

THE ROCK HILL HERALD

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

Deacons:

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

Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

DON'T GIVE UP

The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him." (Lamentations 3:22-24)

We have a long list of prayer requests in our bulletin every week and we have other requests made at our services.

Each of these requests come from hearts that recognize human inability to solve the problems that we often face; and they are calling for intercession in prayer from the congregation here to plead their case before God, because there is great power in the whole church praying together to one end. So, we pray in faith looking for God's intervention, because when God is involved amazing things can happen.

It happens over and over again in Scripture and in life that just about the time all hope is lost, God acts: Sarah gets pregnant in her 90's, Israel crosses the Red Sea as Pharaoh's army bears down on them, David's great sin is forgiven, and Jesus rises from the dead. Jeremiah's despair in Lamentations 3 is broken with this realization — "...for His (God's) compassions never fail. They are new every morning...therefore, I have hope in Him."

The point is "Never give up." Even when the road is long and night is pitch black, don't quit; because God sees our struggles, He hears our prayers, and He answers. Be faithful, stay on the path of light, do what you can do, and don't quit. Because if we do quit, throw up the flag of surrender, we might just be snatching defeat from the jaws of victory.

Park Linscomb

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.

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OUR HOMECOMING EVENT

AN OPEN HOUSE & HOMECOMING EVENT Our Rock Hill Open House and Homecoming is next Sunday, October 16th! Get excited! We want this to be a great time to show off Rock Hill and what we are doing here. Please be 1) praying for this effort, 2) invite people to this effort, and 3) give a helping hand to prepare for the effort, when it is asked.

Forgive your enemies, it messes with their heads.

NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY — We will be diving into the book of Revelation (starting Oct.5, Lord willing). If you're not a regular Wednesday evening attendee, consider coming in person to hear teachings and ask questions about this inspired NT book.

OUR NEW OUTREACH PROGRAM

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Jeff and Leah Parker, who had their formal wedding Friday evening.

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.

HEALTH CONCERNS:

- Please pray for Andrea Kerley, sister of Hugh R., who has a mass on her pancreas and will be scheduled for surgery.
- Sue Carter is better, but not good. Please pray
- Ora is still having trouble with her eye pressure; current medication made her sick, and Reiven has an infection in his right ear. He was given antibiotics to take for it.
- John B will have his procedure to help the blood flow to his ankle on October 20th.
- Chuck T is now in Bethesda Gardens, room 122. If you call the front desk they can connect you to his room phone. He has taken his 6th chemo treatment, and is very weak and has lost 35 lbs. Pray that he will finish his treatment and get his strength back. He would also welcome short visits: Bethesda Gardens, 10588

Legacy Dr., Frisco, 75033,
469-362-8545 room 122

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

PRAYER LISTS...

Prayers needed

- 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 9, Matthew 18-20
- Oct 10, Matthew 21-22
- Oct 11, Matthew 23-24
- Oct 12, Matthew 25-26
- Oct 13, Matthew 27-28
- Oct 14, Mark 1-3
- Oct 15, Mark 4-5
- Oct 16, Mark 6-7

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 Evangelistic Power of One Voice

"Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 16:5, 6)

I was watching an English soccer (football) game (match) on TV the other day, and noticed that one of the many differences between English football and American football was the fans themselves. English soccer fans often spontaneously break out in song, and you can actually understand what they're saying, even if it is often rather coarse and inappropriate. American football crowds, on the other hand, with rare exception, generally sound like a muddled roar that goes up and down in volume as the plays get exciting — or not. This is because it a mixture of someone yelling this and another person yelling that. It is probably the reason that cheerleaders were invented. You see, yelling the same thing, at the same time, together in unison to offer encouragement to the team works, and the function of cheerleaders and yell-leaders still work in high school and college, when everyone's willing to cooperate.

"Where are you going with this stream of thought?" you might reasonably ask. Well, it occurred to me that this is one of the great advantages and geniuses of unity and of all voices speaking in unison. When the Gospel is being spoken in one unified voice by every who calls themselves a Christian, the world begins to hear, listen, and understand the plan of salvation *clearly*, the pattern of the church *clearly*, and God's standards of right and wrong *clearly*. On the other hand, when you have one group saying this and another saying that — multiplied by scores and hundreds — is it really a mystery why the unbelieving world remains unbelieving? All the unbelieving world ever hears is an indistinct,

muddled roar from "Christendom". What they need is a unified "singing" of the true Gospel message.

Is this part of the reason that real Christianity spread so quickly in the first century? Because there were no denominations? Because the message was consistent and unified? Because they all glorified God with one voice?

Of course, this truth runs contrary to modern, popular thought, that if you give people options, more people will come. The reality is that such diversity only makes the Gospel and what you should do to be saved harder to understand. But when the one body (Eph. 4:4-6 — aka the church) unitedly speaks the one faith (Eph. 4:4-6) with one voice (Romans 15:6), more of the world would respond in the one baptism (Eph. 4:4-6), and be heading for the one true hope (Eph. 4:4-6).

This is a plea for restoration of the Gospel and Christ's church. One of the greatest missing pieces of effective evangelism is, and has been for too long, the lack of Christian unity. This applies to both all the denominational world of "Christendom" and even to our brotherhood, to all who might say that they care that the world is lost without Jesus. Let's get on the same page — not a creed book page, not a theological book's page, not a catechetical page, or any other man-made page — the pages of the Bible. Let's first obey Jesus ourselves and then with a united voice proclaim the Gospel, the power of God unto salvation.

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