

THE ROCK HILL HERALD

Bulletin of the Rock Hill church of Christ

THE BATTLE FOR THE RIGHT



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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

Deacons:

- Reiven Holt
- Doug Jones
- Burley Stinnett
- Fernando Zapata

Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

As a "Bible believer" you should remember several verses that take us back to the beginning of God's Creation in the Old Testament, in Genesis Chapters 1 and 2. In **Verse 7 of Chapter 2**, the Bible reads, "*the Lord God created man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*" Although God created the animal species that we recognize today, what He did for man was different. His creation of the human being included a soul (spirit) that we find later to be eternal in its nature. It is further recorded that God prepared a place to live upon the earth that he called "a Garden", **Genesis 2:8**. Shortly thereafter, in **Chapter 3: 21-24**, God gave to Adam a helper that he named "Eve", **Genesis 3:20**. However, Chapter 3 marks an event that set a course for all time. It is the record of the *Fall of mankind* in breaking the *first and only rule* that God had commanded them to follow.

In **Gen 2:16, 17** God commanded, "*of every tree of the Garden thou mayest freely eat; But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat for in the day that thou eatest thereof, ye shall surely die*" This was not a physical death that God Spoke of, but a spiritual death. The relationship Adam and Eve had with God, the Creator, was changed forever. What happened next impacted us all down to today: The relationship between God and man changed, the acknowledgment of Satan (the Serpent) for the first time in Bible history, judgment was made, mankind were exiled from the Garden, sentences were given to Satan, the man, and the woman, and destiny was sealed at the Word of God for a conflict between good and evil.

Yet at the same time, God immediately devised a plan to resolve the situation. As early as **Genesis 3:15**, a reference is made to God's plan for salvation. Here God makes a simple reference to the continual conflict when God said, "*I will put enmity between thee and the woman (to whom Satan first offered the fruit), and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*" Jesus would be our Savior.

Doug Jones
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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 a visitor to our church, welcome! 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 .

WHAT A WONDERFUL LORD'S DAY we had last Sunday. It was a day of great worship, great fellowship, and a great meal! Thank you all for all your prayers, invitations to others, and hard work to pull it off.

ELDERS AND DEACONS SEARCH — Today we formally begin a search for additional elders and deacons for the church here.

- Park will provide a lesson today on the qualifications of such leaders.
- In this bulletin there is an insert for nominations for these leaders.
- Please talk to men you would like to see appointed an elder or deacon, then put your name at the bottom
- Hand in your nominations Charles or Jim.
- There will be a two week window of time to submit your list of names.

*The struggle
is real, but so
is God.*

- On Nov. 6 the nomination time will end
- The elders will start, Nov 6, interviewing the candidates for potential appointment on Nov. 13.

In the meantime, please be praying for this process. Leadership of the Lord's church is important.

OUR NEW OUTREACH PROGRAM

We are collecting food and household items to contribute to various food banks in the area. There is a list of suggested items and collection tubs in the back of the church building by the water fountains. If you would rather contribute money, a money jar is on the table for your convenience. Please keep this outreach effort in your prayers.

LADIES' ACTIVITIES The fall ladies' Bible class continues each Tuesday at 10AM.

THE MEN'S MONTHLY SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST will be starting up again soon. Look for more details.

GIVING OPTIONS — please be aware that there are now several ways to contribute. The collection plate will continue to be passed, but we also have online options at our website, rhcoc.org.

Answered prayer — John Bautista's surgery went well, and he is on the road to recovery.

PRAYER LISTS...

Prayers needed

- Hugh R.'s sister Andrea Kerley, a mass on her pancreas and scheduled for surgery.

- Sue Carter is better, but not good. Please pray
- Starr asks for prayers for her aunt, Johnnie Smith, who took a fall and has broken bones
- Chuck T. cancer treatments
- Betty Shaw, Doug's sister. Very ill, now in hospice
- Dianna C.'s cancer markers have gone up
- Recovery from eye surgery for Ora Holt
- Isela H.'s Jeff Barnett with stage 4 brain cancer.

