. — radiation therapy for prostate cancer.
- Fernando Z's father, Ramon — radiation therapy for lung cancer.
- Sandy L's sister, Lisa, in hospice care in Mississippi .

- Freida R, recovering at home
- The Stafford's grand-daughter
- Isela Hughes' ...
 - sister Griselda Walters
 - friend Jeff, cancer
- Dianne H's sister-in-law with a brain tumor
- Sarai Lyons' friend Tiffany M.
- Dianna C, chemo recovery
- Bonnie D. broken shoulder
- Julia's friend Wendy with breast cancer
- Sue Carter
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the churches in New England
- brethren in India
- 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
- Ken C.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Aug 27, Ezekiel 5-8
- Aug 28, Ezekiel 9-12
- Aug 29, Ezekiel 13-15
- Aug 30, Ezekiel 16
- Aug 31, Ezekiel 17-19
- Sep 1, Ezekiel 20-22
- Sep 2, Ezekiel 23-26
- Sep 3, Ezekiel 27-28

Christianity preaches the infinite worth of that which is seemingly worthless and the infinite worthlessness of that which is seemingly so valued.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

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.

WHAT IS HUMILITY?

Humility is a sneered-at word. Who wants to be humble? It is equated with weakness, being a victim, and impotency. Pride, on the other hand, is envied, vaunted, and promoted. Why? Possibly because we've often misunderstood what humility is. This isn't surprising, of course, in a world where it is little practiced. And if we don't know what it is, how can we authentically cultivate and practice it in our lives and please our God who commands humility?

Humility is a virtue that is required of disciples of Jesus:

1 Peter 5:5 *"You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."*

Philippians 2:3-5 *"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,"*

So, what is humility? Well, let's begin with what it's not. It is not simply thinking of ourselves as unworthy, weak, incapable, and lowly; humility is not having a poor self-image. Paul tells us, *"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."* (Romans 12:3). Authentic humility, in other words, is actually being realistic about our strengths and weaknesses. Pride exaggerates strengths, and denies weaknesses, and produces boasting, foolhardiness, and deafness to teaching. Pride, likewise, foolishly tries to control everyone and everything, because it believes it can. A worldly definition of humility, on the other hand, exaggerates weaknesses, denies its strengths, and produces helplessness. *Biblical* humility, however, knows its real strengths and weaknesses, keeps its ears open to counsel and teaching from God and men, and is appropriately dependent on God.

But there's another angle to biblical humility, unconditional action and service. This is the facet of humility that is often overlooked. We tend to see humili-

ty solely as an attitude about ourselves, but it is much more substantial than just an opinion of our strengths and weaknesses. The rest of Paul's teachings about humility in Philippians 2 (vv. 6ff) points out Jesus' deeds of humility:

- emptying Himself (though He is God) to become a human being,
- becoming obedient through every hardship and every command,
- being obedient even to the point of death,
- and submitting to the Father's will, even when it meant an excruciating, unjust, and humiliating death on a Roman cross at the hands of sinful men.

Jesus humbly touched and healed lepers and other sick and unclean people, humbly fed thousands, humbly welcomed and taught children, humbly ate with and taught the scorned and sinful, humbly taught those who rejected Him and sought to discredit Him, and humbly washed His own disciples' feet as they argued about who was the greatest. His humble deeds knew no boundaries of pride or of something being "beneath His station". His deeds served others' needs before His own. His humility refused to say, "That's just asking too much." And although his deeds were done in public and in private, they were never for public acclaim.

The Bible is full of men and women who humbly served God and men, who were no mere wall-flowers. They were people of action, often arising from obscurity, who realized their real strengths and limitations and relied on the Lord to humbly accomplish great things through His great power—claiming no personal credit, but giving God the glory.

Worldly hearts submit to neither the attitude nor the actions of authentic humility. Their worldly pride causes them to either boast or shrink back into a fragile ego; and their deeds (if there are any) are for recognition and applause. Even their humility is practiced so that others will see their virtue and think well of them. Authentic humility is really concerned about others' needs, and only about the "applause" of God.

Authentic humility is difficult both to grasp and practice, but it is at the core of Christian discipleship. Where do you need to start?

