

THE ROCK HILL HERALD

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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"*

RECEIVING THE TRUTH

In **Matthew 13:17**, the inspired word records the words of Jesus talking to his disciples. *"Many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things that you see and have not seen them; and to hear those things which you hear, and have not heard them."* The reference is to the many prophetic records of God's plan to bring the Savior, the Messiah, the Lamb of God into the world to save it. Much of the history concerning Jesus was carefully communicated from generation to generation by word of mouth. The coming of the Christ was widely known.

This is what Jesus mentions in **verse 17**. Many prophets of God would have loved to have been there when the Son of God Himself gave them 'first hand' teaching of the truth. Jesus made the statement to that generation to impress upon them how privileged they were to be a part of the preaching of the word of God directly from the Son of God!

In the early days of the Old Testament, this instruction was given in **Deuteronomy 4:9** *"take heed unto thyself and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life; but teach them to thy sons, and thy son's sons."* If we look at **Isaiah 2:2-3** we see one of the prophecies concerning the coming of Christ and the establishment of the church. It says, *"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's House shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people will say, 'Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach His ways, and we will walk in His paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the word of the Lord From Jerusalem.'"*

The time of Jesus' life was considered "the last days". Look at **Hebrews 1:1-2** *"God...hath in these last days, spoken unto us by His Son."* We can also look at **Acts 2:14-17** to confirm the prophecy in **Joel 2:28** concerning the events recorded in the 2nd chapter of Acts; the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Peter and the apostles on the Day of Pentecost. Notice what it says, *"Peter, standing up with the eleven, said this is that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel; and it shall come to pass in the last days saith God, I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh"* for the purpose of saving souls.

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! 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 .

HOUSE TO HOUSE, HEART TO HEART is an evangelistic publication which we are having mailed to several neighborhoods around us. We will also be receiving 200 directly to the church to distribute in our own neighborhoods. We'll be publicizing our meeting with Jack Evans in it. This is an exciting evangelistic outreach; please pray for success.

MEETING WITH JACK EVANS has been scheduled for August 20-23 — "In Christ Alone". It will have a definite evangelistic aim, so be looking for more information, but be thinking about who to invite.



THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH

- Benjamin Twumasi was baptized into Christ last Sunday in Pittsfield in the baptistry that Rock Hill helped provide.
- **THE BENEVOLENT FUND** is normally collected by Trudi, but Hugh and



Trudi will be out of town a few week, and Linda S. will be the collection point for any contributions you'd like to make.

SEVERAL OF US WILL BE GOING TO A ROUGH RIDERS BASEBALL GAME on July 21. If you'd be interested in joining us, talk to Park or sign up on the sign up sheet on the table in the back of the auditorium.

PRAYER TIME is at 5:00PM this afternoon

THE REGULAR LADIES' CLASS has gone into summer season mode. Their next meeting will be July 18. Touch base with Linda Stinnett for details and topics to be discussed.

PRAYER UPDATE

- Frieda Rose fell last week and after being checked out at the hospital was released to go home, where she's recovering.
- Chris Allen's procedure was successful and he's feeling much better

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Sandy L's sister, Lisa, will be getting hospice care in Mississippi .
- Folks traveling on vacation or to camp
- Cleve Stafford's grand-daughter Peyton, struggling
- Isela Hughes asks for prayers for her sister Griselda Walters.
- Sarai Lyons asks for prayers for Tiffany Myers.

The best vitamin for a believer is B1

- Di-anna C's recuperation from chemo
- Bonnie D. broken shoulder
- Julia's friend Wendy with breast cancer
- Dianna Conkling
- Sue Carter
- Isela H.'s friend Jeff, 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
- Dianna C.
- Ken C.
- Mary H. and daughter Sharon

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Jul 2, Psa 105-107
- Jul 3, Psa 108-116
- Jul 4, Psa 117-119:72
- Jul 5, Psa 119:73-176
- Jul 6, Psa 120-135
- Jul 7, Psa 136-142
- Jul 8, Psa 143-150
- Jul 9, Pro 1-4

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.

HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE...

The Bible is **the** information source for the Christian faith. Revealed by God Himself, it reveals His eternal truth to us about spiritual reality. It is the basis on which Christian unity can be found, but when some religious leaders are asked why there are divisions despite using the same book, the answer is usually, "It's all a matter of interpretation."

