

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"*

THE MEASURE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

I trust that each of us has performed a test of measuring our faith and belief by Scripture. Naturally, we should all strive to compare our present 'spiritual' status with the standard God has given us by inspiration that we may get an idea of how we "measure up". In **2 Corinthians 10** there is an interesting series of remarks by the apostle Paul regarding this very standard. It is interesting to follow the 18 verses, in which Paul is declaring the justification of the power and authority given to them by God Himself. The following is a synopsis of what is written for us to review (in part):

"[T]hough we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh [for the weapons of our warfare is not carnal (fleshly) but mighty through God] casting down...every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ: having a readiness to revenge all disobedience...which the Lord has given us for edification and not for destruction...for we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise: But we will not boast of things without (beyond) our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God has distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you. For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth".

Many will discount the ideas taught within these verses on the basis of "being confused" or that the meditation sought by these ideas are difficult and have "little or no affect" upon the average Christian. However, as the recipients of this inspired scripture, let us not be too quick to discount the message. Paul is explaining two things to us: 1. The 'rule' as a source of authority (those who have the responsibility of authority as in "rulers in spiritual matters") and 2. A source of measurement for spiritual standards, much like the 'ruler' which is accepted as a standard of measurement for 12 inches.

The lesson is two-fold: all spiritual and religious authority is exclusive to God, and the measurement is based upon the standard that has been given. We should always measure ourselves by God's standard, and do so on a regular basis.

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 .

SUNDAY EVENING SERIES — will continue on the parables of Jesus. This Sunday PM: "The Wise and Foolish Builders".

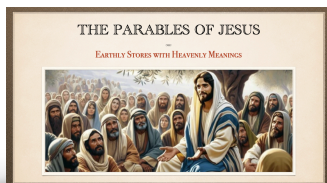
THIS EVENING before worship, we'll have our monthly singing practice at 5PM. Join us to learn some new songs.

NEXT SUNDAY Park will be out of town and Doug Jones will be filling the pulpit.

SATURDAY APRIL 26TH - This will be our ladies' annual **Spring Fling**. It will be in the fellowship building at 11:00 AM. More information will be forthcoming soon.

EASTER is only a couple weeks away (April 20), and while we celebrate the Lord's resurrection each first day of the week, Easter is one of the two big holidays that can bring in the usually non-church going lost ones. Don't miss the opportunity to ask your neighbor, friend, relative, or colleague to come with you this Easter.

SEWING MINISTRY The ladies resumes again April 10 and 17. Come enjoy good work for the Lord by serving others and great fellowship between sisters.



Revive and Thrive in 2025

CAMP DEER RUN CAMPERSHIPS — If you'd like to help with sending our youth to Camp Deer Run this summer, please give any special donations to any of the elders.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP the Pittsfield MA church? We have an ongoing monthly benevolence program to help the church of Christ in Pittsfield Mass. See Trudy R. to contribute.

NEW REQUEST...

- Ralph L. has come home from the hospital, but still suffers from double vision. Pray God for a quick recovery.
- Reiven H had surgery this past week and came home on Tuesday. Thank the Lord for a successful surgery and a complete recovery.
- Kim had some surgery this past week. Pray for a quick recovery for her.
- Alene and Lynn T were at church Sunday. Let's thank God for their health progress.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- From Juliana: Pray for Becky B., recovering from tongue cancer surgery.
- Elizabeth's cousin Tracy to recover from Lupus, and also her cousin Debbie H who has been recovering from neck surgery and setbacks.
- Jim B.'s son, Jeff's wife is terminal.
- Ora H's health
- Mary H is recovering at home.

- Emma's grandmother, Karla R, dementia and cancer.
- Bonnie D recovering from a minor stroke.
- Sue C: digestive problems
- Ora H, kidney
- Churches in New England
- Brethren in India
- Our elders, deacons, preacher, teachers, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness & friend Jeff
- Carol P.
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Rosa's friend Isabella, heart lesion
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Ken C.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Apr 6, 1 Sam 28-31
- Apr 7, 2 Sam 1-3
- Apr 8, 2 Sam 4-7
- Apr 9, 2 Sam 8-11
- Apr 10, 2 Sam 12-13
- Apr 11, 2 Sam 14-15
- Apr 12, 2 Sam 16-17

To worship God is to humble everything about ourselves and exalt everything about him. —

Bob Kauflin

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.

