

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

Deacons:

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

Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

*"We're Here
and We Care"*

MESSAGE FROM MOSES

It is evident to all who read the scriptures on a regular basis, that some small phrase can reach us with great impact. So is the case from a recent Wednesday Night study in the Book of Psalms. If you were in attendance, you may have caught it. If you were not there, it is a shame that you missed it. We were in the 90th Psalm, verses 3-12 when this thought was presented. It will serve us well to retain that which the Psalmist expressed:

"thou turnest man to destruction and sayest 'Return ye children of men'...a thousand years in thy sight are but yesterday when it is past...we are consumed by thy anger and by thy wrath are we terrified...we spend our years as a 'Tale that is Told'...Who knoweth the power of thine anger...even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath...so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

This Psalm is listed as "a prayer of Moses" who had a front row seat to both the goodness and power of our God and makes a certain contrast between the "goodness and severity of God" Romans 11:22. With every ounce of wisdom we may have, we are encouraged to see the contrast between the God of blessing, and the jealous God that says in Romans 12:19. "Vengeance is mine, I will repay sayeth the Lord."

In Psalm 90: 12, the inspired writer instructs all who venture into these words to take heed and follow the encouragement; "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." The context reminds us of the limited time we have to make an impact. The impact should include the path traveled as we leave behind an example of righteous living having walked the pathway of righteousness.

When we depart, we will all be known for something. We have such a short time to construct something good. It does not happen accidentally. *Let us tune our hearts to sing thy grace, streams of mercy never ceasing...Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God...He to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood...oh to grace how great a debtor I'm constrained to be...Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wondering heart to thee...praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming Love.*

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.

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FUND

will be hosting a fundraiser on September 19, 2026, from 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM.

Come find out about the great mission works

being supported through the White Rock Fund. **A free lunch is provided, but you need to register at <https://whiterockfund.org/>.** And you'll get the opportunity to participate in them through giving. Come find out what great things God is doing around the world.

LEADERSHIP MEETING — The elders, deacons, and the preacher will be meeting today, Sept. 13 at 4PM to discuss the business of the church. If you have something that you would like for them to discuss, please just let anyone of them know.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Kissingers on a new baby boy.

FOSTER'S CHILDREN'S HOME has left from change cans for anyone who'd like to support the home and good work that they do. Jim Boles says that the cans will even take folding money. Canned chicken and tuna are also welcome.

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,



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prayer, and great Christian fellowship. Rumor has it that they plan on going out for lunch afterward.

COMING UP THIS FALL

- *Gospel meeting* with Ken Dawdy: "How to Study the Bible" on October 11-14. Make definite plans to be here, prioritize it. Tell your friends and family about it. Let's have a huge crowd of fellow Christians and visitors.

- *Fellowship Luncheon* — accompanying our Gospel meeting we will have a fellowship luncheon, while we will also celebrate birthdays that happen in September through November.

- *Men's Breakfast* — Our next men's breakfast will be November 7 at 9AM. The theme will be Veterans' Day.

CURRENT ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

- Sunday AM — A new study on Hebrews
- Wednesday PM — 2 Corinthians

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Judy K. for shoulder surgery and recovery
- Meredith Naquin, Rachel's friend, has undergone brain surgery; surgery went well but now pray for a full recovery
- Doug Jones, is receiving cancer treatment
- Scott W's friends, Mark and Greg, who both have ALS

- The Turners' great nephew, Baylen born with multiple challenges
- Earl Lemons, Dianne H's oldest brother-in-law,
- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords and the church in Pittsfield MA
- Recoveries...
 - Kodie S for quick healing after surgery for a torn meniscus
 - Linda S had knee replacement
 - Shelly Dawdy, knee surgery

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
- Freida R is back at home, but still in need of prayer
- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness
- Dale C in the Ivy in McKinney
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Continued fruit from Burley's mission work in India.
- Churches in New England
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- ☐ 9/13.....Job 34-37
- ☐ 9/14.....Job 38-42
- ☐ 9/15.....Psa 1-9
- ☐ 9/16.....Psa 10-17
- ☐ 9/17.....Psa 18-22
- ☐ 9/18.....Psa 23-31
- ☐ 9/19.....Psa 32-37
- ☐ 9/20.....Psa 38-44



And do not grieve the
Holy Spirit.
(Ephesians 4:30)

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 VAST!

