

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 GREAT WARNING

One of the more prominent warnings in the Holy Scriptures is given by the Apostle Peter in his 2nd letter. It is written *"to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ."* It is apparent that we should be recipients of the Apostle's sincere warning, most dramatically expressed in the 3rd Chapter of the Epistle.

The 1st warning is given in ***II Peter 3-6*** pertaining to scoffers who doubt the impact of what God has identified in Scripture as 'The End' ***I Corinthians 12:24-28***. A reference is made to the judgement of God upon mankind by reason of disobedience by The Flood. We understand that God offered the 'bow in the sky' with the promise that a flood would not happen again. However, the writer is clear with the warning given by Inspiration in ***verse 7***, *"But the heavens and the Earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the Day of Judgement and perdition of ungodly men."*

If there is a doubt in regard as to how this might happen, we read in ***Verse 10***, *"But the Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."* The next verse brings the obvious question, *"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?"*

Naturally, the best answer is that every person would agree that the way of Truth in Christ Jesus would be the obvious answer. However, many will have believed the scoffers and remain obstinate, ignoring all previous warnings. There is a very good example provided in ***Luke 16:19-31***, revealing the logic of God's Great Plan; The Gospel provides the warning and the resolution for salvation. It is both simple and available to all of mankind. The individual who sees the value of righteousness, and the pain associated with the alternative has been given the warning. With this comes a wonderful solution through the blood of Jesus, rebirth through Baptism, and walking in the light of His word. All who disregard, will on that day...bow the knee in vain.

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 .

LEADERSHIP MEETING

- Our financial situation remains solid; we gained \$3980.99 from last month's cash on hand.
- Park continues working on Bible class curriculum so that our children will have a more complete knowledge of the Bible.
- It was pointed out that we could probably use some signage to "Turn here", since our entrance has changed.
- Fall meeting advertising will include banners, Facebook, getting lists from members to contact, offering free Bibles, free Bible study offers, correspondence course offers were all suggested and will be followed up on.
- Cleve Stafford will be given access to our UNAS resources for when Cleve is gone or needs some educational material.

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. And you'll get the opportunity to participate in them through giving.



Whether you can give or not, come find out what great things God is doing around the world.

LADIES CLASS resumes on August 18, Tuesday, 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.

THE MERICKS son, Konrad, had back surgery and they've been caring for him in OK, but he's doing much better now and they are home.

Thanks for prayers

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...

- Ralph L at home recuperating
- Linda C, heart oblation
- 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
- Kodie S for quick healing after surgery for a torn meniscus
- Recoveries...
 - Linda S had knee replacement
 - Shelly Dawdy, knee surgery
 - Lynn Turner, now at home.
- The Turners' great nephew, Baylen born
- Earl Lemons, Dianne H's oldest brother-in-law,

If you're born only once you'll die twice but if you're born twice you'll die only once

- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords and the church in Pittsfield MA

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 has been moved to Baybrook Rehab on Lake Forest in McKinney.
- 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

- ☐ Sun, Aug 16, 2026 .2 Chron 5-7
- ☐ Mon, Aug 17, 2026 2 Chron 8-10
- ☐ Tue, Aug 18, 2026 .2 Chron 11-14
- ☐ Wed, Aug 19, 2026 2 Chron 15-18
- ☐ Thu, Aug 20, 2026 .2 Chron 19-22
- ☐ Fri, Aug 21, 2026 ...2 Chron 23-25
- ☐ Sat, Aug 22, 2026 ..2 Chron 26-28
- ☐ Sun, Aug 23, 2026 .2 Chron 29-30



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.

GETTING "20/20 FORESIGHT"

Who has announced this from of old? Who has long since declared it? Is it not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me, A righteous God and a Savior; There is none except Me. (Isaiah 45:21 NAS95)

I listened to a class from Yale on the history of western civilization a few years ago. One thing that really struck me has been how certain pivotal events in history didn't seem like such watershed moments to the people who lived in those times. Their lives continued pretty much along the same trajectory (except, of course, for the people who were executed or killed in war). It was only in retrospect, sometimes a century or two down the line, when men would say that such and such an event was the beginning of the collapse of an empire or the beginning of an era, like the Dark Ages, for example.

