

# ROCKDALE COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## A NOTE FROM THE PREACHER...

Here is the quote that I used to conclude last Sunday's message. It speaks of our relationships in heaven and it is especially for those who may be concerned that some really good human relationships might be lost, or diminished, when we arrive in glory. Take some time to ponder these words by an anonymous Irish pastor:

*What about those who are nearest to us on earth?*

*Will I still have a special relationship with my spouse in heaven?*

*Will you still treat your parents as father and mother?*

*Will our close friends here be our close friends there?*

*It's all very well and good to look forward to meeting tens of thousands of new folks, but are we not created in such a way to still want an inner circle?*

*Such questions are natural but not easy to answer.*

*We will certainly know one another in heaven. King David looked forward to being reunited with his dead son. "I shall go to him," he said.*

*Paul urges bereaved believers to not sorrow as those who have no hope, because God will bring with Him those who died knowing Jesus. The reason for not grieving like unbelievers is because their parting isn't permanent. They will meet again.*

*We cannot know less in heaven than we did on earth, and so we will recognize there those known to us here. That is surely comforting.*

*We're also told that many aspects of marriage will no longer be appropriate in glory, where "they neither marry nor are given in marriage" (Mark 12:25). Henceforth there will be no reproduction. The husband will not need a helper, nor the wife someone to cherish her protectively. Children will not require parental care. The relationship between Christ and His church will be so obvious as to render unnecessary a human illustration.*

*Does this mean then that a spouse or a best friend won't mean any more to us than any other in the multitude of the redeemed? I don't think so. For every good thing will be better in heaven than on earth. With all our loved ones the friendship will*

*be closer then it is now.*

*If God has given you a Christian husband or wife, parent or child, brother or friend, you can be sure that whatever the parameters of your future relationship with them may be, the friendship will be closer there than it is now. You will know them more intimately, love them more intensely, delight in them more fully.*

*It is impossible that we should lose anything good in that place where good abounds. We can look at Christians whom we love especially and praise God that we will continue to love them more and more, forever and ever.*

Setting my mind on things above with you,

*Pastor Butch*

## Kids Rock News

**1. Wednesday, May 9. We will be meeting for our regular Kids Rock schedule on Wednesday, May 9. (Due to some scheduling conflicts, we have canceled the trip to go and sing at Merryvale)**

***The adult & youth studies and nursery will be on their regular schedules that night as well.***

**2. Praise Night will be held on Wednesday, May 16, at 6:15!** This has become a beloved tradition for our Kids Rock family. We love coming together, along with parents and youth siblings for our last gathering of the school year.

## MEMORY VERSE FOR MAY

*"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*

*This is the Lord's doing:  
It is marvelous in our eyes.*

*This is the day that the  
LORD has made;  
let us rejoice  
and be glad in it."*

*Psalms 118:22-24*

## Book of the Month for MAY *DEVOTIONS for a Sacred Marriage by Gary Thomas*

*Devotions for a Sacred Marriage explores how God can reveal himself to you through your marriage and help you grow closer to him as well as to your spouse. With fresh insights that build upon the principles found in Sacred Marriage, these fifty-two weekly devotions offer practical, biblical wisdom for nurturing your marriage as an expression of your love for God.*

*This book is made available by the Elders of RCC for your convenience for the price that reimburses the church : \$12.00*

# CORPORATE PRAYER

The following corporate prayer points have been adapted from The Compelling Community, by Mark Dever and Jamie Dunlop; Chapter 6: “Pray Together as a Community.”

In Jesus’ name, we are asking God to grow us in the following areas:

- That we would be a strong witness of “unity in diversity.”
- That in our daily lives we would do what is good, honor God, and proclaim the gospel in word and deed.
- That we would see our relationships with fellow members of the RCC family as a vital part of what it means to be a Christian.
- That the members of RCC would be open and transparent with one another.
- That we would expect our conversations with one another to be deep and often theological in nature.
- That encouraging one another with Scripture would be natural and a priority.
- That we would understand that a vital part of being a Christian is being a servant and not just a consumer.
- That we would see service at RCC as being about bringing God glory and seeing others as more important than ourselves, and not about meeting our own felt needs by utilizing our giftedness.
- That we would consider it strange and unusual when our church family isn’t the focal point of much of our energy and ambition.
- That we would see it as out of step with the gospel when a member’s life seems to keep church on the periphery.
- That we would see hospitality as an important part of being a Christian.

