



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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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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GOSPEL MEETING

We are thankful to have Bro. Gary Hoss with us to deliver the good news of Jesus Christ. Here's what you can expect when you visit Rockwood.

1. You can expect to HEAR the Bible. We preach the message of God, not a message from men (**II Timothy 4:2; I Peter 4:11**). The Bible is the inspired, inerrant, complete word of God (**II Timothy 3:16-17**). It is our guide book for every aspect of life (**Psalms 119:105**).

2. You can expect to SEE the elders. Our three elders are men who watch over our souls here at Rockwood. They are qualified men (**I Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9**), who are active in their work for the Lord (**Acts 20:28**). Our elders are **Dana Carter, Kenneth Carter & Don Chandler**.

3. You can expect to TASTE the sweet success of evangelism. We want to spread the saving gospel message to as many people as possible so that we can all go to heaven together (**Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-47**).

4. You can expect to FEEL welcome. God's children are characterized by love (**John 13:35**). Visitors are our honored guests! We cannot wait to meet you.

5. You can expect to SMELL the delightful fragrance of a family who loves each other. New Testament Christians have a wonderful bond of fellowship (**I John 1:7; cf. Psalms 133:1**). We would love to study with you about what the Bible says one must do to be added to God's family.

We hope you will find these preceding points to be true of your visit with us at Rockwood. However, there are at least three things that you should **NOT** expect when you visit.

1. You should not expect perfection. Because we are all human, we struggle with the same problem (sin, **Romans 3:23**), and we have the same need (salvation, **Titus 2:11-12**). God has given us His Will, by which we can secure the same hope of heaven (**cf. Acts 4:12**).

2. You should not expect pizzazz. Our purpose in coming together is not to entertain one another, but to worship and please God in Heaven. God has given us His pattern, and it is our sincere goal to follow His divine Will (**I Corinthians 1:31; 10:31; Colossians 3:17**).

3. You should not expect compromise. We do not want to do anything that will compromise the pure truth of God's Word (**Proverbs 23:23; II Corinthians 2:17; I Corinthians 9:22**). The Word of God is designed to prick our hearts (**Hebrews 4:12; Acts 2:36**). It exposes the sin in our lives and shows us how we can correct our wrongs (**II Timothy 3:16-17**) and faithfully give our lives to Jesus Christ (**Luke 9:23**).

Robert Hatfield, revised

HEAVEN WILL SURELY BE WORTH IT ALL!

Thirty years ago, on a Sunday morning, I was in a 15-passenger van with a deacon of the local congregation picking up kids to bring them to Bible study. I remember it as if it were yesterday. The van was packed to the gills with children, and my job was crowd control. It must have been a full moon the night before and the kids must have had extra sugar in their cereal that morning, for they were rowdy and getting out of hand. As a fairly young and somewhat inexperienced Christian, I was doing the best I could, but was losing the battle. Luther, who was driving the van and was a song leader as well as a deacon, turned to his vast repertoire of songs and said to me with a big smile on his face, "Remember Edd, heaven will surely be worth it all."

I have taken the lesson learned that day with me all of my Christian life. There have been many times when things weren't going my way and I would harken back to that day and those words: "Heaven will surely be worth it all."

When you have to deal with that difficult person again, remember: "Heaven will surely be worth it all." When you have that task to do that brings dread, remember: "Heaven will surely be worth it all." When that temptation comes that is difficult to deal with, remember: "Heaven will surely be worth it all." When hard times hit and hope seems far away, remember: "Heaven will surely be worth it all." When you want to give up, give in, or give out, don't! Just remember: "Heaven will surely be worth it all."

Read **I Peter 1:3-9** very carefully. Soak it in. Let it give you the strength to keep you going no matter what happens. Trials? Tribulations? Turmoil? Hang in there, Christian – and even smile! You can make it through it, and: Heaven will surely be worth it all!

"Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless" (II Peter 2:13-14).

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