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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

Deacons:

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

Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

"We're Here and We Care"

The Sacrifice of Christ for…

We have been taught about the sacrifice of Jesus our entire lives. The significance of this event cannot be overstated. By the design of God, the Plan for salvation would have remained incomplete without the final blood sacrifice of *"The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world"* — the declaration made by John the Baptizer in ***John 1:29***. As we consider the full effect of the life of Jesus, we are clearly informed by the inspired writers of the *'mystery in Christ Jesus.'* In ***John 12:27***, Jesus declares…*"what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour!*

The New Covenant required the blood sacrifice of the Lamb which was further alluded to in ***Hebrews 9:8-15.*** Please note the reference to the Holy Spirit and the connection made between the earthly tabernacle (overseen by the Levites) and the New covenant which was *"by His own blood"*. He entered into the "Holiest of All" and "offered His Own Blood" one time by the design of God through which salvation was now made available by the obedience of faith ***Hebrews 11:6***, ***Romans 1:5***.

Before we go further, let's stop and consider something relative to these facts. Denominationalism claims salvation through the shedding of His blood. Even though this is an accurate statement, it stops short of the whole story. The death of Christ was part of God's Plan. The plan could not be complete without the death-burial-resurrection of Christ. Popular opinion among Christians today mostly consider salvation is theirs with the acceptance alone of Christ as Savior.

There is much more to the story. When Christ assembled His apostles, His directions were clear, and then made even More clear. ***Matthew 16:18-19*** identifies the Church and Kingdom. The Church was called *"the bride of Christ, the Body of Christ, the House of the Living God, the Pillar and Ground of truth."* It has a specific beginning with very specific instruction that is ignored by most today. It is destined to be taken to heaven and returned to the Father intact and as a whole. It is important to see what God has done to qualify the Christian for Salvation. It is through the blood of Christ, and in the Lord's church. We cannot separate membership and participation in the church…the body *"for which Christ Died."*

Doug Jones

Family News

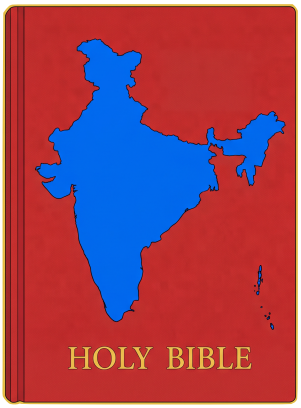
"For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God." Ephesians 2:18,19

If you are visiting our congregation, **welcome**! **Please fill out a visitor's card and put it in the collection tray as it is passed.** 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 .

Men's Breakfast — Thanks to all who put so much work into this Veterans' Day breakfast. The food, decorations, fellowship, and games were great!!

Trip to India to share good news — Burley will be traveling to India next year between February 9 and March 10 to continue his evangelistic work there. If you'd like to contribute, you can write a check to the Rock Hill church with a note at the bottom for Burley's India mission, or you could go contribute online and mark the contribution as "mission".



Last Sunday evening we started a new sermon series on the teachings of men vs. the teachings of the Bible. Come join our worship and become more informed about what your neighbors believe and what you might be able to answer them.

We will have a winter coat drive for children. For details, please see Marie Wallace.

Ladies Class meets on Tuesdays in the fellowship hall at 10AM. If you haven't attended before, come and enjoy a time of sharing, study, prayer, and great Christian fellowship.

Bible Classes

- Sunday morning we are in the book of Hebrews and starting chapter 7 — join us!
- Wednesday we'll be studying Paul's letter to the churches of Galatia, we'll be starting in Galatians 2:6

Our Prayer List...

- Dianne's brother Billy Martindale, who will have triple bypass surgery this coming Monday.
- Johnny Vaz's mother has passed away, and only recently his aunt and cousin also passed.
- Charles' brother Kevin, was hit mostly head on by a red-light runner last week.
- Thurston Evans. Leigh Hayes father, 90, recovering from neck surgery.
- Continued fruit from Burley's mission work in India.
- Freida is home, but her oxygen levels remain very low.
- Avery Cates' friend, Vanalice, with breast cancer.
- Ralph Rhodes — pray for effective treatment for cancer.
- Terry Hill, former member of Rock Hill, now in a nursing home.
- Scott W's friends, Mark and Greg, who both have ALS
- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords and the church in Pittsfield MA
- Doug Jones, fighting cancer

God is not who you ***think*** He is; He is who He ***says*** He is.

