

# 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"*

## The Certainty of the Kingdom

One of the great 'revealing' verses regarding the Word of the Almighty God, comes to us in the book of **Hebrews 1:1-2**, where the Bible says, "God who at different times and in many ways spoke to the forefathers by the prophets.... Hath in these last days spoken to us by His Son whom He hath appointed heir of all things." The methods that God chose to communicate His will took several forms over the ages. More recently, however, God has purposely communicated His will through His Son, and has given all power unto Him according to **Matthew 28:18**, where Jesus says, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." The Father has given the authority of judgement unto the Son according to **John 5:27**. It is also important that we realize the purpose of God to send His Son; the purpose of His death, burial and resurrection; and the purpose of the Church!

If we look at one of the early prophesies in the Book of **Daniel 7:14**, concerning a "kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve; an everlasting kingdom that shall not pass away, and not be destroyed." If we consider all such prophesies that were delivered by the prophets throughout the record of the Old Testament, it points us directly to the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

I would ask that you remember the statement made by Jesus in **Matthew 16:18-19** to Peter concerning the Church and the kingdom. That Jesus was going to build His Church, and establish a kingdom. Remember too, that in **Mark 9:1** Jesus indicated that it would take place in the lifetime of those who were still alive. Jesus clearly states, "verily I say unto you, that there be some of them that stand here... which shall not taste death until they have seen the kingdom of God come with power."

Listen carefully; it is a popular opinion of many today, that Jesus **failed** at his attempt to establish this kingdom. Our God is not a God of Failures. To believe this false doctrine would DENY that Jesus entered into His glory as a result of his resurrection; that He somehow had not taken his place at the right hand of the Father. Look at the words of Jesus in **Luke 24:25-26**, "O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken... Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?"

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 a visitor to our church, 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 .

**CLEVE AND MELINDA STAFFORD** will be with us here at Rock Hill on March 12. If you've not had the pleasure of meeting them, you're in for a treat. (also, FYI, Melinda got her green card)

**A VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY** for all adults is scheduled for Feb 11! There is a sign up sheet in the back. Questions? See Nancy J. or Dianne H.

**A SPRING SINGING WORKSHOP** April 16-19, Ken Dawdy will be here holding a singing workshop. Ken will teach on the subject of singing on Sunday and then will hold workshops each evening Monday through Wednesday.

**SINGING MINISTRY** — We will be singing for the residents at Bethesda Gardens on the third Sunday each month starting February 19th. JOIN US! The address is 10588 Legacy Dr., Frisco, Tx 75034.

**KIDS IN ACTION** — Our kids are collecting items for the children's hospital in Frisco. The kids will be gathering at the fellowship hall on Feb. 25 at 10AM to assemble the baskets, donuts will be served. There will be a list of donation ideas

in the back and also in the bulletin.

**FOR THE CHURCH IN PITTSFIELD MA** — Trudi R. has started an ongoing monthly benevolence program to help the Berkshire County church of Christ in Pittsfield Mass. If you would like to contribute to this, please see Trudi.

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- A March youth event for the younger children with the date TBA.
- There will be 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. Look for an invitation in the mail as we get closer to the date.

**CARE GROUP UPDATE** — Our Care Groups have been updated and we now have 4 groups; lists are on the table in the foyer. Each of our Care Groups will take turns being in charge of furnishing the light meal and cake for our monthly birthday cake nights. During that time we'll meet in our groups. There is a calendar on the back bulletin board showing which month each Care Group will be in charge.

### PRAYER LISTS...

- The Conkling family tells us: Tammy Conkling will have her gallbladder removed on Monday, February 6 at Baylor in McKinney.
- Julia's friend Wendy Harvey. Wendy with breast cancer
- Dianna Conkling

- Hugh R.'s sister Andrea
- Sue Carter
- Chuck T. cancer treatments
- Isela H.'s friend Jeff with stage 4 brain 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 teenage friend Isabella with a heart lesion
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Dianna C.
- Ken C.
- Mary H. and daughter Sharon
- Cheryl F.
- Ann S.

*Fear God and keep His commandments.  
(Ecclesiastes 12:13)*

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

- Feb 12, Num 1-2
- Feb 13, Num 3-4
- Feb 14, Num 5-6
- Feb 15, Num 7
- Feb 16, Num 8-10
- Feb 17, Num 11-13
- Feb 18, Num 14-15
- Feb 19, Num 16-18

# 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.*

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## What Perfume Are You Wearing?

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2Cor. 2:14-16 — "But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things?"

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**H**ave you ever passed someone and gotten a good whiff of perfume? Maybe it was a pleasing scent or perhaps the smell made your eyes water (even if the wearer hadn't put on too much). Perfumes are just that way, some will love one fragrance, while others will not; that's why there's so many different bottles on the perfume shelf at Macy's. The pleasing or eye-watering fragrance "follows" that person wherever they go; and if you see that person again that day, you will either avoid or welcome being in the same general area as they are.

This was on Paul's mind as he spoke to the Corinthian church in his second letter to them. In the the second chapter Paul explains why he had changed his travel plans, and part of the reason seems to be that out of concern for Titus' wellbeing; Paul had abandoned an open door for evangelism in Troas, leaving for Macedonia to find Titus. Paul notes, however, that despite his leaving an open door in Troas he had found that the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Christ followed him, implying in the text yet another open door for Gospel-spreading in Macedonia. Wherever Paul went he wore his chosen perfume, "eau du Christ in God".

Some of course found this fragrance appealing and attractive, while others found it malodorous (stinky). In this passage, Paul seems to have the Roman "triumph" parade in mind as he writes this letter. Such a parade did indeed produce fragrances that would have evoked different reactions; the Roman army and the cheering crowds would love the burning incense as the sweet smell of success and victory, but for the prisoners, usually heading for the executioners block, it was

the smell of defeat and imminent death. So also, Paul says, is the aroma of Christ that he wore everywhere he went. Worldlings will always hate it and seek to avoid it; while others, wearied of sin, burdened with conscience, looking for the truth, seeking the Savior, and concerned about their eternity, will always find it irresistible.

Paul's daily perfume contained the aromatic ingredients of good works, which gave glory to God along with an uncommon love for others that reflected the Savior's compassion. Added to this fragrant mixture was personal holiness, nobility, perseverance, virtue, courage, and sincerity, — and last but not least, preaching of the Gospel.

What fragrance do you wear? Some try to wear a pleasing fragrance for everyone. When in the world they try to wear the perfumes of "go-along-to-get-along", moral neutrality, a fade-into-the-background strategy, and Gospel silence. And then, when among the church family, they wear a different fragrance altogether. When they do so, however, they fail to remember that the Lord has a nose, too (spiritually speaking). And the blend of the worldly perfume (the real eau du toilette, "toilet water") and the "eau du Christ in God" is actually a nauseating combination. Jesus put it another way in His letter to the church in Laodicea, "So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth" (Rev. 3:16).

Wear only the Lord's fragrance everywhere you go. Generally speaking, you'll leave more smiles than grimaces behind, and you'll make a real difference in the world all around you.

*Park Linscomb*

