

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"*

Aren't We There Yet?

Every Christian should be concerned about the imminent 2nd coming of Christ, and when it may occur. The prophecies concerning His return to the earth, wherein the Church will be delivered back to the Father, have been referenced since the time of the Apostles. The beginning of the Church (**Acts 2:47**) and the establishment of the Kingdom (**Mark 9:1**, **Luke 9:27**) were plainly provided in the writing of the Apostles. But the coming of the Son of Man has been retained only by the Father according to **Matthew 24:36**.

Remember that the revealing of Christ and the establishment of the Church was "hidden from men and remained a mystery until revealed by God" **Ephesians 3:2-12**. Also, that the "manifold wisdom of God would be made known by the Church" and the proclamation of it. Within these facts, we hold fast the eminent truth of salvation through the blood of Christ and in the obedience of God's Plan for Salvation; Hear-Believe-Repent-Confess and Baptism. As early as recorded in **Matthew 24**, and **Luke 21** even those closest to the Savior, had asked Jesus, "what would be the sign of your return (coming)?"

The answer offered by Jesus does little to provide a direct answer, however is consistent with what we learn from other scriptures. For example, we have mentioned that God has purposely made the answer somewhat ambiguous yet openly viable in **Galatians 3:22**, "But the scripture hath concluded (included) all under sin, that the promise of faith in Christ Jesus might be given to them that believe." In other words, NONE were given salvation because of natural sin (**Romans 3:23**)

However, salvation is available to all through the grace of God but ONLY with repentance and obedience (**II Peter 3:9**).

The explanation Jesus gave to His followers in **Matthew 25:13** can be considered very clear in this regard; "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh." The lives we lead, therefore, must be with purpose and with all readiness to meet our reward. The signs offered in **Matthew 24** are far too familiar to deny that the end is nearer today than it has been. For in the end, **Romans 14:11** remains true, "Every knee shall bow to me and every tongue shall confess to God." This is not the final word for salvation, but the desperation cry of those who refused.

Doug Jones

“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 .

OUR REGULAR LEADERSHIP MEETING is today at 4PM. If you have something that you'd like the leaders of the congregation to discuss, please let one of the elders or deacons or the preacher know.

OUR NEXT POTLUCK will be the Sunday of our Spring Meeting, March 15 after morning worship — see details for this later in these announcements....

SPRING MEETING — The date will be **March 15-18**. The theme will be *“Great Passages from Romans”*. Area preachers that have been confirmed to speak are Wes McAdams (McDermott Rd.), Jack Evans Jr., Seth McDowell (Shawnee Trail), John Wheeler (Crossway), and Park. Plan to come and bring a friend.

DANA BOLEY'S MEMORIAL will be Feb 21, this Saturday, at 11:30 am. at the New York Ave Church of Christ, 5371 New York Ave, Arlington, TX.

LOVE BASKETS — Last Sunday our teens took all the items that were donated to this project, put them

in 13 baskets and delivered them Thursday to Children's Medical in Plano.

BURLEY HAS RETURNED to the states from his India trip. The latest report from his contacts in India is that there have been 202 baptisms in response to the Gospel, including denominational preachers.

LADIES' CLASS — has resumed meeting at the church fellowship hall at 10AM. Join the great Bible study and fellowship.

CYNDEE RUTHERFORD, Nancy Jones' sister-in-law, needs our prayers. She experienced stomach pain and went to the hospital. Tests revealed cancer, but it is too advanced and had spread to other organs for any type of treatment. She will be sent home with hospice to be made comfortable. Please pray for Cyndee, her husband Mark and the rest of the family. Mark is Nancy's oldest brother. The Rutherford and Jones families have had a lot to pray for this last year and we do not need to let up.

