

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"*

BY THE FOOLISHNESS OF PREACHING

In **Matthew 11:25**, Jesus said, "I thank thee O Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." It is interesting that Jesus chose these words. We would think that someone who is considered wise would immediately see the value of the way of God. In fact, many people are wise enough to identify the value of the truth, the way of life in Christ Jesus. The person who denies the deity or authority of the Son of God has a tendency to be self sufficient within themselves and in so doing, are not wise in the eyes of God.

Many people cannot clearly see the value of righteousness. In fact, they are much like those described in **1 Corinthians 1:18-24**. In this letter to the Lord's church at Corinth, the inspired writer submits a very real scenario; he begins in **verse 18** by saying, "the preaching of the cross (the death burial and resurrection of Jesus) is to them that perish, foolishness: but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God." There are those who feel they don't need a savior; they don't need what God is offering in the form of salvation, therefore the idea is foolish. In **verse 21**, the postle Paul goes on to say, "after that in the wisdom of God the world (in its wisdom) knew not God it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

There are those who don't believe anything that is spiritual has value. There are those who feel as though they have done all they need to do. There are those who don't know what to do and there are those who diligently follow the Word of God in worship, in practice and in obedience.

The word of God has been given to us, that we may know what He expects of us. It is the moral standard by which all people will be measured, and by which we should live. Why would we not see the inherent value of such a moral standard? Why would we not see the need to live by a moral code that prepares us to meet the Son of God? It is sad that so many people have made the choice to live by a world standard as opposed to God's moral standard. If you wish to see what God thinks of the world standard, give yourself some motivation to change by reading **Romans 8:5-8** where the Bible says, "they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit do mind the things of the Spirit". **Verse 8** says, "they that are after the flesh cannot please God."

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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 .

WHAT A GREAT TIME was had by those who came to the Friday night/Saturday morning youth event! Great thanks are owed to the adults who organized, came, contributed, and supervised.



IT'S A BOY! — Johnny and Koreen Vaz have a new grandson with an impressive name — John J. Vaz IV! Weighing in at 6lbs, 9.5oz, mother and son are doing well. Congrats!!

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

will have a definite evangelistic aim, so be looking for more information, but be thinking about who to invite.

COME AND JOIN US!



PRAYER REQUEST UPDATES

- **The 9 year old boy** in Gunter that was hit in the head by a baseball in practice. The retina specialist is allowing the eye to heal on its own for the next several weeks. More evaluation will be done at a later date
- **Hugh R.'s sister Andrea** passed away Friday afternoon. Please pray for Hugh and family.
- **Jackie, the father of Linda M's daughter-in-law** had complicated heart surgery, now making slow progress. Each day brings him more alert than the day before.
- **Ralph L** is at home recuperating from his heart event, much better, but weak

PRAYER LISTS...

- The preacher in Madill OK is having problems with his voice
- Dianna C's recuperation from Chemo

- Bonnie D. broken should recovery
- Nancy J relative Tom Kissinger: Parkinson's
- Julia's friend Wendy with breast cancer
- Dianna Conkling
- 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

- May 7, 1 Chron 1
- May 8, 1 Chron 2-4
- May 9, 1 Chron 5-6
- May 10, 1 Chron 7-9
- May 11, 1 Chron 10-12
- May 12, 1 Chron 13-16
- May 13, 1 Chron 17-19
- May 14, 1 Chron 20-23

Faith over Fear

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.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP, PART 1

The question of leadership seems to be as old as Adam and Eve: Who's going to take the lead? It has plagued mankind down through history: the relationship between Jacob and Esau, in the wilderness among the Israelites, within Moses' family, and right down to the struggle to be first among the apostles.

Leadership is certainly not a bad thing to aspire to; it's God's own idea. God has established civil authority (e.g., Romans 13:1), home authority (e.g., Genesis 3:16), and authority in the church (e.g., Ephesians 1:21-23 and 1 Timothy 3:1ff). The catch is that God will call every leader—civil, domestic, or religious—to account for his leadership (Heb. 13:17), so it needs to be exercised correctly. But how is it done correctly?

Sadly, the way that authority is usually exercised is not the way God wants, but the way that "works". As a result the only examples many of us have had for leadership are badly flawed: corporate examples, selfish examples, abusive examples, manipulative examples, and worse. That is, until we learned about the Lord.

So, for a few weeks I'd like to use this space in our bulletin to talk about good Christian leadership in the general sense — applicable to pretty much every Christian.

Let's start with the essence of leadership. Leadership is influence. Do you have influence over anyone in this world? Then you are in some sense leading. See, I told you it would apply to you.

Now, there are, of course, different sorts of leadership and motivations. Worldly leaders are usually motivated by simply wanting the privileges,

the glory, the honor, and the ability to "call the shots"—getting to be the "lead dog" rather than taking orders from others. And they often exercise that influence with money, force, threats, lies, or other forms of manipulation—the list of tools for "lording it over others" is long.

But Jesus drew a sharp contrast between worldly leadership and godly leadership; Mark 10:42-45 says, "Calling [the apostles] to Himself, Jesus *said to them, 'You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.'" There's a difference in both motivation and substance in Christian leadership. Let's take a look at what some of those differences are.

Jesus says it begins with the simple motivation of service (Mk. 10:42ff), seeking the best interests of others. This is a drastic contrast to the self-centered motivation of worldly leadership; it truly turns the worldly norm of leadership upside down. When the Christian assumes leadership of any kind (politics, church, home, or friendship), he needs to be motivated like Jesus, Who did not come to be served, but to serve. This motivation naturally leads (no pun intended) to influencing people Christ's unique way. The rest of this article—and the following ones—will be talking about what this means and how the disciple of Jesus is expected to lead with the best interests of others at heart.



