

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 Lasting Legacy

The 'Year of 2025' has passed. As we transition from being "an adult" into an aging example of humanity, our interests and our frame of mind begin to change. **1 Corinthians 13:11** describes this as a somewhat natural process for most; "when I became a man, I put away childish things". Although some of us continue to hold-on to those younger notions, it is necessary that we turn our attention to becoming an adult by Spiritual measure as described within the Scriptures.

The process of change can happen without our knowledge. However, as we witness the changes in the people around us we begin to understand that we too are hopefully becoming more mature and accountable as individuals in the Lord's church. **2 Peter 3:17-18** says, "beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." The encouragement of the inspired writer could fall upon deaf ears, but the message is clear; those who are raised 'to walk in newness of life' should pay close attention to current spiritual condition, and make every effort to become useful in the work of the Lord's church.

In the past few months, we have lost several family members and brothers and sisters in Christ through death. For each, we have gathered together and remembered the Love we shared and the moments we share as well. What remains of our memories include the positive spiritual influence each individual has had. For the Christian, this is most important to realize as individuals.

The Bible tells us the "years of man is three score and ten" (70 years). It could extend beyond this "except by reason of strength" but the fact remains, we have a few years to prove out spiritual integrity to our Lord and to our families.

The time we share with others will imprint upon them the life we live and the spiritual priorities we lived by. It cannot be hidden nor can it be denied. The time we have and the lives we lead will then forever be cast in the memories of loved ones. Would it not be best to leave a "lasting spiritual legacy" of our own that might be shared?

The choice is ours to make and the time is now, to leave a legacy that extends beyond our natural life.

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 NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST will be January 10 at 9AM. The encouragement portion of the breakfast will focus on some instruction and encouragement in worship leadership, especially for those who don't have much experience. Doug will be in charge of the food.

A VALENTINE'S PARTY will be on Saturday, February 7th in the fellowship building at 5:00PM. All adults 18 and over are invited. The cost is \$15.00 per person. You can give your money to Nancy Jones or Dianne.

OUR LEADERSHIP MEETING will be today, January 11, next Sunday at 4PM. If you have anything you'd like them to discuss, please tell one of the elder, deacons, or Park.

SCRIPTURE READING will be added to our regular Sunday morning worship schedule just before the sermon.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

• **Sunday Morning Bible Class** — A new study on the book of Ephesians has started. Make your

New Years' resolution to include being at Bible classes at 9AM.

• **Wednesday evening Bible class** starts 2 Corinthians January 14th. Read up and be prepared with questions and comments.

LADIES' CLASS — The gathering will resume at the church building on January 13, Lord willing.

A NEW READ-THE-BIBLE-THROUGH-IN-A-YEAR SCHEDULE is on the table in the foyer. This one will start in the New Testament first and then go to the Old.

WE'RE WORKING ON HAVING A SPRING MEETING using several area preachers on the theme "Great Passages in Romans".

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

www.rhcoc.org

OUR PRAYER LIST...

• Park has scheduled knee surgery for January 19th and he'd certainly appreciate your

prayers for the success of the surgery and the rehabilitation afterward.

- Charles H. had successful shoulder surgery Friday; please pray for complete recovery.
- The Cooper family in their grief in losing Lavonia
- Burley made it safely to India and is now engaged in his mission work; please pray for fruitful labor.
- Freida Rose health

- Lynn Turner is now at home.
- Nancy J's brother in very serious condition
- Linda Curry for her Afib
- 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.

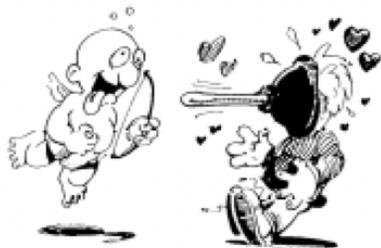
LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

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

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- 1/11Matthew 27-28
- 1/12Mark 1-3
- 1/13Mark 4-5
- 1/14Mark 6-7
- 1/15Mark 8-9
- 1/16Mark 10-11
- 1/17Mark 12-13
- 1/18Luke 14-16

May we all be as quick to encourage as we are to rebuke. — Jackie Hill Perry



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 ABOUT BIBLICAL LOVE

One of the more important virtues of Christianity, the one that is best known even by unbelievers, is love. If some in the world know nothing else about Christianity, they will know that it emphasizes love. But oddly enough it is often among the most misunderstood Christian virtues by both religious leaders and followers. And this misunderstanding has caused some very unnecessary bad turns, just as all misinformation does.

