

THE ROCK HILL HERALD

Bulletin of the Rock Hill church of Christ



Beware of False Prophets

Many hold to the popular opinion that a person cannot successfully live by the Word of God expressed within the Bible. I submit to you that the very purpose of the Bible is to provide the instruction of how **TO** live by the Word of God. For what other reason would God give to us a written standard, a moral standard that so clearly spells out His intentions to provide The Word; bring it to us in the very person of Jesus Christ; and then warn us of the judgment to come! The only conceivable reason that mankind would ignore the teaching of God, is that they are unwilling to give up the lifestyle to which they have become accustomed. However, this is the very attitude that the inspired writers warn us about throughout the New Testament. That men would love darkness rather than light.

God has told us how many would react to the Gospel. It is called "foolishness" in **1 Corinthians 1:18-24** by those who refuse to believe it: it is referred to as the "hidden wisdom of God" in **1 Corinthians 2:7**. Furthermore, it is an obvious conclusion drawn by the Apostle Paul in **1 Corinthians 2:14** when he points out, "*the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*"

It is up to the individual to live how they choose, whether follow the broad way, and not take the Word of God seriously. It is also the responsibility of Christians to inform the lost of salvation that is offered by God's Plan "*kept secret since the world began, that the manifold wisdom of God would be made known by the church, **Ephesians 3:9-10**.*"

It is by the wisdom of God that we have the inspired Word, the plan of salvation in Christ Jesus, and the Lord's church. When Jesus said, "*few there be that find it*" we should consider it sad, that even though the Word is presented so clearly, that few would respond. That few would be able to see the value of righteousness and respond to the Gospel. As unfortunate as it is, God knew that some would not fully understand. He KNEW that people would try and make changes in the intent. He KNEW that many people would follow after the ways of man and call it religion. He KNEW that doctrines would be taught under the name of truth, and many would follow after unrighteousness by choice.

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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 .

CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL PROJECT the last day to bring items is Jan. 23 and they will be readied and distributed on Jan. 29 at 10AM.

TREAT FOR OUR SHUT-INS — The ladies are planning on making candy to share with our shut-ins.

THE LADIES’ CLASS will resume on January 18th at 10am. A planning session will be held tomorrow, January 10 at 7pm. Come and join the study and the planning.

A SERIES ON THE ELDERSHIP — Starting Feb. 6 Park will begin a sermon series on the eldership.

THE “KICK-OFF” OF CARE GROUPS will be March 20. We are hoping to have our first Care Group meeting after the morning worship services as a potluck shared by both groups, after which each group will have their own meeting.

CHRISTIAN MEN’S SERVICE CLASS will be taught by Park starting January 29 from 9AM to 10:30AM. The schedule looks like this...

- Jan. 29 — The object of leading the church in the assembly
- Feb 26 — Songleading
- March 26 — Prayer leadership
- April 30 — The Lord’s Supper
- May 28 — Preaching 1
- June 25 — Preaching 2
- July 30 — Preaching 3



If you’re interested in learning how to better lead in worship, be sure to come to this class.

YOUTH MINISTER SEARCH — The elders are actively seeking to hire a part-time youth minister for this congregation. Please be praying for this search.

DALE AND LAVONIA Cooper are adjusting to their new living arrangements, but they still need cards, letters, and visits of encouragement.

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...

New Requests

- Bonnie Boles seems to be losing some ground
 - Nancy Jones’ cousin Larry Rigsby has been in the hospital for a week and not doing very well; she also asks for prayers for the Bogle family. Bob Bogle, Nancy’s cousin died last October and now his wife, Sharon, died last week.
 - Doug Jones’ brother, Bill, and his wife Diana, both have COVID.
 - Dianne Haley’s cousin, Heather Martindale, in her 40s, is suffering from multiple location cancer. She is taking chemo, is scheduled for surgery, and just lost her father.
 - Lori Cloud’s 87 year old Father was taken to St Elizabeth hospital in Beaumont with pneumonia and dehydration.
 - Margaret Tomlinson hopes to be able to go home this weekend.
 - Kevin Hockett out of a job (computer drafting for civil engineering)
- For COVID sufferers**
- Doug and Nancy’s grandson Kevin Kissinger
 - Fernando and Rosa’s granddaughter, Lauryn Lyons, had a possible exposure to COVID.

PRAISE FOR ANSWERS...

