

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

OUR PLACE IN THE HEART OF GOD

Moses apparently had a special place in the heart of God. **Exodus 33:11** "And the Lord spoke to Moses face-to-face (figuratively) as a man speaketh unto a friend..." As we think about this close relationship, we should also consider the relationship that we can have with our Heavenly Father. Although Moses had his imperfections (excluded from entering the Promised Land) he served God with his whole heart. He was able to maintain a close relationship, regardless of his obvious disobedience when he 'hit the rock'. We must anticipate his reserved place in Heaven for his assignment and success in service.

We are all individuals in the eyes of God. Each one of us has a place that is ours alone. God knows the "very number of hairs upon our head" **Luke 12:7** as well as "the thoughts and intents of the heart" **Hebrews 4:12**. Should we not come to realize that in this life, we can benefit from what God has in mind for us just as He did with the children of Israel? This is not a 'spiritual revelation', but a simple observation of **Matthew 6:25-33**, "behold the fowls of the air...the lilies of the field...therefore take no thought...for your heavenly Father knoweth ye have need of all these things..."

We are free to make our own decisions regarding righteousness and how we should live before God, but will "reap what we sow" **Galatians 6:7**. There are benefits in this life that come from God, and we should anticipate being held responsible for mistakes we make in this life as well. We rejoice when a decision is made to "serve the Lord, and be added to the Lord's church" **Acts 2:47**. The body of Christ can be considered a group of brothers and sisters 'worldwide' but first is a body of Christ serving locally.

The difference you make is equal to the dedication you show to God, and the congregation. Physical presence indicates how much Love is in the heart for God as does absence. The congregation is able to teach, encourage and support each family and individual. It deserves a certain level of loyalty for each worship service, and dedication of each soul to help build strength and capability of this congregation. Life will soon pass and we will be measured by the priorities we place now.

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 .

WEDDING SHOWER TABLE for Ben and Charley Kopenski will be in back of the auditorium on July 6th.

JULY 13 BIBLE CLASS — This morning Craig Deputy from Foster's Home for Children will be coming to our congregation and report about the good work being done by this children's home.

LEADERSHIP MEETING — today at 4PM.

MEN'S BREAKFAST — was originally scheduled for July 19 has been rescheduled for August 2.

GROUP OUTING?? — Several of us have gone on a group outing to the Rough Riders baseball games in past seasons and if you'd be interested in an outing on August 1 (a Friday evening) there's a sign up sheet in the back that you could sign. The tickets would be \$19 per person.

DID YOU KNOW... that there are a number of great classes from our Sunday morning and Wednesday

evening Bible classes that are on-line that can be view anytime? Go to YouTube and then search for the Rock Hill Church of Christ channel —@rockhillchurchofchrist405.

THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH — Those who wish to provide the Pittsfield MA church money for their benevolence fund monthly can see Trudy R. to contribute.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS...

- Thanks for Freida being out of the hospital and now at home.
- Ardith has been in Plano Presbyterian since Tuesday.
- Charles H will have out-patient surgery sometime this week regarding a kidney stone
- A young women in Laurel, Delaware, having her first baby, but with complications.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Esther Myrick asks for prayers from us, a very low blood count, especially her white count. Pray that the Lord will heal her.
- Reiven and Ora H — Pray for a quick and complete recovery.
- Ken Conklin is now home, but will still need prayers as he gains strength through PT and OT.
- Suzanne asks for strength for her mother Bonnie. She wants so badly to be able to attend services but does not have the physical strength to do so.
- Our missionary in Pittsfield MA, the Staffords, now has their grand-daughter, Peyton living with. Please pray for them in this transition.
- Mary H is recovering at home.

- Ralph L. suffering from double vision.
- Bonnie D recovering from a minor stroke.
- Sue C: digestive problems
- Churches in New England
- Brethren in India
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.



