

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

SO EASY TO BE UNDERSTOOD

We have only one objective with these “Spiritual Tidbits” (bulletin articles), and that is to share the Word of God in a simple and truthful fashion. It is very important to the leadership at the *Rock Hill Church of Christ* to provide clear teachings of the “*will of the Lord is*” about the “*Instruction in Righteousness*” that God has given to help us all to be prepared to stand before the “judgment seat of Christ”. To do so we use only Bible references, because it is the Bible alone that contain the power unto salvation and truth to prepare us for a daily walk with the Lord

As we consider the spiritual need of man, we must first be reminded that spiritual truth can only be determined by Almighty God, who, in his infinite wisdom has provided for us, “*All things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue:*” **2 Peter 1:3**. As we study and otherwise review these truths, please remember a few fundamental requirements:

1. We are not at liberty to ‘add-to’ or ‘take-away’ from the writings. **Revelation 22:18-19**. The warning is given that should be taken seriously. ONLY THOSE THINGS THAT ARE DEFINED IN THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD CAN BE USED TO IDENTIFY THE WAY AND THE WILL OF GOD! There is no place for embellishment or personal opinion.
2. “*No prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation*” **2 Peter 1:20**. The holy and inspired word of God has a meaning that only God has authorized.
3. *Prophecy came not by the will of man, but Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*” **2 Peter 1:21**. *God’s Word was carefully composed, carefully preserved, and carefully protected. By design, it is an outline for all spiritual people for all time. It is (and was intended to be) the ultimate and only resource that spiritual people would need to learn of God; how to understand God; how to please God.*
4. Perhaps the most crucial verse that helps to realize the intent of the Word, is recorded in **2 Timothy 3:16 & 17**, “*All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.*”

I challenge anyone to find something that is so difficult to understand in these 4 references.

Doug Jones
edited for space

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 .

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.

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.

OUR BIBLE STUDY OFFERINGS

- ▶ Children's Bible classes — please check out our kids' classes, both Sunday and Wednesday
- ▶ Sunday morning adult class — currently studying Nehemiah
- ▶ Adult Wednesday Evening Bible Study (just starting) — The book of Revelation (currently in chapter 1). If you're not a regular Wednesday evening attender, consider coming in person to hear teachings and ask questions about this inspired NT book.

GIVING OPTIONS — please be aware that there are 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:

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

scheduled for surgery.

- Sue Carter is better, but not good. Please pray
- Ora is still having trouble with her eye
- John B ankle procedure on October 20th.
- Chuck T is now in Bethesda Gardens, room 122: Bethesda Gardens, 10588 Legacy Dr., Frisco, 75033, 469-362-8545

PRAYER LISTS...

Prayers needed

- Rosa Z.'s family as they mourn the sudden death of her brother-in-law in Guadalajara.
- Starr asks for prayers for her aunt, Johnnie Smith, who took a fall and 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

WELCOME TO OUR OPEN HOUSE AND HOMECOMING!!!

- Search for a PT youth minister
- the churches in New England
- Long term requests
- Bonnie B.

- Carol P.
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- The Zapata's teenage friend

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

*Need home improvement?
Bring your family to church.*

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.

Spiritual Growth From a Direction You Might Not Have Expected

"and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:24, 25

The concern of the writer of Hebrews throughout the book was the brethren's spiritual weakness. In no less than 84 verses in Hebrews, the writer warns of both the potential and the consequences of falling away. But interestingly enough, in an attempt to get them to grow, he doesn't talk about reading more Scripture; he doesn't mention more prayer; he doesn't stress involvement, *despite the contributions that they all make to spiritual growth*. What he stresses as attendance to the church's assembly. Who saw that one coming, right?

We might be tempted to say, "Really?" We live in a time when church attendance is disparaged as having little to contribute to Christian growth — a poor cousin to Bible reading, prayer, meditation, fasting, or other spiritual disciplines. But the God-inspired writer of Hebrews strongly disagrees.

So, what makes the assembly so important? What's the big deal about skipping the assembly from time to time? Well, let's list a few things...

- The worship of God takes place here. "Oh," you might say, "I could do that at home or anywhere." But the truth is that you cannot honor God as He wants just anywhere. The gathered church is His Temple (Eph. 2:21), thus, corporate worship is something special to the Lord. It both worships God, and makes a statement to the world (see for example 1 Cor. 11:26).
- Here is the fellowship that we need (Acts 2:42-47) — yes, even you "Jeremiah Johnsons" out there, we NEED it — and it can only possibly happen, of course, when the church gets together.
- Here the word is not only read (1 Tim. 4:13) but explained (Acts 17:3), and we are encouraged and held accountable (1 Cor. 14:24) to live it.
- Here the Lord's death and resurrection are remembered and openly proclaimed until He comes (1 Cor. 11:26). Here in the bread of communion and in the midst of the assembly, we are reminded about the body that we have been made into. Here in the cup of

communion and in the midst of the assembly, we are reminded of the covenant that we have entered into with first God and then our brothers and sisters in Christ, the church (1 Cor. 10:16,17).

- Here our spirits are lifted through spiritual songs that remind and inspire us to following Jesus faithfully (Eph. 5:19).
- Here we lift our hearts up in prayer to bear one another's burdens (Eph. 6:19) and appeal to the Father in Heaven about things we have agreed upon (Mt. 18:19) — and yes, there is something quite powerful about corporate prayer that individual prayer cannot muster (Matt. 18:19 and Acts 4:31).
- Here we put our financial resources together to do more than we could on our own for the Kingdom (1 Cor. 16:1-4).

Moreover, Hebrews 10:24,25 tell us that our absence is not only a detriment to us on a personal level; it is a detriment to the spiritual growth of the whole church. It definitely effects others — and we must consider our brothers and sisters or we have sinned (Romans 15:1,2 and 1 Cor. 3:16,17). And it is even more so if you are a teacher (of children or adults), a deacon, an elder, a preacher or a leader's spouse. Unexplained absences or absences for "lesser" things, in effect, tell younger Christians (kids and adults alike) that skipping church is OK — and their faith grows weaker.

The bottom line here is that when we fail to show up for worship for reasons that are within our control, we are choosing to weaken both ourselves and the church. Everyone is placed just a little closer to the peril of falling away; some on the edge actually do so. The Hebrew writer, inspired by the Lord, knew exactly what he was talking about, and his warning and encouragement is exactly what every generation of the church needs to be reminded of to aid its spiritual growth.

Park Linscomb

