

THE ROCK HILL HERALD

The 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
- Doug Jones
- Scott Wallace

Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

Deacons:

- Reiven Holt
- Hugh Ruebush
- John Smetzer
- Burley Stinnett
- Fernando Zapata

*"We're Here
and We Care"*

THE LIKENESS OF HIS RESURRECTION

This verse is worth repeating; **1 Peter 3:20-21** "God waited in the days of Noah, while the Ark was in preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water, the like figure whereunto even baptism doth now also save us (not the putting away the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The emphasis is placed upon the eight souls that were "'saved by water" as opposed to the entirety of the human race that was "destroyed by water". As God has done so many times, He uses small indicators of His will and intertwines them with many simple proofs or hints throughout Scripture. It is a clear reference made by the inspired writer as he associates "salvation by water" in much the same way that "baptism doth now also save us."

In **Exodus 14:13-23** the children of Israel were up against the Red Sea. As the people stood in fear of the Egyptian Army, Moses said, "stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." Note what Paul says in **1 Corinthians 10:1-4** "our fathers were under the cloud and all passed through the sea; and were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea...for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ." It was not an example of New Testament baptism, though it was a metaphor. The association of water and salvation is simple; the "mystery" of God would eventually be revealed through the teaching from the SUM of His word and outline the ultimate plan.

To connect these events, and the actual purpose of baptism, we can look more closely at the revealing in **Romans**. But first, look back at **1 Peter 3:21**: "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us...through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." How does this happen? **Romans 6:3-6** says, "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death...therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death...that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father...for if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection."...More to follow

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 .

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM NOTES.

- The congregation's finances are on track to stay within the budget, even though there have been extra expenses related to the very hot weather.
- Improvements to the streaming technology have been made and tweaks, especially regarding the audience microphones, have been made.
- A hopefully more effective visitor followup procedure was decided upon.
- Park will be preaching a Gospel meeting in the Denver area Oct. 20-22, but be gone from Oct 18-24 and coverage for classes and sermons were discussed.

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST returned yesterday and was well attended. Thanks to the several who contributed food and to Tom Roberts for a really interesting crash course on what Muslims believe.

HAIDE HILL passed on to be with the Lord this past week. Please pray for Terry and the family. Memorial services will be held Saturday, September 23, 3PM, in Wink, TX.

THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH We have an ongoing monthly benevolence program to help the Berkshire County church of Christ in Pittsfield Mass. See Trudy R. to contribute

THE WHITE ROCK FUND is holding their annual Reporting and Fundraising Day this year on Oct 28. There are brochures in the foyer about it, if you'd like to be uplifted about mission work. Incidentally, Park is speaking briefly during the luncheon. Check it out.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- The Hill family at the loss of Haide last week

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Elizabeth H's family.
- Margret home and recovering
- Linda Moore continued recovery after knee surgery.
- Norma Bautista recovering at home from broken bones
- Jim P. — radiation therapy for prostate cancer.
- Fernando Z's father, Ramon — radiation therapy for lung cancer.
- Sandy L's sister, Lisa, in hospice care in Mississippi .
- Freida R, recovering at home
- The Stafford's grand-daughter

- Isela Hughes' ...
 - sister Griselda Walters
 - friend Jeff, cancer
- Dianne H's sister-in-law with a brain tumor
- Sarai Lyons' friend Tiffany M.
- Dianna C, chemo recovery
- Bonnie D. broken shoulder
- Julia's friend Wendy with breast cancer
- Sue Carter
- 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
- Ken C.

John 14:1-3 “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.”

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Sep 17, Hosea 1-6
- 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

Children, obey your parents in all things. (Colossians 3:20)

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.

WORKS OF THE FLESH, PART 2

Last week I began a series on Galatians 5:19-23, the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit. Last week we gave our focus to the sexual sins catalogued in this list. This week we'll give attention to the pagan elements of these works of the flesh.

IDLATRY

Idolatry is the worship of things in this created world rather than the Creator. Paul put it this way, "Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures." Romans 1:22, 23. Man always seems to have chafed at the idea of worshipping what he cannot see or touch, and this is the origin of idols.

Often idolatry is considered just another name for pagan worship, but this is not entirely true. While pagans use images, there were times in Israel's history when they made the attempt at using golden calves to represent the true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. These stories are told in Exodus 32 and 1 Kings 12. In both cases, as the golden calves were being utilized as objects of worship, they were identified as the God, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt" (Ex. 32:8 and 1 Kgs. 12:28). Not even the one true God is to be "image-ized", an important warning even among modern folks who believe in Jesus.

But idolatry can also take another form, the looking to "saviors" other than God. This is why greed is called a form of idolatry (Eph. 5:5 and Col. 3:5). God alone is God. Wood, stone, images, money, things, armies, and science are frail and vain substitutes. Isaiah crystalized the folly of idolatry, when he wrote by God's inspiration, "No one recalls, nor is there knowledge or understanding to say, 'I have burned half of it in the fire and also have baked bread over its coals. I roast meat and eat it. Then I make the rest of it into an abomination, I fall down before a block of wood!'" Isaiah 44:19.

SORCERY

The Old Testament forbade the occult practices (sorcery) of witchcraft, divination, spiritism, and necromancy (see Deut. 18:9-14). Such information and powers were not from God, but from evil spirits (e.g., Acts 16:16-18). Instead, God's people were to get all the information that they needed from God's prophets (Deut. 18:15ff). Just as then, everything we need to know spiritually speaking from God's word, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16, 17.

The original Greek word found in Galatians 5 is pharmakeia and it had to do with using drugs. We get the word pharmacy from it. Originally, it was used in a medical sense, but as time passed the word began to take on the meaning of misuse of drugs for poison—an interesting meaning given the recent spate of opioid deaths. Later still the word came to be associated with witchcraft, calling upon evil spirits to curse others, the casting of malevolent spells, and occult visions.

Today, witchcraft and the occult are on the rise in popular culture—interestingly enough, along with the use of drugs and neo-paganism. But God's judgment about those who practice such things remains the same; the practice is sinful. Christians must look to the Lord alone both for what can be known about the future and the afterlife and for what power might be exercised beyond human control.

Idolatry and sorcery as works of the flesh are from the same rotten root that seeks to deliberately neglect or reject the one true God in favor of a god or outcomes of our own choosing. And they are not trivial matters; such practices will exclude men from inheriting the kingdom of God.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

17 Roland C. ■ 9:00 AM Bible classes ■ 10:00 AM Worship ■ 5:00 PM Prayer time ■ 6:00 PM Worship		18	19 Emerson S. ■ 10:00 AM Ladies class	20 ■ 7:00 PM Wed. Bible class		21	22	23 Stahr's
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SERVICE IN WORSHIP

September 17

GreeterBurley S
 AnnouncementsCharles H
 SongleadingScott WDoug J
 Opening PrayerBurley SFernando Z
 CommunionDoug JScott W
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerJim BHugh R
 A/V ControlJohn SCharles H

Wed PM September 20

SongsJim B
 A/VFernando Z

September 24

GreeterBurley S
 AnnouncementsJim B.
 SongleadingDoug JScott W
 Opening PrayerChris SJohn S
 CommunionBurley SFernando Z
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerCharles HYaw F
 A/V ControlJohn SCharles H

Wed PM September 27

SongsReiven H
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Shortcuts to good info...

To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...



Sermon Notes...
