

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Park in New England						
■ 9:00 AM Bible classes			Rock Hill helpers in MA			
■ 10:00 AM Worship			■ 7:00 PM Wed. Bible class		Stahr's ❤️	
■ 6:00 PM Worship						

### SERVICE IN WORSHIP

September 11	AM	PM
Greeter	Yaw F	Yaw F
Announcements	John S	John S
Songleading	Doug J	Yaw F
Opening Prayer	Jim B	Reiven H
Communion	Chris S	Fernando Z
Closing Prayer	Burley S	Charles H

September 18	AM	PM
Greeter	Yaw F	Yaw F
Announcements	Charles H	Charles H
Songleading	Doug J	Ted K
Opening Prayer	Ted K	Chuck T
Communion	Jim B	John S
Closing Prayer	Chris S	Doug J

### Shortcuts to good info...

To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...



### Sermon Notes...

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# THE ROCK HILL HERALD

Bulletin of the Rock Hill church of Christ

### SKILLFUL USE OF THE WORD

If we look at **Hebrews 5:13-14**, we can see that the inspired writers promote obedience. The writer here says, "Everyone that uses milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." The point is, we should study the Word, understand what it says, and apply it to our lives every day in every aspect of our lives.

If we do not do what the word of the Lord says, then we are denying the faith; denying the gospel: and denying Christ: for which we are "condemned already", **John 3:18**. In this, we may "believe in Christ" as the devils do **James 2:19**, but have separated ourselves from the way of the Lord by disobedience! If we believe and say, "Jesus is Lord;" then "no", "wait", and "but" shouldn't be any part of our answers to His commands. Our faith that He is Lord, God, and King will direct our hearts and hands to say and to act with a "Yes, Lord."

Let's not try and pull the "Grace" trump card on this. It is not the design of God's grace to overlook intentional sin. If you think so, I'm afraid you haven't read enough of your Bible to get past the "milk stage". You need to consider what **Hebrews 10:26-27** has to say. Let's look at it together, "For if we sin willfully, after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries."

The subject matter, by the way, has to do with church worship, "not forsaking the assembling of our ourselves together as the matter of some is, but exhorting one another: and so much more as we see the day approaching". This is **verse 25**

I know this will be rejected by many who have been taught in error all their lives regarding both grace and worship. I am sorry ,if it is uncomfortable; but the Bible is for our learning, and I am obligated to share the truth of it. Please allot some time to study these verses in their entirety and in their context. If you do so with desire to diligently seek God, you will discover a tremendous amount of God's Wisdom in the words of the book.

Doug Jones



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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

# 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 .

**DOUG AND NANCY JONES**, have now tested negative for COVID, but are still trying to regain their strength; please continue to pray

### OUR HOMECOMING EVENT

for their recovery.

**A HOMECOMING EVENT** Our Rock Hill Homecoming is just 6 weeks away, on October 16th. We want this to be a great time to show off Rock Hill and what we are doing here. There will be a planning meeting tomorrow in the fellowship hall at 5pm for us to put our heads together to come up with ideas on how to make it a great success. If at all possible, please come so that we can work together on this.

**NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** — When Park returns our Wednesday evening Bible study 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.

**THE PITTSFIELD MA MISSION EFFORT:** The mission group will

be starting to leave for Pittsfield this Wednesday. Please continue to pray for our effort including the Gospel meeting itself, Sept. 25-28 and the group that is planning on going: Charles, Park, Tom and Nancy Roberts, Hugh and Trudi Ruebush, Linda Stinnett and Elizabeth Hopkins. The trip will Sept 21-29. Park will be preaching on the subject of "Next", about the afterlife. Please pray for fruitful efforts.

**LADIES' ACTIVITIES** The fall ladies' Bible class continues each Tuesday at 10AM. It's great time of sharing, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Make plans to be there.

**GIVING...** We can now give online (rhcoc.org), by mail (PO Box 2301, Frisco TX 75034), or of course in person at worship assembly.



