

# 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"*

## Bringing Forth the Fruits Thereof

The journey to the establishment of the "Lord's church" was a long and arduous road. From **Genesis 3:15** it is clear that God had something in mind. In this verse, God makes a direct reference of things to come 'IN CHRIST'. He said to the serpent, who tempted the woman to eat of the fruit, "I will put enmity (open Hostility) between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head and thou shall bruise his heel." The direct reference is the conflict between good and evil; between the righteousness of God and the wickedness of mankind; that Satan would bruise the heel of Jesus in his death upon the cross, and that Jesus would bruise the very head of Satan, when He overcome death and took His place in Glory over His Kingdom.

The History revealed in the Old Testament gives evidence of God's plan both directly and indirectly through the ages. That God had a greater Plan in mind is evident in the prophecies concerning Jesus and His 'everlasting' Kingdom. The Apostle Paul makes mention of the mysterious plan of God in **Ephesians 1:9-10**, when he said, "Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according as His own good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of time, He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and on earth, even in Him;" By this we see the new spiritual connection between heaven and earth. Paul goes on to remark in **Ephesians 2:12-13** (regarding all non-Jewish people) "That at time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world: But now in Christ, ye who sometimes were afar off are made nigh (near) by the blood of Christ."

All of these references to Christ culminate in the establishment of the Lord' church. Look again at **Ephesians 3:10-11**, "To the intent that NOW unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be made known BY THE CHURCH the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which He (God) purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord." The church is God's idea; it is God's plan (eternal Purpose); it is the earthly portion of the spiritual connection between heaven and earth. It will eventually be recalled (**1 Corinthians 15:24-28**) "when He shall have delivered up the Kingdom to God...hath put all enemies under His feet...then the Son also be subject unto Him...that God may be all in all."

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 .

### CLEVE AND MELINDA STAFFORD

will be with us here at Rock Hill on March 12. A potluck lunch will follow immediately after worship services. Make plans to join us!



The Staffords

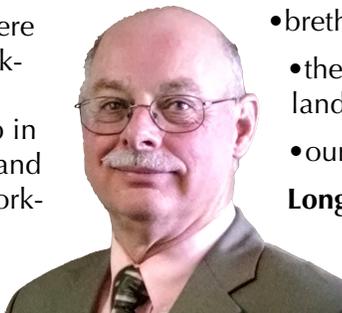
### FOR THE CHURCH IN PITTSFIELD MA —

Trudi R. has started an ongoing monthly benevolence program for the Pittsfield church. If you would like to contribute, please see Trudi.

**PIE CRUST CLASS...** Trudi will be bringing a lesson to all of us who want a pie crust as great as hers always are. Bring apron, pastry blender, and rolling pin if you have them.

### A SPRING SINGING WORKSHOP

April 16-19, Ken Dawdy will be here for a singing workshop. Ken will teach on worship in song on Sunday and then will hold workshops each evening Monday through Wednesday.



Ken Dawdy

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- A March youth event for the younger children with the date TBA.
- 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.

**NEWS ON CHUCK T.** — Chuck started dialysis last week, but experienced dizziness with it, so they kept him a few days. He should be back at Bethesda Gardens now. Chuck's vitals are good.

### PRAYER LISTS...

- Nancy Jones asks us to pray for relative Tom Kissinger: fall & Parkinson
- John B. is in need of further vein surgery on his left leg
- Julia's friend Wendy with breast cancer
- Dianna Conkling
- Hugh R.'s sister Andrea
- Sue Carter
- Chuck T. cancer treatments
- 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.

Do not be afraid for I am with you.  
(Isaiah 43:5)

- 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

- Mar 5, Deut 21-23
- Mar 6, Deut 24-26
- Mar 7, Deut 27-28
- Mar 8, Deut 29-31
- Mar 9, Deut 32-34
- Mar 10, Josh 1-4
- Mar 11, Josh 5-7
- Mar 12, Josh 8-9



# 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

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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. Though equal to the Father, 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 own 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). Because it was 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's leadership 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 through the duties and authority given them. 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).



*Jesus washed feet*

Even the Father in Heaven serves. Daily filling us with gracious blessings too many to list. Yes, there is a sacred honor in service that makes this life a little taste of Heaven, when we fill our roles.

As Christians, we may be surrounded by those who scorn the idea of service, but we must remember its sacred honor, knowing that the one that we follow has not failed to obey His own command. As disciples let us follow in His footsteps, fulfilling our own roles in love for Him who has loved us to the ultimate measure of devotion—an undeserved cross, bearing undeserved sins, to pay an undeserved debt, that He could have easily avoided.

What an honor, what a sacred honor, it is to serve Him by serving others!

*Park Linscomb*

