

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"*

Made Known by the Church

We cannot help but consider the statement made by the apostle Paul in ***Ephesians 3:10***, "to the intent...unto all people (beginning with principalities and powers in heavenly places) might be known by the church, the manifold wisdom of God." It is during this discourse that he reveals his personal and public calling by God to him in ***verses 1-12***. Even though he is speaking in first person, we must consider the deeper message given to all who will benefit from these inspired verses.

Paul has exhibited his position as it was appointed by Jesus as a "chosen vessel" ***Acts 9:15***, "to bear my name to the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel." As you recall, this came as a result of Jesus' intervention with Paul on the road to Damascus. In ***verse 6***, Paul obviously reacting to the moment said, "Lord, what will you have me to do?" The answer was both immediate and powerful when Jesus replied, "Arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do." NOTE: This would have been a defining moment, if the scriptures taught that salvation came by acknowledging Jesus as Lord, but Jesus purposely told him, "go into the city and it would be told to you what you must do".

At about the same time, Ananias was having a similar conversation with the Lord, recorded in ***verses 10-16***. Although hesitant to do so, Ananias did as Jesus had instructed and went to find Paul. When Ananias shared what Jesus told him in ***verse 17-18***, the Bible says, "immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales; and he received his sight forthwith, and arose and was baptized". Many will try and say that Paul was saved on the road to Damascus. Actually, Paul asked what he needed to do and Jesus did not answer. He sent him to Ananias to provide the answer. The answer included the laying on of hands, receiving the Holy Spirit and baptism.

The Scriptures teach us the plan for salvation as well as the responsibility we have. Paul mentions in ***Ephesians 3:10***, the salvation that can be had is predicated by faith-repentance-confession-baptism in order to be added to the church. It is then, "by the Church, the manifold wisdom of God is made known". As the church', it is our place to fulfill this mission.

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 .

WORSHIP CANCELLED — Our Sunday Morning worship is cancelled this Sunday because of snow and dangerous weather.

OUR 1ST QUARTER BIRTHDAY POTLUCK will be delayed to February at a date to be determined. When it is rescheduled it will still immediately following AM service. And Care Group 2 is still in charge of set up and breakdown. All Care Groups will need to bring main dishes and side dishes. No desserts. The church is providing birthday cakes. All visitors are invited.

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.

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

IT'S TIME TO START COLLECTING ITEMS for the Children's Hospital "Love Packs." We will have baskets available next week to put stuff in. Last year we delivered 13 large

laundry baskets full of goodies. Flyers will be posted with basket filler ideas. This will be our 5th time delivering these. We've always topped our previous baskets and always shock the hospital staff. For those that don't know, This project is an ongoing tribute to Linda Linscomb and her passion to help children and hospitals."

DANA BOLEY'S MEMORIAL will be Feb 21 @11:30 am. New York Ave Church of Christ 5371 New York Ave, Arlington, TX 76018

PARK'S SURGERY went well on Monday and he has been making encouraging progress. Praise to the Lord and thanks to Park's excellent surgeon Dr. Hopkins

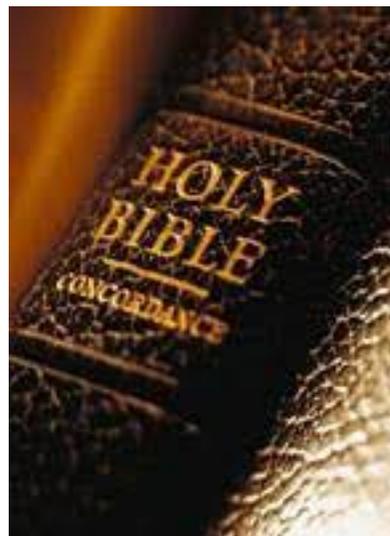
FREIDA R was readmitted to the hospital the latter portion of the week for a number health concerns

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Park had successful knee surgery January 19th. Please pray for the continued healing.
- Freida R. and her continuing health issues.
 - Charles H.; pray for complete recovery from shoulder surgery.
 - Please pray for Burley in India.
 - Lynn Turner is now at home.
 - Nancy J's brother
- 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

- 1/25Luke 12-13
- 1/26Luke 14-16
- 1/27Luke 17-18
- 1/28Luke 19-20
- 1/29Luke 21-22
- 1/30Luke 23-24
- 1/31John 1-3
- 2/1John 4-5