But is it true? No, understanding the Bible, just like understanding the newspaper, a text book, a novel, or even an ordinary conversation isn't rocket science. We do it all the time. Let's think about a few of the most important, everyday tools we use to understand words and language and, most importantly, the Bible.

Context. Understanding words, sentences, and phrases always depend a lot on the context of a conversation or the situation. So also with understanding the Bible. If you want to understand a verse, you need to know what came before and what came after. Some of the biggest mistakes men make in Bible interpretation come from not paying attention to context.

Background history. This is part of the context principle, and it can be very important to understanding Scripture. For instance, to understand the discussions about faith vs. the Law in Paul's letters, it is important to understand the controversy of Gentiles becoming Christians without first submitting to circumcision and other Mosaic laws. Background is also useful in understanding metaphors. Metaphors are comparisons from something that is understood to something that is not understood, and they can be powerful ways of teaching, but, for example, to understand the parable of the sower, the reader needs a little background on ancient farming methods.

Type of literature. Different sorts of literature are interpreted differently. No one reads a newspaper like poetry. No one reads a letter like you'd read a proverb. Each kind of literature is supposed to be read differently. Poetry uses symbols and metaphors to communicate ideas. History is understood as what literally happened. Law is understood as what is expected of us. Read God's word according to its literary kind.

Let the Bible interpret itself. Here's one of the easiest but most overlooked principles of Biblical interpretation; if you read the whole book, it often explains itself. God, the real author of the Bible, knows better than anyone what He means—so, let Him interpret His own

words. All of the Bible is God's word, and to really understand what the Lord is saying we must consider the sum of the Bible and not be satisfied with just some of it. This is especially important on the subject of salvation. Harmonize passages that speak about the same things, get the whole story, and understand what God is saying. Misunderstandings are bound to occur if we stop reading too soon.

Direct command. Such statements leave "no ifs, ands, or buts" to the hearers. These are absolute expectations, not soft suggestions. When God gives one of these, the hearer is expected to simply obey. Consequences follow for failure to comply. Context will, of course, come into play, so that we'll know who has commanded, who has been commanded, and who is therefore expected to obey. But understanding the Bible alike means understanding the expectations of a direct command.

Approved examples. These can teach and command, also, by providing Bible-endorsed actions or precedents by godly men and women. We "watch" and follow these examples, knowing that they are deeds or practices approved by God, leading to eternal life.

Necessary inference. It's a fancy name, but the explanation is not so complicated. When, for example, the Lord said, "Go..." He included or inferred that those who go should also raise the support to travel (by whatever means are available), evangelize (through preaching, teaching, brochures, newspapers, door-knocking, etc.), and support their families.

Silence. Although silence doesn't always teach, it does especially when a specific command is being given. When God specifically commanded a cappella singing, for instance, His silence on all other sorts of music in worship eliminated all the other varieties of music. So also with bread and wine for the Lord's Supper (eliminating steak and water), preaching the Word in worship (eliminating politics), and being baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (eliminating Buddha or Mohammed).

The fancy name for all this is "hermeneutics" and you might think from the name that it's tough, academic stuff; but it is something we do everyday. You can understand the Bible, and we can all understand the Bible alike. Let's use our common sense and the principles above and come to know the Lord better.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JULY

2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00 AM Bible classes ■ 10:00 AM Worship ■ 6:00 PM Worship 		<p style="text-align: center;">Independence Day</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00 PM Wed. Bible class 		<p style="text-align: center;">Jennifer K.</p>	

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

July 2

Greeter Fernando Z
 Announcements John S
 Songleading Scott W Doug J
 Opening Prayer Hugh R Jim B
 Communion Yaw F David J.
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing Prayer Charles H Reiven H
 A/V Control Charles H Fernando Z

Wed PM June 5

Songs Reiven H
 A/V John S.

July 9

Greeter Fernando Z
 Announcements Burley S
 Songleading Doug J Scott W
 Opening Prayer Yaw F Reiven H
 Communion Fernando Z Scott W
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing Prayer Doug J Ralph L
 A/V Control Charles H Fernando Z

Wed PM July 12

Songs Charles H
 A/V John S

Shortcuts to good info...

To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...



Sermon Notes...