### PRAYER LISTS...

#### Prayers needed

- Chuck Tooley in his cancer treatments and move to Bethesda Gardens.
- 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

- Our continued search for a part-time 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-THROUGH-IN-A-YEAR SCHEDULE

- Sep 18, Hosea 7-12
- Sep 19, Joel all
- Sep 20, Amos 1-5
- Sep 21, Amos 6-9
- Sep 22, Obad./Jonah
- Sep 23, Micah 1-3
- Sep 24, Micah 4-7
- Sep 25, Nahum all



# 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.

## It's Not Just What You Do...

Imagine an anniversary, in which a husband walks through the door with flowers, candy, and a card and tosses them casually on the couch where his wife is sitting and says, "Happy anniversary," in a monotone. He does sort of air-kiss in her direction, though he keeps his eyes on the TV. He's technically hit all the marks, but it's not likely that his wife will be happy; because it's not just what you do, it's also *how* you do it.

Imagine a congressional hearing. The person called in for questioning shows up in a clown suit with Groucho Marx glasses (complete with big nose, mustache, and bushy eyebrows). He answers questions with a high squeaky voice and an affected lisp, just for fun. Though the witness shall have shown up as required and answered questions as required, there would be a number of very unhappy congressmen and women who would rightfully feel that their hearing had been taken lightly and mocked. Because its not just what you do, it's also *how* you do it.

It's this way in the spiritual world as well. We must not only obey the technical command, we must also do it in the right *way*. For example...

- It's not just what we say, it's the *way* we say it. Everyone understands that words are only part of communication — and not even the majority of it! Facial expression, vocal tone and inflection, body language, and more are all part of the equation, when we speak to each other. We must, for instance, do more than simply tell the Gospel; we must speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15), with urgency (1 Tim. 4:2), in a kind way (Eph. 4:32), with gentleness (Php. 4:5), with persuasiveness (2 Cor. 5:11), with grace (Eph. 4:29), and with all seriousness (Acts 26:25). When we find ourselves in disagreement with others, we must speak respectfully (1 Tim. 5:1,2), kindly (Eph. 4:32), and wholesomely (Eph. 4:29) — without sneer, glower, condescension, or insolence (Rom. 1:30; 2 Cor. 12:20; 2 Tim. 3:2).
- It's not just that we serve the Lord, it is also the *way* we serve. Attitudes count with the Lord, the same way they count to us parents; and there's

a zillion of them — many of them not so great. Service to the Lord and to others (in many cases, they are one and the same thing) can be done with resentment or joy, with bitterness or enthusiasm, silly or seriously, with apathy or passion, and with selfishness or selflessness (see Php. 2:5ff). And it *matters*; God cares (see, for example, the Beatitudes of Matthew 5:3-12), and others care.

- It is not just the sins we abstain from, it also the *way* we abstain. We can restrain our hands from doing something evil, while we drool over the sinful pleasure we're missing at the same time. We can say no to a temptation, while our eyes and hearts are saying yes. Matthew 5:21ff gives numerous examples of how the deeds may look right, but the heart may be dead-wrong — not murdering, but hating; not committing adultery, but lusting; not lying, but not exactly telling the truth either.
- It's not just that we worshipped God in the five acts of worship in church, it also the *way* that we offer that worship. Jesus, in John 4, spoke about appropriate worship having the qualities of *both* spirit and truth — not just one or the other. Paul (1 Cor. 11-14) gives us several ways in which it should be done: In appropriate solemnity and focus (as in the teaching on the Lord's Supper), with the brothers leading (14:34), decently and in order (14:40), with both the spirit and the mind (14:15), and with appropriate restraint (14:32,33).

Too often we get wrapped up in physical compliance to the physical deeds we are commanded to do, thinking that the *spirit*, the *attitudes*, or the *manner* in which we do things doesn't really matter all that much. But they do! It's a carnal vs. spiritual issue. It's about avoiding the washing of cups only on the outside and whitewashing tombs — pretty on the outside, but unlovely on the inside (see Matt. 23:25-28). The inside *does* matter. It's not just about what we do, it's also about the *way* we do it.

Park Linscomb