CONGRATULATIONS! Word was received yesterday that Hunter Mueller and Silje Bergestuen are engaged to be married and will tie the knot sometime in late October.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- The Rutherfords and Jones (see above)
- Meghan and Leighton (Linebaugh's granddaughter and great-granddaughter)
- Park, for continued healing after knee surgery.
- Freida R. and her continuing health



Unity and peace are very delightful; but they are bought too dear if they are bought at the expense of Truth. – J.C. Ryle

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- Charles H.; pray for complete recovery from shoulder surgery.
- Please pray for continued fruit from Burley's mission work in India.
- Lynn Turner is now at home.
- Linda C for her Afib
- Esther M, 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 C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Travis Y. feeding tube

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun, Feb 15, 2026 | Acts 17-18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mon, Feb 16, 2026 | Acts 19-20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tue, Feb 17, 2026 | Acts 21-22 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wed, Feb 18, 2026 | Acts 23-25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thu, Feb 19, 2026 | Acts 26-28 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fri, Feb 20, 2026 | Rom 1-3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Feb 21, 2026 | Rom 4-7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun, Feb 22, 2026 | Rom 8-10 |

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.

THE DESTRUCTIVE NATURE OF NEGATIVE ATTITUDES

*"Do all things without grumbling or disputing;"
Philippians 2:14*

Did you ever consider the strategy that Satan employed in the first temptation and sin? Oh sure, there was the lure of how delicious the forbidden fruit looked, there was the attraction of knowledge like God's; but what made this mixture of temptation so potent was Satan's deliberate stirring-up of discontent and negativity — God just doesn't want you to be like Him. That seems to have clinched it for Eve! And things tumbled downhill rapidly after that — and have continued to tumble ever since. Negative attitudes are dangerous and destructive.

Negative attitudes sometimes come in the form of discontent or complaint about how things are — or how we're afraid they're going to be. Sometimes it comes in the form of the kind of judgment that the Bible condemns (Matt. 7:1,2), that is, gratuitous criticism about everyone and everything — when a person can't find a good thing to say about anything. Sometimes it comes in the form of rebellion against authority (e.g., Israel against Moses and Aaron — Numbers 17:10). And sometimes it comes in the form of lack of faith in God Himself — "Does God hear us? Will God protect us? God will never answer my prayers!"

And these various forms of negativity are everywhere — far more so than we often realize. I saw a humorous video online recently entitled "Shockingly Negative" about a so-called "Complaint Zapper" that sort of brought this truth home with the implied question, "What if we had one of those zapping dog collars that zapped us every time we said something negative?" Ouch! Not only did it look painful, but it was painful to my conscience about how negative we can sometimes be.

And negative attitudes have such negative results! While Israel was wandering in the wilder-

ness, complaint and grumbling were their regular downfalls. "We don't have enough water. We don't have enough food. We don't like this food. We wish we were back in Egypt with our cucumbers and leeks. We think we're wandering in circles. Who made you leaders, anyway? The Canaanites are too big and strong for us to defeat!" And because of their complaining, they wandered 40 unnecessary years in the wilderness, the original generation who came out of Egypt died in the wilderness, Korah and other leaders of Israel were swallowed up by the earth, many died by plague, many others died by serpent bites, Aaron and Miriam died in the wilderness, and Moses never made it to the promised land. And in our day it can sour marriages, warp our kids, ruin our relationships, suck the joy right out of life, doom good works to failure, and tear down the church.

Negativity discourages others around us; it's contagious and it tends to suck the oxygen out of a room of encouragement and faith. It encourages others to be discontent and to complain. Sometimes it only takes one grumbler to kill a spirit of faith and progress. Furthermore, it discourages leaders. Consider the burden of Moses as he tried to lead Israel out of Egypt and across the wilderness, leadership amidst the constant stream of complaint and grumbling. In fact, it was out of frustration with Israel's grumbling that Moses struck the rock for water (instead of speaking to it as God had commanded) and was barred from the Promised Land. And lastly, negativity has the tendency to become a self-fulfilling prophecy. If I think I can't, if we think we can't, we're already 99% defeated!

Let's stay on the sunny side of life and faith — it will benefit us for the here and now and the hereafter!

Park Linscomb