# ELDER MEETING SUMMARY April 2018

Mark, Butch & Greg opened with a time of group prayer. After that, the majority of our time was spent meeting and fellowshiping with those who had recently finished our Membership Matters class.

- We had the great joy of talking about church membership with the following brothers & sisters:
  - ◇ Cindy Woodrum (joined RCC on April 22)
  - ◇ Joshua & Liliana Hanley (planning to join on April 29)
  - ◇ Jimmy & Jennifer Allen (planning to join soon)
  - ◇

What a blessing it is to welcome these dear believers into our church family!

- Greg gave a brief update on Walton Community Church:
  - ◇ They plan to have Sunday School for children and youth once a month beginning in May on the first Sunday of the month.
  - ◇ Justin Matthews has finished his reading and preparation, and plans are being made to schedule his elder ordination exam sometime this summer.
  - ◇ Jeff and Justin are sharing the preaching duties, with Jeff preaching four Sundays, then Justin preaching two.
- The joint church conference for RCC, WCC, and Remembrance Community Church is scheduled for August 17-18 at Rock Eagle. The theme will be “Loving Your Church Family.” We have reserved 36 rooms. The retreat is for adults, both married and single.
- A church discipline letter regarding the excommunication of an individual will be going out to the membership soon, unless the Lord intervenes in a mighty, heart-changing way. With God, all things are possible.

Mark closed the meeting in prayer.

## **Some upcoming dates to note:**

- **April 29** – Corporate prayer meeting, 6:00 pm.
- **May 16** – Kids Rock Praise Night (last Wednesday night meeting until fall)
- **May 25** – Kenya Team departs
- **June 25-29** – VBS/Music Camp (musical presentation on Friday night)
- **July 28** – Next Generation Ministry Meeting & Workshop
- **August 3-4** – Youth Weekend in the Word
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Working together with you for our joy in Jesus,

**The Elders of Rockdale Community Church**

## MID WEEK MEETINGS AT RCC

REGULAR MID-WEEK MEETINGS FOR MEN, WOMEN,  
YOUTH AND CHILDREN .

### KIDS' ROCK:

*We will strive to declare the glory and greatness of God in ALL things to our children, so that they, by God's grace alone, may have a righteousness that comes from faith in Him.*

All children entering kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to join us on Wednesday nights.

### YOUTH:

All youth 7th—12th grades are welcome to join in on this time of fellowship and study . Youth Directors: Will & Brooke Dunn

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

Please join us in the next several weeks for a focus on the Women's Study, "Adorned". Melanie Lingerfelt will be facilitating this week.

**BAND OF BROTHERS:** Wednesday Men's Group  
Amos Downs is teaching through the book of Acts.

## IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE ELDERS:

We are very excited that Justin Matthews is currently in the elder process for RCC/WCC. If you know any reason why he should not serve in this position, please contact an elder by Sunday, May 27th. Please pray for Justin and Ashley during this process.

## MENS' TUESDAY DISCIPLESHIP BREAKFAST 6:30 a.m. at RCC

### A Survey of Church History

Many committed, knowledgeable believers still know little about the history of the church. As a result, they are missing a testament to God's steadfastness over the centuries. Now, a monumental new teaching series sheds

crucial light on church history, demonstrating God's promise to build and preserve His church so that "the gates of hell will not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). Join Dr. W. Robert Godfrey as he takes believers through what will be a seventy-three-lecture series covering theology, apologetics, notable church fathers, and more.

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## CHILDCARE SCHEDULE

### MAY 6, 2018

*2's & 3's—Bryan & Bekah Kirkland*

#### NURSERY

*Tony & Tressa Williams, Michelle Kuhn, Donna Lingerfelt, Misty Dailey*

### MAY 13, 2018

*2's & 3's—Bryan & Austin Spradlin, Rita Rumble*

#### NURSERY

*Steve & Deedee Hurst, Gail Daniel, Shana Latimer, Sarah Lockwood*

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Henry Rumble
- 4th Jimmy Burkholder  
Drake Matthews
- 7th Charlotte Bragg (WCC)  
Jeremy Jones
- 9th Carson Dailey
- 10th Jim Burkholder
- 11th Stephanie King
- 14th Steven Hurst
- 17th Eli Lingerfelt
- 19th Pam Hull
- 20th Bailey Lyles  
Audrey Stockdale
- 21st Marie Stockdale
- 22nd Cynthia Christian  
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- 25th Finnly Grace Hupp  
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