

THE ROCK HILL HERALD

The bulletin of the Rock Hill church of Christ



The Rock Hill church of Christ

9426 PGA Pkwy

Frisco TX 75035

(972)347-1919

rhcoc.org • rhilchurch@gmail.com

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"*

WORTHY OF SPECIAL EFFORT

Should we be concerned about 'living after the Spirit' as opposed to 'living after the flesh' **Romans 8:5-8**? According to the word of God, "No man can serve two masters"... **Matthew 6:24** (for he will choose one over the other) THE WAY OF THE WORLD OR THE WAY OF GOD." We should realize the ultimate end of each one of our lives is at the feet of Jesus to be measured by the word of truth. *It is appointed unto man, once to die, and after that the judgment* **Hebrews 9:27**. There is a price to be paid for disobedience. As a matter of simple fact, "we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" **II Corinthians 5:10**. "that every one may receive the things done in his body whether it be good or bad." We have been forewarned that we might consider these factors and decide how we will live in this present life.

Solomon, the wisest man to have ever lived, goes on to identify the "whole duty of man"... is to "fear (hold in high regard) God and keep his commandments" **Ecclesiastes 12:13**. He earlier had indicated this reality as well when he said in **Ecclesiastes 12:7** (at death) then shall the dust shall return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." Let us be clear in this matter: every person is an object of God's creation. God knows "the very number of hairs upon your head", **Matthew 10:30** and the "thoughts and intents of your heart" **Hebrews 4:12**. Every person has a soul or 'spirit' that is eternal in nature **Genesis 2:7**. It is the spirit of the individual that will remain after the physical death, "reserved unto judgment" **2 Peter 2:4**:

On the day of judgment, all who were ever born will stand before "the judgment seat of Christ" **Romans 14:10**. To give "account for every idle word" **Matthew 12:36**. A separation shall be made between those who lived by the flesh and those who lived by the Spirit, **Matthew 25:31-46**. If you have some time, please read again this account that is given directly by Jesus himself. It is a clear explanation of what we can expect. Perhaps more interesting is the fact that God knows the talents we have been given and the ways in which we have used them in His service. He clearly sees our level of 'interest and effort' that we show in worship and service to Him. Does it not make sense to dedicate a special effort toward spiritual things? Amen

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 .

MEETING WITH JACK EVANS has been scheduled for August 20-23 — *"In Christ Alone"*

It's aim is Gospel outreach, so be thinking about who to invite. Some of his topics will include...



- "In the Name of Jesus"
- "He's All I Want"
- "This is That"
- "This Thing Was Not Done in a Corner"
- And more

...**AND** there are now door hangers about our meeting to put on a few of the doors in your neighborhood. Grab a few dozen, get some exercise, and evangelize! A "sign up sheet" will be near for you to put your name and where you plan to distribute (so we don't duplicate each other's efforts).



**House to House
Heart to Heart**

HOUSE TO HOUSE, HEART TO HEART is an evangelistic publication that has been delivered to neighborhoods around us, and 200 have been delivered to the church here for personal

distribution. Pick up a few and 1) canvas your own neighborhood, 2) send by mail to friends or family, or 3) leave them in a doctor's office — be creative.

THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH benevolent fund is again being collected by Trudi, now that the Ruebushes are back in town.

PRAYER TIME — 5PM Sunday

LADIES' CLASS — Next gathering will be August 29 at 10AM

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Dale Cooper was taken Wednesday to Presbyterian Hospital in Allen, rm. 107. Pray for improving health.
- Norma Bautista fell and broke both her wrist and ankle Monday. She had surgery and stayed overnight in Centennial Hospital, but that night she ran into other medical complications. Thursday she was moved to room #3339 at Baylor Centennial, Frisco. Please pray for her recovery, relief of pain, and John's strength.
- A colleague of Rachel W.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Jim Pyburn during radiation therapy for prostate cancer.
- Fernando Z's father, Ramon during radiation treatment for lung cancer.
- Sandy L's sister, Lisa, in hospice care in Mississippi .
- Freida R, recovering at home

