

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"*

STANDING UP FOR JESUS

This article has little to do with whether we stand up or remain seated during worship. Scriptures would suggest that 'worship' takes place within the heart and mind of an individual. This is identified by the Apostle Paul in **1 Corinthians 11:26-29**. The context is regarding the Lord's Supper and the spiritual method of observing it. The warning is given that there is a method of observance that is not acceptable; *"wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord."*

The original intent is to forever remember, within our heart and mind, the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord; the sacrifice He made for the purpose of salvation; that we would not have salvation were it not for the Plan that was designed for that very purpose. To absent-mindedly partake without revering the Savior is one way we can partake in an 'unworthy fashion'. As it relates to worship, the same standard can apply. To absent-mindedly attend, or absent-mindedly participate in congregational singing (*with the spirit and understanding also **1 Corinthians 14:15***) or prayer being offered up to God can be construed as "unworthy worship".

Concerning the Lesson, we should follow along and be certain *"whether these things be true"* **Acts 17:11** and learn the lessons being taught...it is the Word of God, *"that will judge us in the last day"*. **John 12:48-49**. Although for many of us, our actions during worship may be the best way to 'stand up for Jesus', it is anticipated that we take the Word with us when we leave, and conform to its teaching in every day experiences.

Could we be better as Christians? Most of us would likely say yes, but the next question is, how could we better display and influence our families, friends, neighbors and co-workers? How can we, as individuals, stand up for Jesus in a positive spiritual way on a daily basis? One of the best scriptures for us to consider is given in **Romans 2:6-7** reminding us that *"God...will render to every man according to his deeds...to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life."* When we obey the gospel, we choose a life of **Romans 12:2**, *"transformed by the renewing of your mind"* and standing up for Jesus in a special way.

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 .

THE WHITE ROCK

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 Sunday, 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, to be undergoing brain surgery, Sept 11
- 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

- ☐ 9/6.....Esther 8-10
- ☐ 9/7.....Job 1-5
- ☐ 9/8.....Job 6-10
- ☐ 9/9.....Job 11-15
- ☐ 9/10.....Job 16-21
- ☐ 9/11.....Job 22-28
- ☐ 9/12.....Job 29-33
- ☐ 9/13.....Job 34-37



Know the Bible well
and you will always
know what to say to
the world around us

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.

GOD'S RESCUE WILL BE GOD'S WAY

Psalm 119 is a great paean of praise for God's eternal, righteous, and inerrant word; and the longest psalm in the Bible at 176 verses. But it is much more than just an exercise in how many ways you can praise God's word. There's real substance here, and one of the substantial themes of Psalm 119 is that God will rescue those who keep His word.

On the surface this might seem like a generic promise of God's blessings on the obedient. But there's much more here than that. For example...

Psalms 119:58-61 "I sought Your favor with all my heart; Be gracious to me according to Your word. I considered my ways And turned my feet to Your testimonies. I hastened and did not delay To keep Your commandments. The cords of the wicked have encircled me, But I have not forgotten Your law."

One of the most likely times in life to abandon God's way is when enemies and oppressors surround us. Sadly we revert rather quickly to worldly thinking, but the psalmist is pointing out the fact that he has not forgotten God's commands; he had done what God wanted even in the midst of trouble; and that is the basis of his plea and his hope for God's rescue.

Or consider this part of Psalm 119...

Psalms 119:165-168 "Those who love Your law have great peace, And nothing causes them to stumble. I hope for Your salvation, O LORD, And do Your commandments. My soul keeps Your testimonies, And I love them exceedingly. I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies, For all my ways are before You."

There are many more similar passages in Psalm 119 that I could cite, but I'd like to make this practical point: God's rescue must always be God's way—not ours. Consider some of the more famous rescues from God...

- By an ark and a global flood. Why? Does it matter? Do you want to be rescued?
- By 10 Plagues. Why? Does it matter? Do you want to be rescued?
- By a walk on dry ground over the Red Sea. Why? Does it matter? Do you want to be rescued?
- By holding up a staff over Moses' head. Why? Does it matter? Do you want to be rescued?
- With only 300 soldiers against thousands. Why? Does it matter? Do you want to be rescued?
- By getting thrown in a fiery furnace. Why? Does it matter? Do you want to be rescued?
- By getting thrown into a lions den. Why? Does it matter? Do you want to be rescued?

- Through a cross and a tomb. Why? Does it matter? Do you want to be rescued?

While it is true that occasionally God has discipline in mind, when He says "No" to a prayer for rescue, there is another possibility that we often pretend "just couldn't be"—sometimes we are messing up God's rescue by being disobedient. God's rescue demands that we do what God has said we should do.

Let me illustrate: To be rescued by a helicopter, you often wear a harness that you need to put on properly and safely secure—you can't just grab onto their cable like action heroes in the movies (even if it is cool). Rescue from cancer often involves surgery or radiation or chemo or a combination of them—you can't just take a mild anti-cancer pill and wake up cured (don't we wish?). Financial rescue usually involves unpleasant long term life-style changes—you can't depend on a cheery, rich uncle to bail you out (ah, if only...). There are things that are necessary to do to be rescued.

In everyday life we often ask God for rescue from messes we find ourselves in; and then we lie, or we cheat, or we hide from it, or we put off doing something about it, or we do something else ungodly. And then we still expect God to rescue us, and are disappointed when He doesn't.

Do we really want rescue? Follow His directions, do His commands, obey His precepts, follow His way. That's what made the psalmist expect God would rescue him.

It works this way in the spiritual realm, too. God gave His Son to die for sinful mankind, because (to make a long story short) mankind simply cannot redeem themselves. Moreover, God has given us what we must do to take advantage of His gracious provision in our deep need: believe in Jesus as God's Son, Savior, and Lord (John 3:16); repent of sinful living and resolve to follow Jesus (Acts 2:38); confess before others that Jesus is God's Son (Romans 10:9,10); and obey the Lord in water baptism (immersion) in the name of Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins and reception of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).

Yet, many still try to redeem themselves with good works, "earn" their way to Heaven. Still others preach a "sinner's prayer", others a "born again experience", and still others seek God's rescue by "being a spiritual person" (a phrase that can be individually defined). They'll expect rescue, but will be disappointed. You see, God's rescue is always on God's terms, not ours. God has said so.

Do we really want rescue? Follow His directions, do His commands, obey His precepts, follow His way. Get rescued God's way, because God's rescue is on God's terms, not ours.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN AUGUST

6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00AM Bible classes 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Worship	Labor Day	9:00AM Ladies' Class	- Reiven H. 7:00PM Wed. Bible class	Rowan B.	Jim B.	

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of September 6AMPMWed.

AnnouncementsBurley SBurley S
 Song Leading.....Doug JScott WReiven H
 Opening PrayerReiven H.....Ron M
 CommunionKyle J.....Charles H
 Scripture.....John 13:5-17
 Closing PrayerJim BMarty K
 Greeter.....Yaw F

Week of September 13AMPMWed.

AnnouncementsJim BJim B
 Song Leading.....Scott WDoug J.....Charles H
 Opening PrayerRalph KMarty K
 CommunionCharles H.....Reiven H
 Scripture
 Closing PrayerDoug JTom R
 Greeter.....Ralph K



Sermon Notes...