It is not often that the Bible encourages us to use our imagination. The commands, principles, and revelations from God are not open to "interpretations" and opinions of men. But Ephesians 3:17-19 is one of the rare exceptions:

so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. (NAS95)

Of course, love is not a tangible, three dimensional thing that can be measured in width, length, height, or depth. Nevertheless, the invitation of the inspired apostle Paul is to try to imagine or comprehend how vast the love of the Lord is. Let's imagine with him.

So, how broad or wide is the love of Christ? It is wide enough to include both Jews and Gentiles. This was probably the primary point of this Scripture, since the context is encouraging that the Jewish Christian embrace his Gentile brother in Christ. But the principle continues to apply. Christ's love is wide enough to include black and white, rich and poor, American or Asian, tall or short, the righteous and sinners, north or south, country folk or city folk, fat or thin, well-educated and not educated at all, brilliant or not, and everything inbetween. Christ's love includes everyone who has every drawn breath. Praise God that He love us all.

But how long is the love of Christ? Our imagination should take us to before the beginning of time, before the world was made. Before the beginning, God was already planning mankind and how to rescue them from their sins from eternity, before the foundation of the world (1 Peter 1:19,20 and Ephesians 1:4). And that love and God's plan for redeeming man **is the story** of the Bible from Genesis through Revelation. But Christ's love will extend even beyond the end of time. In other words, Christ's love extends from eternity before the world, through time, and onto eternity beyond this world. Through all our sins, through all the frustrations God has had with us, through all our disloyalty, and through all our "thick-headedness" the Lord's love has persevered with a love that still seeks to bless and benefit us. What astounding love!

How high is the love of Christ? We can imagine this dimension of the love Christ to describe the nobility, the holiness, magnanimity, generosity, grandeur, and magnificence of His love. No love could be higher than that which out of pure grace and mercy willingly dies for enemies to save them from destruction. Paul put so beautifully, *"For while we were still*

helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:6-8 NAS95). How grateful we should be as God's creatures that He should take thought of us and be so generous.

Lastly, how deep is the love of Christ? It was deep enough for Christ *"who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:6-8 NAS95).* Think of it, although Christ was equal with God, He still went lower, lower, lower than any of us had the right to expect. It was deep enough to wash the feet of the apostles at the Last Supper and then die for a sinful world just a few hours later.

Now we may be prone to stand in awe at the vastness of such a love in the same way that we may stand in awe of the night sky and the Milky Way, and we should. But I think that Paul intended to press beyond sheer awe at the love of God; there's a real point here that we should not miss.

We are told that **"YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY"** (1 Peter 1:16 NAS95). Therefore **OUR** love should be like Christ's love. So let's apply the vastness of Christ's love for others to our love.

How wide is our love? Wide enough to include those who are not like us, those of another religion, those of another political belief, those of a different race or nation? Is our love too narrow sometimes to be a good neighbor or to share the Gospel as we should?

How long is our love? Is it patient or long-suffering in the face of frustration or persecution or does our love melt away quickly with those who don't deserve it?

How high is our love? Is it generous and gracious toward those who need our love, and have no way to pay us back? Is it noble and holy, or is it common and only about as "high" as the rest of the world?

How deep is our love? Will it truly lower itself to menial tasks? Or are there things that are too far below our dignity, or our position in life, to do a lowly job to serve someone else?

Of course, we'll never be able to be as completely loving as Jesus was, we remain flawed human beings even as Christians; but we should be aspiring to and working at imitating such love. Jesus said, **"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another: (John 13:34 NAS95).**

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN AUGUST

13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:00AM Bible classes 10:00AM Worship 4:00PM Leadership meeting 6:00PM Worship		- Chris & Jessica S. ❤️ - Chris & Sarai L. ❤️ - Susie C. 🙏 9:00AM Ladies' Class	- Judy I. 🙏 7:00PM Wed. Bible class	Roland C. 🙏		Emerson S. 🙏

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of September 13AMPMWed.

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 Opening PrayerRalph KMarty K
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Sermon Notes...