- Cleve Stafford's grand-daughter Peyton
- Isela Hughes'
 - sister Griselda Walters
 - friend Jeff, cancer
- Dianne H's sister-in-law with a brain tumor
- Sarai Lyons asks for prayers for Tiffany Myers.
- Dianna C's recuperation from chemo
- 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 6, Jer 1-3
- Aug 7, Jer 4-6
- Aug 8, Jer 7-9
- Aug 9, Jer 10-12
- Aug 10, Jer 13-15
- Aug 11, Jer 16-18
- Aug 12, Jer 19-22
- Aug 13, Jer 23-25

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.

YES, YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Many of you may have heard my family story before, but for those who haven't, my family was not always associated with the Lord's church, the churches of Christ. My great-grandfather was an official of the Methodist church in San Angelo. But about 100 years ago my grandmother's neighbor invited her to an old fashioned tent meeting held by the local church of Christ. By the time the meeting was finished, my grandmother was baptized into Christ; and although my grandfather resisted at first, he too became a Christian and later an elder in the church. My mother, therefore, was raised in the church and when she met my father in college she taught him the truth of the Gospel, and he became a Christian. I was born into this family as were my brother and sister. All of us married Christians and all of us have children who were baptized into Christ. And I have labored as a minister of the Lord's church (mostly in mission work) for almost 50 years and have had the privilege of baptizing many souls into Christ. All because of a simple invitation to a Gospel meeting.

Each of us seeks for meaning and purpose, and nothing is more motivating than being able to make a significant difference in the lives of others — especially with the Gospel. Think about it — you can make a difference...

...in someone's eternity — For many of us, there were a number of people who helped us as we learned, believed, and obeyed the Gospel. Brother TJ Finley preached the sermon in a Gospel meeting to which I responded and I look forward to shaking his hand in Heaven. But you know, you don't have to preach. Beyond baptism, I was raised in a Christian home and I owe much to the many encouragers (parents, teachers, preachers, elders, and friends) in my life.

...in someone's near future — Satan does his very best to make our lives a disciples hard in hopes that we'll give up, but he still cannot take away the true improvement that following Jesus brings to our everyday living — hope meaning, clean conscience, the brotherhood of the church and so much more

than the Scripture calls the "abundant life" (John 10:10). I was talking with a new Christian just the other day and he was remarking on how much better life was for him now that he's a Christian. When you bring the Gospel to someone, you make a difference in not only their eternity, but their near future, too.

...in someone's family — The Gospel also makes a big difference to families, too. Discipleship to Jesus, when it is really lived (see Ephesians 5:22-33) improves, helps, heals, and gladdens families — bringing kindness, affection, forgiveness, unity, proper discipline, real love and much more. And if you take a look at families in the church, there are examples of this all around us. Family will always have its challenges, but when you bring God's good news to someone, you make a difference in their family.

...in the world — This applies whether you do mission work in a foreign country or whether you stay in your own neighborhood. When you bring the Good News to the world around you, local or foreign, you make the world a better place. When people practice what the Lord says, the world will have more kindness, honor, integrity, compassion, healing, courage, hope, voices speaking against wrong, and hands doing good. There will be less corruption, less hatred, and less heart-break. As Christianity spread over a dark, pagan world, the world was changed for the better.

...and by telling the Gospel, you make a difference by enlarging the borders of the kingdom — The church becomes larger, the world sees greater light, God is glorified through worship and everyday lives, and all the things we've already listed get done on an even grander scale.

This book we call the Bible has a message that contains real power (Rom. 1:16). The message makes a difference, and when you become the messenger of this eternally significant message, you yourself make a difference in the lives of others — a difference that may ripple deep into the next century through families, neighborhoods, cultures, and even countries.

Park Linscomb

