

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"*

MESSAGES FROM GOD

On behalf of an anonymous client, The Smith Agency in Ft. Lauderdale FL launched an advertising campaign promoting messages from God in the late 1990's. It consisted of 17 messages, all signed by God, that appeared on area billboards, as well as on the inside and outside of buses. While the messages are not quotations from the Bible, except by way of references, the messages are very biblical and remain relevant to today. Give them a little thought, and perhaps pass them on...

- Let's meet at My house Sunday before the game. — God
- C'mon over and bring the kids. — God
- What part of "Thou shalt not..." didn't you understand? — God
- We need to talk. — God
- Keep using My name in vain and I'll make rush hour longer. — God
- Loved the wedding, invite Me to the marriage. — God
- That "Love thy neighbor" thing, I meant it. — God
- I love you, I love you, I love you. — God
- Will the road you're on get you to My place? — God
- Follow me. — God
- Big Bang Theory? You've got to be kidding. — God
- My way is the highway. — God
- Need direction? — God
- You think it's hot here? — God
- Tell the kids I love them. — God
- Need a marriage counselor? I'm available. — God
- Have you read My #1 best seller? There will be a test. — God



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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THE WHITE ROCK FUND

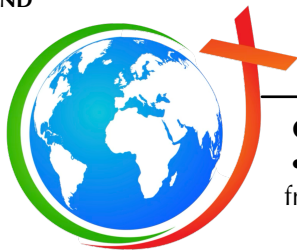
will be hosting a fundraiser on September 19, 2026, from 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM. Come find out about the great mission works being supported through the White Rock Fund. And you'll get the opportunity to participate in them through giving. Whether you can give or not, come find out what great things God is doing around the world.

WHAT A WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP

LUNCHEON we had last Sunday. We all got our fill of wonderful food and great fellowship! Plan on coming to the next in October.

COMING UP THIS FALL

- **Ladies Class** resumes on August 18 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.
- **Gospel meeting** with Ken Dawdy: "How to Study the Bible" on October 11-14.



THE WHITE ROCK FUND



- **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 Cor. 10

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Tom R. to recover from a fall from which he received many cuts and bruises
- Elizabeth's family at the passing of her aunt Barbara and her cousin Debbie who had a bad reaction to medication
- Meredith Naquin, Rachel's friend, to be undergoing spinal surgery.
- 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
- Shelly Dawdy, knee surgery
- Freida R. in BSW on 380, room 333
- Recoveries...
- Linda S had knee replacement
- The Mericks son, Konrad, had back surgery.
- Lynn Turner, now at home.
- The Turners' great nephew, Baylen born
- Travis York, son of the the Yorks who were members of this con-

Aim for more than just being successful, aim to be useful.

gregation years ago, has had some health complications,

- Earl Lemons, Dianne H's oldest brother-in-law,
- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords' (our missionaries in Pittsfield, Massachusetts) granddaughter Peyton has returned to live in the Dallas area.

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Eloise Isbell
- Elizabeth's cousins Tracy with Lupus
- 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

- ☐ 8/22 Kgs 17-18
- ☐ 8/32 Kgs 19-21
- ☐ 8/42 Kgs 22-24
- ☐ 8/51 Chron 1
- ☐ 8/61 Chron 2-4
- ☐ 8/71 Chron 5-6
- ☐ 8/81 Chron 7-9
- ☐ 8/91 Chron 10-12



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.

WHAT DOES "QUALITY FAITH" DO FOR ME?

'...faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight...' (Hebrews 11:33-34 NAS95)

In our bulletin series study on faith, we've stressed the truth that not just any faith will do; that it must be in the God of the Bible — It really does matter what you believe. We've also seen that there is a certain quality that our faith in God must have, the kind of faith that makes you do something; because faith without works is dead (James 2). But what does a faith like that **do** for you?

It sees you through trials. Real faith remembers and trusts in the promise "that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28 NAS95). Such faith is convinced of God's providential care for even the lilies of the field, of God's trustworthiness, and of God's greater purpose. And when God does turn our "lemon" into "lemonade", faith is able to "see" God's hand at work in providence, which prepares us for the next test.

It cements my anchor of hope in place, when persecution and suffering arises. In connection with faith strengthening us in trials, it also reminds us God's promises of the new world that lies ahead. Knowing through faith that this life isn't all there is and that in fact as wonderful as this life is, there's an even better one awaiting the faithful. There's a resurrection body that's eternal, incorruptible, and without sickness, pain, or disability. There's a seat at God's banquet table awaiting us. There's a place of no more sorrow, grief, worry, or want as we stand in the full radiance of God's glory! There is a glory, which Paul tell us is far beyond comparison to any suffering we might do here on earth (Romans 8:18). When our faith has such a hope, we are securely anchored against even the fiercest storm of persecution or opposition.

It sees you through temptation. True faith in what God says to be right and true keeps us on the straight and narrow path. The world will always want to blur the lines of right and wrong, try to find loopholes, manufacture justifications, and create excuses for sinful deeds. The world will ask, like a petulant teenager, "Why??" and attempt a "work-around", an exception, or a thousand hypothetical situations to avoid obedience. But real faith will

fortify the soul against the lusts of the flesh, the lusts of the eye and the boastful pride of life. Such a faith knows what the Lord has said about falling away (1 Cor. 6:9ff) through sinful behavior.

It comforts us in our grief. Paul wrote the church in Thessalonica about faith in our grief and reminded them of the doctrine of the resurrection, so that they wouldn't grieve as do the rest who have no hope. One of the reasons that Christians needn't grieve as the rest of mankind does at the death of a loved one is that we know that death is not the end. Grief is largely about loss, and the Christian knows that if his loved one is faithful, and if he is faithful, death will be only a temporary separation.

It strengthens and fortifies us through our worries and fears. If there was ever a time to be afraid it would have been when Nebuchadnezzar threatened Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego with the fiery furnace, but their faith quelled their fear and became boldness in the face of the most powerful man of the time. When you can know assuredly by faith that the Lord is on your side Goliaths are nothing to fear, Nebuchadnezzars can be boldly confronted, stepping out on the water is possible, and even death itself (now defeated in Christ) can be courageously faced.

It can loosen our tongues, when the spiritual truth is opposed. Paul wrote, "I believed therefore I spoke." Although the world expects Christians to keep their faith on mute, faith will trump such a ridiculous command. When a house is on fire, we must naturally speak up, even if it is 3AM and the whole neighborhood is asleep. When there is a heavy object about to fall on someone, we naturally shout, "Watch out!", even if it is a library. So also the Christian, knowing through faith about the eternal consequences of sin, must naturally speak up, regardless of society's disapproval.

What is your faith doing for you? What **could** it be doing for you?

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN AUGUST

■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class				

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of August 2.....AMPMWed.

AnnouncementsJohn SJohn S
 Song Leading.....Scott WDoug J.....Charles H
 Opening PrayerKyle J.....John S
 CommunionChris SReiven H
 Scripture.....John 5:25-28
 Closing PrayerDoug JCharles H
 Greeter.....Jim B

Week of August 9.....AMPMWed.

AnnouncementsBurley SBurley S
 Song Leading.....Doug JScott WJim B
 Opening PrayerJim BReiven H
 CommunionMarty KHugh R
 Scripture
 Closing PrayerJim BBurley S
 Greeter.....Ralph K



Sermon Notes...