BURYING THE LEAD

"Burying the lead" is a phrase that comes out of the news reporting business. Whether it's a newspaper or TV or radio broadcast, the news editor has to decide which news stories are the most important and which are of lesser importance. The most important news gets the headline in the paper, and in the broadcast world, the most important news is the first story to be reported — the lead story. Once in a while a really important story, by miscalculation or bias, gets "buried" below the fold or somewhere else less prominent — or in the broadcast world, gets reported toward the end with very little air time. That's "burying the lead".

To illustrate in a more relatable way, can you imagine this? A husband comes in from work and says, "I saw the cutest cat picture today on Facebook, it was hilarious. And I saw your friend Susie at lunch today; she says hi. I hear we may get a little rain tonight. And oh yeah, by the way I got a pretty big promotion and raise today and we're moving to San Francisco." That's also "burying the lead".

Bringing this idea over to spiritual matters, do we sometimes "bury the lead" of the Good News of the Gospel? Sometimes we miscalculate the importance of the Good News of the Gospel. This can happen when the things of this world have become too important — when TV shows, sports scores, careers, local gossip, politics, and the newest model of your favorite car become the exclusive "lead stories" in our daily interactions with family, friends, and colleagues. But of course, such a typical devaluation of the Gospel could not be further from the truth; it is truly super-important. Not only does Romans 1:16 tell us that the power of salvation is the Gospel, but Romans 10:14 explains it logically, "How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?" Don't bury the lead by miscalculating the superlative importance of this Good News.

But even if we are personally convinced of the importance of the Gospel, we often have another barrier to overcome, our belief that our family, friends, and colleagues will have no interest in this news. Sometimes this is true, but not always. In fact, in my experience everyone has an interest in their soul at some point in their life — even the people that we'd usually judge as having no interest whatever. Take, for example, people like Matthew the tax collector, Zaccheus, the chief tax gatherer, and the Christian persecutor, Saul of Tarsus. Did you know that

gang members have occasionally become Christians? It may be true that many folks may not be interested in the most important news ever heard, but we dare not make that decision for them, do we?

And one other barrier to overcome is sometimes that we assume that the people, to whom we could be telling the truth of the Gospel, have already heard it. But once again, this may not be true at all. There are still many an "Apollos" among the friends, family, and acquaintances that we have, people who have heard some of the truth, but need to know the rest of it. Most religious groups teach some of the truth; but people from those groups need to hear the sum of the truth. Our missionary to India recently converted over 200 denominational preachers, who hadn't heard the complete truth and responded in obedience to it. Don't bury the lead with those who haven't heard "the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27). Share with them the truth that there is more to the story than they know.

We don't have it as a hymn in our present songbook, but the title and words of *You Never Mentioned Him to Me* have always moved me. In case you're not familiar with it, the first verse goes...

*When in the better land,
And Before the bar we stand,
How deeply grieved our souls will be,
If any lost one there
Should cry in deep despair,
"You never mentioned Him to me!"*

chorus

*"You never mentioned Him to me!
You helped me not the light to see.
You knew me day by day,
And knew I was astray,
Yet never mentioned Him to me."*

How many people do we see, interact with, visit with, are related to, lived next door to, chat with, eat dinners with, go to games with, work with, shop with, or play with day after day — yet never talk about the Savior with, never invite to church, or never talk about your faith with? And yet, day by day we all get one day closer to death or the second coming of the Great Judge of all mankind.

While the word "gospel" in Greek is translated "good news" it is actually much more — not better, not great, but the best news. Don't "bury the lead"!

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN APRIL

	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 5:00PM First Sunday singing practice ■ 6:00PM Worship 			<p style="text-align: center;">Sandy L. </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class 	<p style="text-align: center;">Ken C. </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 	<p>Sewing ministry at from 10 to 2</p>		

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of April 6AM.....PM.....Wed.

AnnouncementsJim BJim B
 Song LeadingDoug J.....Scott W.....Reiven H
 Opening PrayerDavid J.....Jim B
 CommunionJohn SBurley S
 Closing Prayer.....Scott W.....Jeremy C
 A/V Control.....Charles H.....John SHunter M
 Greeter.....Yaw F

Week of April 13AM.....PM.....Wed.

AnnouncementsJohn SJohn S
 Song LeadingScott W.....Doug JJim B
 Opening PrayerMarty K.....Burley S
 CommunionBurley S.....Charles H
 Closing Prayer.....Jim BCharles H
 A/V Control.....John SHunter M.....Charles H
 Greeter.....Hugh R



Sermon Notes...