Reflecting on that truth, I noticed in life how certain decisions, certain deeds, certain events in life often go unnoticed—life goes on along the same trajectory as before. We get pulled in by sin and afterward things don't seem to be radically changed. Things continue to go on largely the same...for a while—leading us to believe that the sin we've committed really doesn't have any big effect, no serious consequences. So, we do it again...and again—getting pulled in deeper and deeper. We don't know that we're veering off into the weeds until it's too late.

Then we look back and realize what a watershed moment it was—years later. We call it "20/20 hindsight", the realization that this or that decision, that turn to the left or the right, that word, or that deed was a crucial mistake that effected the rest of life, and sometimes eternity. And I noticed how we long for the wisdom, the ability, to see beyond the end of our noses and have "20/20 foresight". It is the reason that movies like "Back to the Future" and others like it capture our attention; we all wish for a time machine to be able to undo the watershed deed and make a better future for ourselves, in the fashion of Marty McFly.

Interestingly enough, Christians have at their disposal, not a time machine, but a revelation from God who does indeed have "20/20 foresight". God has been watching the human drama since day one with all of its errors, horrors, goofs, good intentions gone awry, and selfish evil; and in His grace He has given us a better way of living. It is a way of living that doesn't end in grief, regret, or death.

In Scripture we get to see stories of real people who lived in situations not that different from our own. We receive commandments that will benefit us, despite being admittedly difficult sometimes—they are not "the path of least resistance". We receive wisdom in places like Proverbs. We find philosophic reflections on the meaning of life in places like Ecclesiastes. We get the curtain pulled back on the spiritual

back-story of some of the suffering we endure in Job. We find correction in the prophets, and a perfect example in the Gospels in the life of Jesus. And we even get personal counsel on how to change our minds, our hearts, our words, our attitudes, and ultimately our deeds—Paul calls it "newness of life"—in the letters to churches and individuals in the New Testament. We even get a glimpse forward to the final victory in the book of Revelation. It is nothing less than "20/20 foresight".

And it applies to more than just individuals; it also applies to churches. In Scripture we've been given a pattern for the church to follow, and we've been warned against false doctrine and changes to God's pattern. We've been given clear conclusions about the church following the Lord and the results of departing from His way, of holding to the pattern and of adding men's traditions. We're given examples in, for example, Revelation of churches whose love grew cold vs. those whose love remained faithful under all sorts of persecution, of churches who remained faithful in teaching and practice vs. those whose morals and doctrines were way off the mark. In Scripture are examples of what happens when the church compromises, absorbs the world's ways, and caters to the whims and desires of who don't want to be separate (2 Cor. 6:14ff).

The problem, as individuals and as churches, is that we often don't believe God's "foresight". The world and Satan and even our own bodies tell us that God's foresight may be alright for other people, other times, or other situations—but "I know what I'm doing". And it will even look that way for a while.

Then "Boom".

Maybe not today. Maybe not next week, or next month, or next year. Maybe not even in our lifetime (in some cases). But worldly wisdom, sin, always ends the same way. It always catches up with us.

The world can only use history, though it usually doesn't, to predict outcomes. And even so, it often draws the wrong conclusions and still goes astray. That's why it longs for time machines. But the Christian has a loving God who has seen the mess we've made, has given His Son to take away the guilt and consequences of our sins (if we'll believe and obey), and gives us a new kind of life—one with "20/20 foresight".

Read the Bible. Listen. Reflect. Heed. Obey.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN AUGUST

16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:00AM Bible classes 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Worship		Joan V. 7:00PM Wed. Bible class		Jim & Carol P.	Beverly W.	Dale & Lavonia C.

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of August 16.....AMPMWed.

AnnouncementsJim BJim B
Song Leading.....Scott WDoug J.....Reiven H
Opening PrayerDavid JTom R
CommunionJohn SMarty K
Scripture
Closing PrayerCharles H.....Ralph K
Greeter.....Yaw F

Week of August 23.....AMPMWed.

AnnouncementsCharles H.....Charles H
Song Leading.....Doug JScott WCharles H
Opening PrayerChris SRalph K
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Sermon Notes...