Long Term Prayer Requests

- Eloise Isbell
- Travis York, son of the the Yorks who were members of this congregation years ago, has had some health complications,
- Elizabeth's cousins Tracy with Lupus
- Dale C in the Ivy in McKinney
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Churches in New England
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

Read-the-Bible-in-a-year

- ☐ 11/8 .....Jer 13-15
- ☐ 11/9 .....Jer 16-18
- ☐ 11/10 .....Jer 19-22
- ☐ 11/11 .....Jer 23-25
- ☐ 11/12 .....Jer 26-27
- ☐ 11/13 .....Jer 28-30
- ☐ 11/14 .....Jer 31-32
- ☐ 11/15 .....Jer 33-35

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.

AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

There are many questions that have stirred up controversy in the religious world these days. Teachings and practices that Christianity thought were settled long ago have been brought into serious question in modern times. The sad part is not that questions have been raised, every thoughtful generation will ask them. The sad part is that some leaders who should have given strong and certain answers have given either weak answers or none at all — leaving some to think that there aren't any answers. This is not because there aren't strong and certain answers, but because those who are leading religious groups are often 1) not familiar with the Bible, 2) afraid that they might "offend", or 3) both.

Since the need to have sound answers is important, I thought I'd write a series of posts on some of the more important questions of our day, so that we may all obey the command: (1 Peter 3:15) "…always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence." And the question that we'll start with will be a foundational one, "Is the Bible really the authoritative word of God?" The question about the authority of Scripture is a principle that we will return to in this series again and again, so let's start here.

The very definition of the Bible is that it is God's word. There are some that will quickly point out that it was written by men, but the Bible itself anticipated the accusation and clarifies, (2 Peter 1:20, 21) "…no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God." And the Bible alone is God's word, not the Koran, not the Veda, and not the book of Mormon. This is not said to offend, but to simply state a fact that can be readily shown by an examination of the Bible's 1) flawless fulfillment of prophecy and 2) accuracy of history, geography, and yes, even science. Check it out and see for yourself. Many a skeptic has taken this challenge and found faith in God and the Bible. Other so-called holy books cannot honestly claim this perfect standard; only the God-inspired Bible can.

Now, since the Bible is God's word; we should next recognize that it is authoritative, because it is God who is in charge, not us. Jesus Christ will be the judge of all mankind: (Acts 17:31) "because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead." How will he do it? John 12:48 tell us, "…the word I [Jesus] spoke is what will judge him at the last day." Judgement won't be on the basis of what we thought, what our opinions might be, our feelings, or what everyone else was doing. It will be on the basis of what God has said in the Bible. You see, God through the Bible, is telling us now exactly how He will judge us later.

The Bible, therefore, is the authoritative word of God. It gives us God's standard for right and wrong, good and bad, acceptable — no human guess-work required, no human dogmas tolerated. Authority is not found in commentaries, famous preachers, best selling devotional books, or how "the majority" feels about it. Authority is in the Bible, because it alone is God's word. It reveals the truth about our origins, God's great miracles in history, the spiritual realm, sin, God's tremendous love for mankind, God's great promises, the basis of God's judgment, and the way of salvation from sin — through Jesus Christ alone. The pattern for the church, worship, and everyday Christian living is found here. And finally, the authoritative Bible gives us a glimpse of an indescribably wonderful place called Heaven for the faithful and Hell for the unrepentant.

Get to know God through reading His authoritative word, the Bible. Then getting to know Him, obey Him. Truth is not just for knowing, it is for doing.

Park Linscomb

Family Calendar for this Week in November

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:00AM Bible classes 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Worship	Roland & Susie C. Stuart S.	Ladies' class at 10AM	Alexandria A. 7:00PM Wed. Bible class	Melinda S		

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of November 8	***AM***	***PM***	***Wed.***
Announcements	*Jim B*	*Jim B*	
Song Leading	*Scott W*	*Doug J*	*Steve S*
Opening Prayer	*Burley S*	*Ron M*	
Communion	*John S*	*Reiven H*	
Scripture			
Closing Prayer	*Charles H*	*Kyle J*	
Greeter	*Ralph K*		

Week of November 15	***AM***	***PM***	***Wed.***
Announcements	*Charles H*	*Charles H*	
Song Leading	*Doug J*	*Scott W*	*Reiven H*
Opening Prayer	*John V*	*Marty K*	
Communion	*Yaw F*	*Jim B*	
Scripture			
Closing Prayer	*Scott W*	*Ron M*	
Greeter	*Burley S*		

Sermon Notes…