

THE ROCK HILL HERALD

The 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"*

"PREACH JESUS AND HIM CRUCIFIED"

Solomon, the son of David served as King over Israel after his father. He was declared "wiser than all men" **1 Kings 4:31** having been given this wisdom as a blessing from God. In **Ecclesiastes 12:13**, Solomon expresses perhaps the wisest thing he ever suggested when he said, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man."

With this in mind, let us consider the times and look toward God for specific guidance in declaring the Gospel to the lost. The apostle Paul said it well in **1 Corinthians 2:2**, "I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." This is the ultimate message to all of mankind and infallible spiritual truth to the recipient. It is expressed throughout scripture, for example in **Acts 4:12** and **John 14:6**.

The declaration of "None other name given among men whereby we must be saved" as well as "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh to the Father but by me" not only emphasizes the narrow gate that leadeth to salvation but clarifies the plan of God. It is predicated on the prophecies of God and finalized by the events on the Day of Pentecost in **Acts 2**. Peter declared on that Day, "Therefore, being at the right hand of God exalted...He hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear... let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." **Acts 2:33-36**.

Acts 13: 22-24 "He (God) raised up David...to be their king...to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David, the son of Jesse a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will...of this man's seed hath God, according to His promise, raised unto Israel a saviour...Jesus:" Although the "Preaching of the cross is to them that perish, foolishness" it proves to be the most effective method of breaking through to every person who sees the value of righteousness and the personal need they have for salvation. It is the message we must deliver by every aspect of our being. There is no more powerful message, and it cannot be improved upon. It is the message we must speak and show by the lives we lead.

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

If you are visiting our congregation, welcome! Please fill out a visitor's card and put it in the collection tray as it is passed. 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 .

YOUTH EVENT — What a great event we had of youth and adults, of food, fun, and devotional time. Thanks to everyone who helped, contributed, and/or attended!!

LEADERSHIP MEETING NOTES...

- New classes and teachers starting Nov. 19
 - New teen class taught by Burley S. in the foyer of the Bible class building
 - Scott W will teach a young single adult class in back fellowship hall
 - Young adult marrieds class, Doug J, in the fellowship hall
 - New Christians class, Charles H., upstairs
 - General adult class in the auditorium, Park teaching.
- An engineering drawing has been submitted by the city of Frisco for upgrade and improvements to PGA Parkway. A meeting has been scheduled to meet with them within the week.
- Diane Haley is wanting to take new pictures for our directory and we need to add a few new folks
- Report on the summer intern search: Things are optimistic but indefinite at this point.
- A new class might be formed to teach how to share the faith. Park will ask about interest and best time to meet.



Happy Thanksgiving

CHILDREN'S HOMES CHRISTMAS FUND

— Linda S. will start collecting money for this annual good cause.

THE LADIES ANNUAL GIFT EXCHANGE will be Monday, Dec. 4 at 6:30. The sign up sheet will be on the ladies' table under the calendar board.

THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH

We have an ongoing monthly benevolence program to help the Berkshire County church of Christ in Pittsfield Mass. See Trudy R. to contribute.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Zeke Rodriguez for his PTSD and depression. He is also having problems getting help from the VA.
- Zeke's sister in law Carmen Rodriguez, Macular Degeneration.
- John Smetzer asks for prayers for Rose Smetzer, diagnosed with Pneumonia.
- Our two new Christians, Cooper Roberts and Peyton Stafford.
- Alene Turner asks prayers for husband Lynn and daughter-in-law Roberta Turner. Lynn has cancer that occasionally keeps him from worship. Roberta is nearing the end of a long term illness and in hospice in Victoria TX.
- Diana C. for cancer treatment changes
- Sue Carter: digestive problems

- Freida R. at home
- Bonnie D. broken shoulder and, struggling; Suzanne as she cares for her mother
- Fernando Z's father, Ramon
- Sandy L's sister, Lisa, in hospice care in Mississippi
- The Stafford's grand-daughter
- Isela Hughes'...
 - sister Griselda Walters
 - friend Jeff, cancer
- Sarai Lyons' friend Tiffany M.
- Julia's friend Wendy with breast cancer
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the churches in New England
- brethren in India
- 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
- Ken C.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Nov 19, Acts 21-22
- Nov 20, Acts 23-25
- Nov 21, Acts 26-28
- Nov 22, Rom 1-3
- Nov 23, Rom 4-7
- Nov 24, Rom 8-10
- Nov 25, Rom 11-14
- Nov 26, Rom 15-16

Psa. 118:1 "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting."