Christianity's teachings, including teachings about love, of course, come from the the Bible's New Testament; and the New Testament was originally written in Greek. The Greeks had more than one word for love. The two most important words, as far as the Bible is concerned, are *agape* and *phileo*. *Agape* is a love that seeks to do good for someone else without any strings or conditions. *Phileo* is friendship love and is based on relationship. But other words included *storge* (family love), *eros* (romantic or sexual love), *ludus* (flirtatious love), *pragma* (mature, enduring love), *philautia* (self-love), and *mania* (obsessive love). English, however, has one word, just love.

Our single word has been the starting place for much deliberate misinformation making possible "persuasive" arguments for some modern false doctrines and moral perversions. Those wanting to justify sexual perversion, for example, argue "All love is good love". Permissive parenting would argue that "Love would never be harsh, because it must always be warm and cuddly." And those professing universal salvation (Universalists) would tell us that God's love will certainly provide salvation to absolutely all of mankind, and the concept of Hell is most certainly wrong.

However, the Bible's teaching about love is really quite different. Not all love is good love. The Bible condemns adultery, homosexuality, incest, promiscuity, prostitution, and every other sexual sin — regardless of whether or not they are motivated by "love". Such "love" comes with much harm in

the here-and-now, not to even speak of the spiritual and eternal disaster.

And sometimes love can be harsh and even punish the object of its love. Every effective parent knows all too well that love for a child sometimes involves punishment, especially when they are too young to speak or reason with. Love will not allow a young child to touch a hot stove, or in the teenage years, do the zillion other dangerous things that teens can get involved with. Every effective elder knows that permissiveness within the church is not really love, because the truth is that sin really does condemn us. Thus, sometimes rebuke and/or withdrawal of fellowship is necessary to bring a straying sheep back into the safety of the doing right.

And speaking of such spiritual matters, the Bible isn't kidding or offering empty threats, when it speaks of a place called Hell. God's love cannot be called into question, just because He will send some people away from the gates of Heaven. He graciously and in profound love for mankind gave the ultimate gift (His Son) to pay the ultimate price (death on the cross) to save all who would believe and obey. God has made salvation easy to understand and easy to do. He has also made the choice clear and unambiguous for mankind to make: choose faith in and obedience to Jesus and go to Heaven, or choose disobedience and go to Hell. No, divine love will not force us to go to Heaven; it must be our deliberate choice made through faith and obedience.

Biblical love, you see, is a conscious choice rather than a warm and fuzzy feeling. It seeks to do good even toward those who make themselves enemies, but it is not a push-over, permissive thing that overrides holiness, righteousness, and justice. These other sorts of "love" as defined by modern false teachers are the human twisting of words that could misinform us out of an eternity in Heaven. Don't be fooled.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JANUARY

	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 4:00PM Leadership meeting ■ 6:00PM Worship 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class 	<div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px; border: 1px solid #d9ead3;"> Ben & Gabby K. </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 			

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of January 11.....AMPMWed.
 AnnouncementsJim BJim B
 Song Leading.....Doug JScott WReiven H
 Opening PrayerReiven H.....Hugh R
 Scripture.....Philippians 3:7-11
 CommunionJim BMarty K
 Closing PrayerDoug JJohn S
 A/V Control.....John SScott WCharles H
 Greeter.....Hugh R

Week of January 18.....AMPMWed.
 AnnouncementsJohn SJohn S
 Song Leading.....Scott WDoug J.....Charles H
 Opening PrayerMarty K.....Jim B
 CommunionReiven H.....John S
 Closing PrayerScott WJim B
 A/V Control.....Charles H.....John S.....Scott W
 Greeter.....Yaw F



Sermon Notes...
