



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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Service Times:

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:30 pm

Monday

Ladies Class 10 am

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WATCH THE LEDGER

One of the hardest classes that I had when I started college was accounting. My teacher was a stickler, there was plenty of homework, and class was a fast-paced frenzy of new ideas. It should have been an easy subject, but I didn't quite get the knack of it at first. It was the whole concept of debits and credits that I could not straighten out in my mind. Once I had it, I would stumble on another problem that would send me back into an accounting tailspin. I excelled in math, but that did not matter if I was not keeping my numbers in the right columns. This had a serious effect on my final ledger, and often affected my grade.

Over the years, I have improved my accounting skills, but it reminds me that we have to keep a close eye on our ledger book of life. We often think that the ledger book of life is broken into the good and the bad that we have done in life. That God keeps every account of every action and weighs them out on a scale to see if they are imbalanced. We do good to offset the bad that we infringe. We help here and there when we have often ignored this and that. We feel like that if we do enough good things in this world that God can see past our bad. Most of the time we just hope to even out the scales. The cold hard truth is that we have racked up a debt that can never be repaid by our actions alone (**Colossians 2:13-14**).

Paul tells us that Jesus set aside or forgave the sins that we committed on the cross. His death made the debt owed null and void, and freed us from the oppression of legality of the Old Law. It was no longer a ledger of wrongs and rights, but a clean slate to do no more wrongs. The beauty is that when we sin against God, we now have an avenue to ask for forgiveness from the Father (**I John 1:9**). This repentant heart and forgiveness allow us to build a closer relationship with God that shows His love and mercy to those who are truly sorry. The ledger that we look towards is made red with the blood of our Savior, and that's why we should keep constant watch of it.

Kyle Macon, Owl Hollow church of Christ, Winchester, TN

JUST WHAT IS THE WILL OF THE LORD?

The apostle Paul declared, *“Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding, what the will of the Lord is”* (**Ephesians 5:17**). The Lord has always had a will, or a plan for His people. Jesus, in speaking to his disciples, said, *“...I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me”* (**John 5:30**). He taught this will of the heavenly Father to His disciples and through His teaching and the teaching of His apostles, we can know what *“the will of the Lord is.”* In the old Mosaic dispensation, God gave His law through Moses and then Moses gave it to the children of Israel. There was no misunderstanding of this law, every person, even the children knew what was expected of them as they were taught the will of God from their youth up (**Deuteronomy 6:2-24; Leviticus 10:11**). They also knew the penalty for neglecting the will of the Lord (**Genesis 19; Numbers 21:5-9**). This law, in its entirety, having served its purpose, ended, by being nailed to the cross by Christ (**Colossians 2:14**), but as the will of God has changed from the Mosaic dispensation to the Christian dispensation it now carries the promises of God for salvation to those who keep His will and damnation to those who refuse to do His will. Jesus had been promised the kingdom of David, and although the Bible earthly kingdom of David no longer existed, Jesus came to this earth and established His spiritual kingdom, and church. He told His disciples, *“...I will build My church...”* (**Matthew 16:18**). As the church and the kingdom is the same institution, He sent His disciples to preach *“the kingdom is at hand.”* He told those that heard Him, *“...there be some that stand here which shall not taste death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power”* (**Mark 9:1**). At the time of His ascension back to the Father in heaven, He told His apostles to *“tarry in Jerusalem”* (**Luke 24:49**). This they did and experienced the kingdom coming with power. Here they preached the gospel of Christ, and witnessed the power of the Word of God (**Romans 1:16**) as some three thousand heard, believed and obeyed His word by being immersed in water for the remission of sins and was then added by the Lord to His church (**Acts 2:37-47**). The apostles then went throughout the world preaching the will of the Lord. Jesus had given them the commandment to *“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost...He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned”* (**Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16**). The book of Acts reveals the results of their preaching the will of the Lord. The people heard, believed, repented, confessed, were baptized in water and then added to the Lord’s church (**Acts 2:36-47; 8:37; 18:8; 22:16**). As this Will of the Lord is still in effect today, we too, can be added to His church (kingdom) by obeying His will.

I.D. Byars

Good morning and **WELCOME!**

We thank each and every one of you for coming and worshipping God with us in spirit and in truth.

"And they continued steadfastly"

(Attendance & Giving for the week of March 23rd)

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 91

Sunday Morning Worship: 111

Sunday Evening Worship: N/A

Gospel Meeting – Monday: 68

Gospel Meeting – Tuesday: 74

Gospel Meeting - Wednesday: 82

Contribution: \$2801.00 (T.C.H.) \$12.00

AREA EVENTS:

April 5th: Ladies Day at Crossville church

of Christ with Jane Washington speaking

April 4th - 5th: Youth Rally at Oneida church of

Christ with Jeff Collett speaking

April 6th: Homecoming at the Lenior City church

of Christ

April 26th: Ladies Day at South Knoxville church

of Christ with Brenda Jones speaking

(Details are on the bulletin board in the foyer)

DOOR GREETERS FOR APRIL: At the morning services on the north side – **Charles Goodpasture**; on the south side – **Evelyn Taylor**.

BIG BANG THEORY

I have to come clean and confess that I believe in the Big Bang. Now wait! Don't stop reading here. Let me explain. The Bible, itself, teaches a "Big Bang." Read it for yourself...