Remember these often:

- Ora Holt, kidney
- Search for a PT youth minister
- brethren in India
- the churches in New England
- our congregational leaders

Long Term Requests

- Bonnie B.
- Carol P.
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- The Zapata's teenage friend Isabella with a heart lesion
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Dianna C.
- Ken C.
- Mary H. and daughter Sharon
- Cheryl F.
- Ann S.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Oct 23, Luke 4-5
- Oct 24, Luke 6-7
- Oct 25, Luke 8-9
- Oct 26, Luke 10-11
- Oct 27, Luke 12-13
- Oct 28, Luke 14-16
- Oct 29, Luke 17-18
- Oct 30, Luke 19-20

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.

The Ruined Trip

Mark 15:21 *"They *pressed into service a passer-by coming from the country, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), to bear His cross."*

Jews were supposed to attend three feasts in Jerusalem yearly. For those living in Palestine this was not a really major trip, perhaps a three or four days' walk at most. But for many Jews, the ones living outside of Palestine, attending one of the feasts (usually the Passover, since it was considered to be the most important one) was a big deal. Such a trip was often a once in a lifetime event. Even today, a common greeting at the end of the Passover feast among Jews is, "Next year in Jerusalem!"—this pilgrimage to Jerusalem is still a once in a lifetime trip.

Simon of Cyrene was one of those non-Palestinian Jews making his great (and perhaps only) pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. Cyrene was a country in north Africa, presently Libya, a long way to travel. How excited Simon must have been! It was not "Next year in Jerusalem" for him; it was going to be *this* year! I wonder what he thought as he saw the city walls for the first time. Perhaps he had even been singing one of the Psalms known as the "Songs of Ascent", traveling hymns for the pilgrimage to Passover in Jerusalem. Suddenly in the midst of all this excitement and spiritual anticipation, he was conscripted by a Gentile Roman soldier to carry a cross, an unclean curse, for a man named Jesus of Nazareth! Carrying a cross rendered Simon, the pilgrim who had come all the way from Cyrene, unclean and unable to participate in the Passover. He had come all this way, made a trip of a lifetime, only to be disqualified by having approached the wrong gate to the city at the wrong time. A ruined trip! Or was it?

What now? He could have gone off kicking dirt, feeling cheated and sorry for himself, but something evidently made him curious enough to stick around and watch things on Golgotha and come to a wonderful discovery.

Maybe by the providence of God he might have stood beside John, Mary, and some of the the women who wept at the unfolding execution. Maybe he asked why; maybe John told him; maybe he watched to the end; maybe he continued to associate with the disciples and heard the awesome news, "He is risen!"; and maybe he became among the first to obey on the day of Pentecost. Just think of it, a disciple of the One who "ruined" his Passover. We

can say maybe and even probably, because it appears that Rufus and Alexander were well known to the Christians to whom Mark (15:21) originally wrote (probably the church in Rome). He came to observe a traditional Jewish Passover unsuspecting that he would meet and be included in the great drama of the sacrifice of the one great Passover Lamb of God.

How ruined were things for Simon? They were about as ruined as Simon allowed them to be. Instead of feeling sorry for himself all the way back to Cyrene, he allowed God to turn it into something grand. We've all had ruined things before—ruined plans, weekends, moods, holidays; or even more serious, marriages, careers, health, financial situations, etc. They can still be about as ruined as we'll let them be. We can allow God to work and still do something grand.

How? First, bring it to the Lord in prayer. Second, bring it to the Lord in the Scriptures. Third, do what is right (what the Lord says, not what you want to do). Fourth, keep doing right and wait for the Lord.

Park Linscomb

Romans 8:28 "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN OCTOBER

23	24	25	26	27	28	29
■ 9:00 AM Bible classes ■ 10:00 AM Worship ■ 6:00 PM Worship		Ladies' Bible class at 10am	Virginia Sue C. ♥ ■ 7:00 PM Wed. Bible class		Chris & Julianna S. ♥	

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

October 23	AM	PM
Greeter	Fernando Z	Fernando Z
Announcements	Jim B.	Jim B.
Songleading	Scott W	Yaw F
Opening Prayer	John S	
Communion and Servers	Chris S	John S
Closing Prayer	Charles H	

October 26
Songleading

October 30	AM	PM
Greeter	Fernando Z	Fernando Z
Announcements	Jim B	Jim B
Songleading	Doug J	Scott W
Opening Prayer	Reiven H	Yaw F
Communion and Servers		Reiven H
Closing Prayer	David J	Burley S

November 2
Songleading

Sermon Notes...

Shortcuts to good info...

To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...