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.

WHAT DOES WAITING ACCOMPLISH?

The Roman governor Felix is famously quoted in Acts 24:25 as telling the apostle Paul to go away for the moment and when he found "a convenient season" he would summon him again to hear more about the Gospel. So far as anyone knows, Felix never became a Christian—was never saved. Felix, however, is far from the first or the last to put off obedience a little longer.

Do any of these sound familiar?

- *"I don't think I have to get all religious and everything to be saved. I can just live a good life and I'll make it to Heaven in the end."* Salvation by good deeds is only a pretty lie. You can clean your act up. You can improve to the point of virtual "sainthood". You can give away millions to worthy organizations. You can serve leper colonies in India to the day you die. You can change the world for the better, and bring peace to the middle east (if that were even possible). You can receive plaudits from every respectable organization in the world and go down in history next to Ghandi and Mother Theresa. But without Jesus, you're still lost. You cannot "good deed" your way out of trouble. You cannot earn salvation (Eph. 2:8). Jesus is the only way to Heaven (John 14:6, please look it up).
- *"I'll do it later, but right now I want to enjoy as much of life as I can."* Children, who wait to obey until they can hear the heavy footsteps of a parent, are telling their parents that they not want to obey and won't until forced to. Is this not the message that we are also communicating to God, when we deliberately, habitually postpone following Jesus until "later"? Is this what you really want to say to the most powerful being in the universe? Do we think God won't see right through our willfulness?
- *"I want to make sure that this is right thing to do."* On the surface this doesn't sound like a bad reason, because we do indeed want to do the right thing, and there seem to be a lot of opinions out there about how to become a Christian. The prob-

lem is that many who use this excuse do so perpetually. No one will ever be able to see or touch God; no one in this or future generations will be witness of the resurrected Jesus. The witnesses, testimonies, and evidences, however, have been around a long time and available to anyone wishing to evaluate them. So, believe already! And once faith has been established on the evidences, then the Bible makes plain the next steps (for example, in Acts 2:38), repent and be baptized in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin. Even the question of which church to attend is relatively simple; the list of religious organizations who preach baptism for forgiveness of sins is pretty short, and those who practice New Testament Christianity is even shorter. Be honest about the evidences, evaluate the passages that teach what one must do to be saved, and pull the trigger.

- *"I want to count the cost."* Again, this isn't a bad reason on the surface, but the problem is that continually being on the edge without making a commitment becomes a habit — and doom in time. The idea of counting the cost is not about figuring out whether or not you think you can bear the trials and suffering. You will be able to; the Lord will enable you. It's more about recognizing what lies ahead, steeling yourself for the sacrifice, taking a deep breath, and committing yourself to the Son of God who suffered and died for you. Take a little while (but only a little while), and let it register that, like the merchant who found the pearl of great price (Matt. 13:45, 46), no price is too great for obtaining the Kingdom of Heaven.

There's nothing to be accomplished by stalling. It amounts to playing Russian Roulette with your soul. The best advice ever given to a sinner was given by a man named Ananias to Saul of Tarsus, "Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name." Acts 22:16, NAS95.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN NOVEMBER

19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 5:00PM Prayer time ■ 6:00PM Worship 	20 <div style="background-color: #c0392b; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Elizabeth H. 🕯️</div>	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies class 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 	23 <div style="background-color: #c0392b; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Thanksgiving Day 🕯️</div> <div style="background-color: #c0392b; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Trelitha B. 🕯️</div>	24	25 <div style="background-color: #c0392b; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Adalae S. 🕯️</div>
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SERVICE IN WORSHIP

November 19

AnnouncementsBurley S
SongleadingDoug J.....Scott W
Opening PrayerYaw FCharles H
CommunionJohn SFernando Z
Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
Closing PrayerCharles H.....Doug J
AV ControlFernando Z.....John S
GreeterYaw F

Wed PM, November 22

SongsJim B
AVCharles H

November 26

AnnouncementsCharles H
SongleadingScott WDoug J
Opening PrayerBurley SFernando Z
CommunionJim BReiven H
Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
Closing PrayerDoug J.....Burley S.
AV ControlFernando Z.....John S
GreeterYaw F

Wed PM, November 29

SongsReiven H
AVCharles H

Shortcuts to good info...

To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...



Sermon Notes...