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (II Peter 3:10).

There you have it..."The Big Bang." The evolutionists are partly right, but their timing is wrong. The Biblical "Big Bang" didn't occur at the beginning of time, as the evolutionists teach.

However, it will occur at the end of time. The "Big Bang" didn't bring things into existence, but it will take things out of existence.

Steve Higginbotham

"For I Was Sick..." [Matthew 25:36]

Please listen closely to the announcements about our sick. **Jack Dickson** is scheduled for a knee replacement on Monday at Oak Ridge Hospital. **Mary Jane Beaird** has pneumonia. **Pam Hinds** has pneumonia and a staph infection. Many in the congregation are ill at this time, please try and remember them with a call, card or visit. Continue to remember **Betty Barnett, Donna Comer, Lynn Courtney, Stan Barnes, June Wicks, Lee & Carol Wineinger, Charles Holt, and all of our shut-ins.**

ROCKWOOD FAMILY MATTERS

Those who are sick and/or in need of our prayers: **Veola Stroud, Ann Taylor, Mike Puckett, Kari Hensley, Ernie DLeonardo, Ava Goddard, Bettye Garrett, Walt Williams, Jerry Lunsford, Louis Van Hooser, Kathy Mitchell, Chris Taylor, Robert Stewart, Charlie Reed, Virginia Kindred, Otis Braley, Pansy Braley, Meggan Lindsay Houser, Danny Shadden, Joyce Lindsay, Barbara Thomas, Albert Braley, Gabrielle Edge & Shannon Lewis.**

Some of our number who are shut-in:

Jewel & Ken Byrd, 428 N. Chamberlain Ave.

Barbara Fox, 725 Joiner Hollow Rd.

Billy & Joyce Leffew, 4754 Roane St. Hwy.

Sandra Scarborough, Deer Run apt.

Nancy Scarborough, 207 S. Douglas Ave.

Doris Brogdon, 2439 Westel Loop

Fay & Marie Taylor, 513 W. Eblen St.

Brooks Dye, 100 Bailey Rd. #3, Kingston

Ken Burton, 436 S. Wilder Ave.

Those in the nursing home: **Bitsy Clifton (rm. 211)** is at the Bridge (Rockwood Care & Rehab Center). **Jean Dye** is at Renaissance Terrace (103). **Betty Barnett (rm. 410)** is at Spring City Care & Rehab.

DOOR GREETERS MARCH

North side – Kenneth & Patsy Carter

South side – Elise Holman

**THOSE SERVING SUNDAY
MORNING, MARCH 30th**

LORD'S TABLE

FIRST PRAYER: Lee Wineinger	Rusty Bowlin Dale	Jeff Brackett Jack Dickson
DISMISSAL: Zack Taylor	Collins Aaron Evans	Eddie Hayes
BIBLE READING: Dana Carter	Simuel Hudgins	Charles Shoemaker

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY

EVENING, MARCH 30th

LORD'S TABLE

FIRST PRAYER: Larry Hill, Don Chandler
Kevin Todd
DISMISSAL: Randy Holman
Buddy Poole

**THOSE SERVING WEDNESDAY
EVENING, APRIL 2nd**

PRAYER: Larry Brackett
**DEACON IN CHARGE OF FOOD FOR THE
MONTH OF APRIL:** Larry Brackett

DAILY BIBLE READING:

- {30th} I Kings 5-7
- {31st} I Kings 8-10
- {1st} I Kings 11-12
- {2nd} I Kings 13-15
- {3rd} I Kings 16-18
- {4th} I Kings 19-22
- {5th} II Kings 1-4
- {6th} II Kings 5-7

**THOSE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY
THIS WEEK: (March 30th – April 5th)**

- 30th – Carol Wineinger
- 31st - Jewel Byrd
- 1st – Charles Shoemaker
- 3rd – Esther Griffin
- 3rd – Marie Taylor
- 4th – Chloe Hill

**FOOD PANTRY: Jelly
& Canned Meats**

The food pantry is low on the following:
Canned Cream Style Corn, Canned Greens,
Canned Lima Beans, Canned Fruit & Canned
Tomatoes.

If you keep on saying things are going to be bad, you stand a good chance of becoming a prophet.

BIBLE TRIVIA: *Answers from last week's questions:* 1. What king was buried in Jerusalem after being killed by Pharaoh's armies? (**Josiah; II Chronicles 35:24**). 2. Who moved the bones of Saul and Jonathan to their final burial place? (**David; II Samuel 21:12-13**). 3. What disturbed man lived among tombs? (**The Gadarene demoniac; Mark 5:2**). *This week's questions:* 1. When the Israelites lost 30,000 soldiers in the time of Samuel, who were they fighting? 2. What king of Israel killed 20,000 men of Judah in one day because they had forsaken the Lord? 3. What Syrian king fled when 100,000 of his soldiers were killed by the people of Israel?

ZOO STORY

A kangaroo kept getting out of his enclosure at the zoo. Knowing that he could hop high, the zoo officials put up a ten-foot fence.

However, the 'roo was out the next morning, just sauntering around the zoo. A twenty-foot fence was put up. Again he got out. When the fence was built forty feet high, a camel in the next enclosure asked the kangaroo, "How high do you think they'll go?" The kangaroo said, "About a thousand feet, unless somebody thinks to lock the gate at night!"