- Most of our COVID sufferers have recovered
 - Ora H. is improving
 - Margret is improving
- PRAYERS NEEDED...**
- The Linscomb family in their loss.
 - Ora Holt has had a pacemaker put in, now home
 - Linda M.’s friend, Sandra, regarding cancer and chemo.
 - Conkling family: Tammy with COVID, Kenneth with AFib, and Dianna with new chemo treatment
 - Travis Y. feeding tube complications
 - Julia’s nurse friend, Michaela, paralysis, surgery, recovery, and rehab

- Trelitha Bryant, a compromised immune system;
- Zapata’s teenage friend Isabella with a heart lesion
- Linda M.’s niece

Remember these often:

- brethren in India
- the churches in New England
- our elders, deacons, and preacher

Long Term Requests

- Carol P.
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Bonnie B.
- Dianna C.
- Ken C.
- Mary H. and daughter Sharon
- Cheryl F.
- Ann S.

WE’RE A BIBLE-READING GROUP.

FOLLOW THE SCHEDULE AND READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR — AGAIN.

- Jan 16, Gen 45-47
- Jan 17, Gen 48-50
- Jan 18, Exo 1-3
- Jan 19, Exo 4-6
- Jan 20, Exo 7-9
- Jan 21, Exo 10-12
- Jan 22, Exo 13-15
- Jan 23, Exo 16-18

See what new things you can pick up out of the Bible this time through

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.

Suggested Resolutions for Better Bible Knowledge

The new year offers an opportunity for looking back and making course corrections and resolutions for doing life—including our spiritual lives—better. And one area of our spiritual lives in which we might want to make some changes for the better is our knowledge of Scripture. Who will claim that they know all that they need to know?

The Scripture is our spiritual road map. In it is wisdom, guidance, information, and salvation that cannot be found anywhere else—and you need to know it. Not necessarily because you'll be a Bible teacher, elder, or preacher someday; but because you personally need the guidance for your life every day, you need the encouragement every day, you need the hope every day, and you need correction everyday. Without it we're going into a spiritual battle zone unarmored and unarmed, defended only by bits and scraps of what we might remember from a sermon or class here or there.

So, here's a list of suggested resolutions regarding knowing Scripture better...

- **Make time to read the Bible daily.** Those who want to be in better physical shape carve out time from busy schedules to exercise or run. Good students carve out time to study. Knowledgeable Christians make time to read God's word.
- **Study it systematically** (for example: book by book or by topic), not randomly opening the Bible and reading. Systematic study helps us keep stories and teachings in context and remembered better; conversely, random study tends to jumble things in our minds.
- **Seek to understand what you're reading.** When you run across passages that don't make sense, take the time to understand them. Consider the context, consider related passages, ask someone more knowledgeable, and resist the tendency to merely "feel reverent and move on".
- **Come to all the Bible studies you can this year.** Come even if you think you might already know the subject matter—even the smartest person usually comes away learning or being reminded about something important in Bible class.

- **Ask questions in Bible class.** Bible classes without questions and discussions are not nearly as interesting or memorable. And, oh yeah, be sure the teacher answers your question or commits to finding the answer.
- **Consider teaching a Bible class this year, and really study for it.** You might find this suggestion a bit odd, since we're seeking to *learn* God's word better; but a wonderful secret about teaching is that in the process of teaching you learn a lot, too. Good teachers study-up, try to anticipate questions that students might ask, and try to find ways to apply the lessons to the lives of the students. By doing so, the teacher himself grows in knowledge, application, and understanding.
- **Deliberately look for ways to put the Scripture into practice.** Someone has well said, "Truth is not just for learning; truth is for doing." The good Bible student will not be satisfied with just gaining knowledge, but will seek to do it.
- **Keep a brief journal of what you read with your reflections.** Keeping a journal helps us remember what have read and gives us the opportunity to meditate on it—a practice many of us with busy lives are not accustomed to.
- **Take notes on sermons and Bible classes.** It's a tried and true method for retaining knowledge in any subject; so, students who take notes on sermons and Bible classes will remember more of what they've heard and learned.
- **Find a brother or sister with whom you can discuss the Scriptures.** Talking or chewing over what you've heard or learned about in Bible class with others will help reinforce and deepen the knowledge you've garnered.

Ready for the challenge? The rewards will be a stronger answer to temptations, better answers to those who ask for a reason for the hope that you have, a deeper faith, a better understanding of the church, a greater appreciation for salvation and the home that awaits us, and better responses to the challenges of life (and there will be many)—making us better armed and armored for the battles before us.

Park Linscomb