There is a fine line between confidence and arrogance and humility is the filter. –
Corky Calhoun

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 LORD SHOWED MOSES HIS BACK

Moses was called the friend of God. With Moses the LORD spoke "face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend" (Exodus 33:11 and Numbers 12:6-8). At one point, then, Moses asked of God a special favor, "I pray You, show me Your glory! (Exodus 33:18)" God answered his request by telling Moses, that he would hide Moses with His "hand", pass all His goodness before him, but only ultimately let Moses "...see My back, but My face shall not be seen. (Exodus 33:19-23)" This was simply because no man can see God's face and live (Exodus 33:20). Of course, God doesn't have a literal face and literal back; rather, these are metaphors for the full glory of God versus a diminished version of the glory of God. Thus, Moses was shown a diminished version of God, which was enough to cause Moses' face to shine (Exodus 34:29) for a while. What a grand privilege!

We may envy Moses perhaps; but the principle actually applies even today to Christians today. You may have never thought of it this way before, but we have also been shown the "back" of glory.

Consider for example, that Jesus (divinity, equal to the Father) came in the flesh and as the apostle Philip asked (very much like Moses) to be shown the Father, Jesus said, "Have I been so long with you, and you do not know Me?" Moses had to content himself with the "back" of God; but what Christians have may be better than His "back"; we've had God live among us — Emmanuel. While among us, He showed us God's mercy, compassion, wisdom, fiery anger at sin, forgiveness toward repentant hearts, focus on spiritual things rather than on material things, and more. Not God's full glory, but glory enough to swell the heart with wonder and humility.

Connected to this, every Christian baptized into Christ has been granted the promise of Acts 2:38, the Holy Spirit indwelling us as the presence of God, an honor without equal in this world; but one day we'll see and dwell with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to face (see 1 Cor. 13:12).

Right now, we are already God's redeemed people. However, one day we will be "bought back" from this

fallen world, doomed to death and corruption, and be full redeemed in resurrected bodies living in a new heaven and earth of perfection in the very presence of God (see Romans 8:18-25).

While still living in this world, we are now saved, although we have the potential to fall away again (see the parable of the sower, Matthew 13). One day, however, but we will understand full salvation; a full and final rescue from a sin-filled, tragedy filled, sickness and pain filled, and death filled world (Revelation 21:4). A world so wondrously different that we cannot even imagine it (1 Corinthians 2:9).

We have eternal, new life here, in the forms of our walk following after Christ and God's promise. But one day we'll get to live that same kind of life forever in a new heaven and earth — the promise fulfilled — a life greater and more glorious than any we've ever known or known about!

We know joy here, but one we'll know fullness of joy forever.

We are indeed sons even now, inheritors of the wonderful things God has in store for us; but only as "minor children"; one day we'll "gain majority" and be full inheritors.

Every Sunday we have fellowship in communion with the Lord and with others; but this weekly communion is just the poor shadow of the grand banquet in Heaven

The list could easily go on, but the point is that as many blessings and privileges that we know here, we will know more fully at Jesus' second coming. All that God will show us now is the "back" of the blessings, but one day we will see them face to face in all their glory and fullness.

While on earth below, we might grow weary and discouraged with things as they are; but we must always be mindful that the joys, promises, blessings, and hopes we have in Christ in the here and now are only — can only be — the "back" of those joys, promises, blessings, and hopes. The fullness to come is more, so much more.

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JANUARY

	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship ■ 7:00PM Birthday Cake Sunday 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 			<div style="background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 2px; border-radius: 5px; display: inline-block;">Chris S </div>

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of January 25.....AMPMWed.
 AnnouncementsCharles H.....Charles H
 Song Leading.....Doug JScott WReiven H
 Opening PrayerJohn SJohn S
 CommunionYaw FJim B
 Closing PrayerJim BKyle J
 A/V Control.....Scott WCharles H...John S
 Greeter.....Ralph K

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 AnnouncementsJohn SJohn S
 Song Leading.....Scott WDoug J.....Charles H
 Opening PrayerJim BReiven H
 CommunionChris SHugh R
 Closing PrayerCharles H.....Charles H
 A/V Control.....John SScott WCharles H
 Greeter.....Yaw F



Sermon Notes...