THE WHITE ROCK FUND
Reporting and Fundraising Day
October 25, 2025
Shawnee Trail church of Christ

Mission reports from all over the world!
Luncheon

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Emma's grandmother, Karla R, dementia and cancer.
- Elizabeth's cousin Tracy with Lupus, and also her cousin Debbie H.
- 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

- Jul 13, Pro 18-21
- Jul 14, Pro 22-24
- Jul 15, Pro 25-28
- Jul 16, Pro 29-31
- Jul 17, Eccl 1-6
- Jul 18, Eccl 7-12
- Jul 19, S. of Sol 1-8
- Jul 20, Isa 1-4

If you want to know a church's theology, just listen to what it sings.

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.

DOES JESUS LIVE IN ME?

John 14:10, 11) "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves."

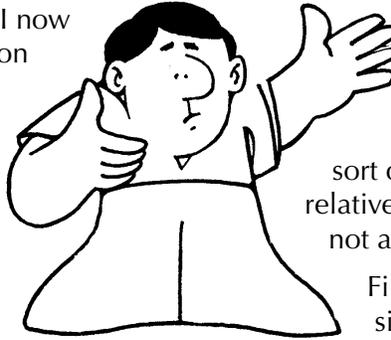
We're all familiar with the passage in Galatians 2:20 and others places where we are told that Jesus needs to be living in us: (Galatians 2:20) "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." The question, however, is whether or not we know what it really means?

This can be clarified somewhat by what Jesus Himself said about the Father living in Him (see John 14:10,11 above). He points out confidently that His words are not really His own. Moreover, His works are really the Father's works, too. The clear implication of these verses and the larger context is that His complete life — words, deeds, attitudes, compassion, love, values, mercy, judgment, anger, and even more were direct reflections of the nature and personality of the Father.

This finds application in our own lives, when we realize that letting Christ live in us is not a matter of a little here and a little there. Discipleship is a whole life commitment. All your old words, old works, old attitudes, old values, etc. are now to be dead. Instead all of Jesus' words, works, attitudes, values, and more now find expression in our everyday lives — public and private. In every ordinary conversation, situation, social scene, Facebook post, way we spend our weekends, priorities we hold to, things we choose to eat or drink and their amounts, who we think about first (and last), jokes we tell and laugh at (yes, Jesus had a sense of humor), etc. our old choices should die and Jesus' reign supreme. All the time, every day,

everywhere, and under every condition. This is the way that Jesus let the Father live in Him.

But how do we know what Jesus' reactions, responses, words, deeds, etc. would be like in our 21st century lives? Jesus was with the Father from the beginning and was inspired by the Holy Spirit, but how can we know. Many believe that we have to just sort of go along with our feelings and other relative and subjective "wisdom". But we're not at helpless as we might believe.



First, read the Bible. This sounds so simple, but it is so crucial. The Bible is God's word. The stories are there so we can know about the nature of the Father. In both OT and NT we see the many facets of our God in many, many situations. In the Gospels we likewise see Jesus among friends, social situations, among enemies, and in the midst of thorny problems; we see His values, morals, priorities, and so much more. So, read. Not just to say that you did, but to associate with Him, come to know him, come to predict how He'd talk, act, think, and feel.

But secondly, we've been given the Spirit to help guide us (Ephesians 3:16). Now, this is not a touchy-feely offshoot of the charismatic world that I'm talking about. This help from the Spirit is preceded by a knowledge of Scripture (which the Spirit would never contradict) and a sensitivity to doing right.

When we become Christians, we are committing to die to ourselves and live to Christ. Will you? Or will you settle for a worldly version of Christianity, in which one may pick and choose the times we'll be like Jesus? Let's choose Jesus' definition of discipleship.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JULY

13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<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"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 			

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of July 13AMPM.....Wed.
 Announcements Charles H..... Charles H
 Song Leading..... Doug J Scott W Jeremy C
 Opening Prayer Burley S Hugh R
 Communion Hugh R David J
 Closing Prayer Charles H..... Tom R
 A/V Control..... John S Hunter M..... Charles H
 Greeter..... Jim B

Week of July 20AMPM.....Wed.
 Announcements Burley S Burley S
 Song Leading..... Scott W Doug J Jim B
 Opening Prayer John S Hunter M
 Communion Marty K..... Scott W
 Closing Prayer Doug J Charles H
 A/V Control..... Hunter M..... Charles H..... John S
 Greeter..... John S



Sermon Notes...
