

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"*

SPIRITUAL TIDBITS — JOHN 3:16

One of the things we do with these articles is to compare the popular 'World Views' with the actual 'Spiritual Views'. One that stands out is **John 3:16** (*For God so loved the world*) and the way it is normally used. The idea is that God considered His creation 'good' therefore chose to sacrifice His 'only begotten Son' to redeem the world and its inhabitants by His death-burial-resurrection. The complete Plan was predicted as early as **Genesis 3:15** with the Fall of Man, and the result being a "New heaven and a New earth."

We need to look at **Hebrews 8:7** and see the change that was part of the Plan. It would include the Promise made to Abraham and the eventual Plan for salvation under Christ. Note: "if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second." Can we get the idea often discussed about the SUM of scripture? At first glance, we can think that "God so loved the World" when, in fact **Romans 8: 5-8** God indicates something different. It says, "they that are in the flesh do mind the things of the flesh...to be carnally minded is death...because the carnal mind is enmity with God...so then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

In **James 4:4**, the inspired writer says, "know ye not that the friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whosoever is a friend with the world is the enemy of God." Recently, we discussed **Luke 19:10**, "the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." What would be the difference?

The original creation was "good". With the introduction of disobedience came the Plan of God for redemption through Christ. Because the relationship with mankind was no longer considered good, Jesus came "to seek and to save that which was lost". In an effort to restore the separation of God from man (**Isaiah 59:2**) Jesus' is the part of the plan that is offered. After His resurrection came the Holy Spirit to guide the Apostles to witness and to write the scriptures. God commanded the inclusion of **Galatians 3:22**, "the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe". The choice is ours to make if we plan to be that "good and faithful servant."

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 MONTHLY LEADERSHIP MEETING will be next Sunday afternoon (Dec. 14) at 4PM. If you have something you'd like the elders, deacons, and preacher to discuss for the church, please bring to the attention of any of the church's leadership.

LADIES' CLASS — The last one for the year will be this Tuesday; please see Jessica or Pam if you are able to make it. The gathering will resume at the church building on January 13, Lord willing.

THE LADIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY What a wonderful time was enjoyed by our ladies on Tuesday. A lot of work went into the elaborate decorations and food, so thanks to everyone who contributed to it's success.

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST was yesterday and we learned some

little known facts about Christmas. The next men's breakfast will be January 10

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY Series

— If you didn't get a chance to attend this great series on marriage and family, or if you just want to review it again, you can see it on the church's YouTube channel in a playlist called "Marriage and Family".

THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE has gotten a fresh new look. Check it out and share with others www.rhcoc.org

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Freida Rose broke her hip Friday evening.
- Susie Chaisson had her knee replacement Monday. She reports that she is doing as well as can be expected and wants to thank all of you for the prayers made in her behalf.
- Lynn Turner has been discharged from the hospital and is in Belle Terra rehab in McKinney. This is due to two fractures in his spine and a cracked rib. He also has blood pressure issues. Today, Alene had to go to the hospital which was diagnosed as an inflammation between and around her ribs. She was discharged and is now at home with medication. Pray for both of these to get well and be able to return home recovered.
- Burley S.'s son, Burley Jr. recovering from heart operation
- Nancy J's brother awaiting further testing

- Linda Curry for her Afib
- Stetson Kissinger, fractured leg
- Esther Myrick, low blood count
- The Staffords, our missionaries in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, granddaughter Peyton living with them.
- Churches in New England
- Brethren in India
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Elizabeth's cousin Tracy with Lupus, and also her cousin Debbie
- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Travis Y. feeding tube

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Dec 7, Eph 1-3
- Dec 8, Eph 4-6
- Dec 9, Philippians all
- Dec 10, Colossians all
- Dec 11, 1 Thess all
- Dec 12, 2 Thess all
- Dec 13, 1 Timothy 1-3
- Dec 14, 1 Timothy 4-6

Share God's
Word



“No” is one of God's most loving words.
— Matt Smethurst

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.

MAYBE YOU'VE BEEN MISINFORMED

As a preacher I often run into folks who for whatever reason don't want to believe in Jesus or God or the Bible and try to point out what they believe are clinching arguments against God, Jesus and the Bible. What they don't realize is that their "clinching argument" is based on misinformation.

For example, years ago I was in a graduate school psychology class. We had a couple of guest instructors with whom I had a moral issue. Knowing that I was a preacher and knowing where I was getting my viewpoint from, they tried to disprove the Bible by saying that the Bible said that the color red is a sinful color. I asked them where in the Bible this was found and they had no answer. And I pointed out that I really wanted to know, because I owned a red car. The truth is that they were operating off of something they had heard from somebody who had heard it from somebody else, etc.; and because they wanted to **not** believe in the Bible, they professed their silly "fact" that they believed discredited the Bible as the word of God. They never bothered to check out what the Bible actually said about the color red.

And this is just one of the reasons that people have given for not believing in the God, Jesus, or the Bible. All of them misinformed

Some common misinformation would include, for instance, several of the detail of the birth of Jesus. So since this is that time of year, let's talk about it. In every nativity scene that I've seen over the years there is Joseph, Mary, and baby Jesus in a manger, accompanied by shepherds and 3 wise men. The problem is the wise men. The Scriptures tell us,

"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.'" (Matthew 2:1-2 NAS95)

When the magi found Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, the Scriptures now tell us, "After coming into the **house** they saw the **Child** with Mary His mother; and they

fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11 NAS95). Please notice that they came to a "house", not a stable with a manger, AND that Jesus was considered to be a "CHILD", not a baby or infant. And all this makes sense, when you look at the rest of story, too.

After Herod found out where the Messiah was to be born, the Scriptures say, "Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared." (Matthew 2:7 NAS95)

This is important, because later when the magi went home a different way, Herod wanting to kill Jesus and the Bible tells us,

"Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi." (Matthew 2:16 NAS95).

In other words, Jesus was about two years old when the magi visited.

And one last thing, we really don't know how many magi there were; we only know that there were three categories of gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Nevertheless, years of tradition and unchecked misinformation have put 3 magi at the stable with the shepherds on the night Jesus was born.

My point? There are a number of other things that people believe the Bible teaches — but they've been misinformed. The magi story's misinformation is relatively harmless, but other misinformation is quite crucial and effects out eternity. Things like the divinity of Jesus, the importance and purpose of baptism, and teachings about the church.

Next time and I'll discuss more examples of biblical misinformation.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN DECEMBER

	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 5:00PM First Sunday singing practice ■ 6:00PM Worship 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 	Suzanne D 🙏		

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of December 7AMPMWed.

AnnouncementsJohn SJohn S
 Song LeadingScott WDoug JJim B
 Opening PrayerMarty KTom R
 CommunionChris SReiven H
 Closing PrayerDoug JRon M
 A/V ControlCharles HScott WJohn S
 GreeterRalph K

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Sermon Notes...
