



# Rockwood Church of Christ

## The Proclaimer

June 24, 2018

P.O. Box 416  
129 S. Chamberlain Ave.  
Rockwood, TN 37854  
865-354-0855

**Elders:**

Dana Carter  
Kenneth Carter  
Don Chandler

**Deacons:**

Kendall Bear  
Larry Brackett  
Roger Carter  
Steve McCreary

**Minister:**

Todd Houston

**Secretary:**

Susan Chandler

**Service Times:**

**Sunday**

Bible Study 10 am  
Worship Service 10:45 am  
Worship Service 6 pm

**Wednesday**

Bible Study 7:30 pm

**Email:**

rockwdcc@gmail.com

**Website:**

Rockwoodchurchofchrist.com

## LEARN THE LESSON OF THE ANT

They get into everything; they are bothersome, contrary, persistent, and, on top of all of these things, they hurt! However, the Bible tells us: *“Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!”* (**Proverbs 6:6**). Thus, we *“go to the ant”* for some guidance, some instruction, and some motivation. Please consider these three characteristics about ants:

**Ants Work Hard.** This is the point of **Proverbs 6:6-8**. I am struck with how much **Proverbs** has to say about hard work. I am impressed and amazed with how much God’s Word has to say about working hard. Some other verses include: *“Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth”* (**Proverbs 10:4**). *“He who works his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgment”* (**Proverbs 12:11**).

**Ants Don’t Quit.** Ants never quit. Each day, they just keep going. Whenever faced with problems and roadblocks it’s easy to quit. However, the wise person knows that giving up is not always the answer. The Bible says: *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up”* (**Galatians 6:9**). It is interesting to note that some Greek authorities translate the last part of this verse as “caving in.” We must not cave in! The ants don’t.

**Ants Always Rebuild.** When rain, kids, or my lawnmower destroys the ant mounds, those ants rebuild. In like manner, when we find ourselves “mowed down” by problems, accidents, sin, or guilt, let’s recoup. We need to “rebuild” by remembering (1) we are God’s Possession; (2) we have access to God’s throne of mercy and help during our time of need; and (3) God answers prayer. Let’s have the attitude that God’s people had in ancient days when they returned to rebuild the temple. *“I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me...They replied, ‘Let us start rebuilding.’ So they began this good work”* (**Nehemiah 2:18**).

**Larry Fitzgerald**