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# 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"*

## ACCEPTANCE OF CHRIST

One of the great debates among those who claim to be Christian is the acceptance of Christ and what it really means. In very general terms, it is the acceptance of Jesus as one who was dispatched by God to die for our sins as a final sacrifice **Hebrews 9:24-26**, **Hebrews 10:12-14**. The popular belief is that since Christ died, we have eternal life by accepting the fact that he died "for our sins".

Although accepting Christ is an accurate requirement, it does not reflect the remaining facts regarding the Plan for Salvation that God designed and ordained in scripture. It is one thing to 'believe in the death burial and resurrection of Jesus', but quite another to believe in what God indicated through the prophets; what Jesus told the apostles; what the Holy Spirit led the apostles to write: what the 'words of Jesus' are in **John 12:48-49**.

The difference is so dramatic, one can hardly imagine how the average person can disregard the inspired writings, and thus fall short of what God had in mind. In fact, Christ died for us and through His death, we can have salvation. The mystery spoken of repeatedly by the apostle Paul lies in how this wonderful benefit can be had. In addition, the purpose of the church must be identified as a legitimate factor in God's Plan, as well as the value of the Holy Spirit.

Only when we delve into the Holy Scriptures can we begin to piece together the intent of the Gospel. If we dare to speculate by the frail wisdom of man, we will find ourselves where so many have gone...

**Proverbs 14:12** "there is a way which seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof is the way of death." It is a natural 'fault' of mankind to follow this deadly proverb. By this, we cannot and will not find salvation.

The apostle Paul describes one of the 'faults' of the children of Israel as he dealt with THEIR unbelief in one of our most cherished chapters in the book, Romans: 10:1-3 "my hearts desire for Israel is that they might be saved."

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 .

### HAPPENING IN JULY

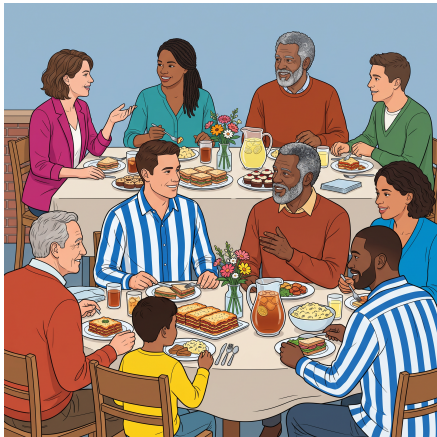
#### • Fellowship luncheon TODAY

after Sunday morning worship. If you didn't know before or if you are a visitor, please stay and have lunch with the rest of us. The church will provide dessert. Come join us.

• **5th Wednesday singing** on July 29 — this Wednesday

**BABY SHOWER** — for Savannah K., a diaper and gift card table baby shower. The table is set up in its usual place in the back of the pews. There will be a tub for the diapers and a box for the gift cards. It will continue through today. All size diapers newborn to toddler pull-ups. Amazon and Visa gift cards, but any kind will be appreciated.

**THE WHITE ROCK FUND** will be hosting a fundraiser on September 19, 2026, from 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM. Come find out about the great mission works being supported through the White Rock Fund. And you'll get the opportunity to participate in them through giving.



Whether you can give or not, come find out what great things God is doing around the world.

#### CURRENT ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

• Sunday AM

— Starting today a new study on Hebrews July 26.

• Wednesday PM — 2 Cor. 10

#### OUR PRAYER LIST...

• Frida Rose is not doing well. The doctors say she doesn't have much time. She is BSW in room 529.  
• Tom R. to recover from a fall from which he received many cuts and bruises

- Meridith Naquin, Rachel's friend, to be undergoing spinal surgery.
- Doug Jones, is receiving cancer treatment
- Scott W's friends, Mark and Greg, who both have ALS
- Kodie S for quick healing after surgery for a torn meniscus
- Shelly Dawdy, knee surgery
- Recoveries...
  - Linda S had knee replacement



### THE WHITE ROCK FUND

- Eloise Isbell
- The Mericks son, Konrad, had back surgery.
- Lynn Turner, now at home.
- The Turners' great nephew, Baylen born weighing 5 lbs. needing to do necessary surgery of rearranging his internal organs.
- Travis York, son of the the Yorks who were members of this congregation years ago, has had some health complications,
- Earl Lemons, Dianne H's oldest brother-in-law,
- Freida R., in her last days
- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords' (our missionaries in Pittsfield, Massachusetts) granddaughter Peyton has returned to live in the Dallas area.

#### LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Elizabeth's cousins Tracy with Lupus, and Debbie
- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness
- Dale C in the Ivy in McKinney
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Continued fruit from Burley's mission work in India.
- Churches in New England
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

#### READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- ☐ 7/26 .....2 Kgs 1
- ☐ 7/27 .....2 Kgs 2-4
- ☐ 7/28 .....2 Kgs 5-7
- ☐ 7/29 .....2 Kgs 8-9
- ☐ 7/30 .....2 Kgs 10-12
- ☐ 7/31 .....2 Kgs 13-14
- ☐ 8/1 .....Kgs 15-16
- ☐ 8/2 .....2 Kgs 17-18



No one will be remembered for what they just planned to do. – Bob

# 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.*

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## WHAT IS THE QUALITY OF YOUR FAITH?

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*For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.  
(James 2:26 NAS95)*

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**L**ast week we spoke about the necessity of faith in being saved and how not just any faith would do. It must be in the God of the Bible, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And it must also be in His Son, Jesus Christ. Mankind has had faith in numerous gods down through the millennia: Baal, Ra, Bel, Molech, Jupiter, and so many more. It really does matter what you believe, because there's only one narrow way to the Father and to Heaven.

But faith must be more than a religious opinion, some favored preference among the several choices that are available. The kind of faith that leads to Heaven has a special quality to it. There is a quality to faith? How can I know whether my faith has the right quality?

The quality of faith that is necessary to get to Heaven is simply this: saving faith, the quality of faith God is looking for, will make you do something. A faith that stays mute and unused is the kind of "faith" that the world demands of us, if we insist on having faith. "Believe what you want, but keep it to yourself and don't allow it to 'come out of the closet'". As an aside, isn't it interesting that it is more acceptable in many places to live a homosexual lifestyle than a life lived by faith in God? Let's think about what real faith will do...

**Real faith keeps us from sinning.** If I really believe in God; and if I really believe that He has called some behaviors sin; and if I believe that He also told me that to do one of those things would separate me from Him, that I would go to Hell because of it (1 Cor. 6:9-11) — what will I reasonably do? The obvious answer is that I would certainly avoid doing sinful things. Similarly, if I believe that doing sinful things grieves the God that I claim to love, I will also naturally avoid those sinful things; because I don't want to displease or grieve Him. Tragically, we still sin, but it is reasonable to say that whenever we do, it is a lapse of faith on our part about what is sinful behavior, and that sin is as serious as He has told us. Quality faith tries to avoid sin.

**It motivates us to do good things for others.** James 2:14ff is certainly the clearest teaching on this point. The

inspired writer, James, is unequivocal as he tells us that "faith without works is dead". Quality faith seeks to do more than avoid evil, it also seeks to do good.

**It helps form the decisions that we make.** We make thousands of choices everyday. From what we will wear to what we'll eat for breakfast, lunch, or dinner to what route we may take to work we make tones of decisions great and small. Some of them have little or no consequence, but many other seemingly benign choices will often lead to Heaven or Hell — the friends we choose, where we decide to be during church assembly times, what we opt to do for a hobby, the websites we choose to visit, etc. And our faith can help to inform and form those decisions. Our faith in the principles that we should be holy because God is holy, that all things work together for good for those who love God, that patience and perseverance are critical to remaining faithful until death, that prayer can change everything, and much more can guide us faithfully, if we'll believe in them. Quality faith will form and guide our decisions great and small to lead us to eternal life.

**It obeys the commands of God.** One of the more famous passages in the Bible is John 3:16, which is often used to attempt to teach that salvation is by faith alone, but what is seldom quoted is the verse at the end of John 3 — vs. 36, "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." Clearly the Bible isn't contradicting itself here, rather it is clarifying the kind of faith that gives eternal life. Indeed, it just makes sense; if I believe that the Father and the Son are God, the Creators of heaven and earth, and especially that Jesus is the King of the eternal kingdom, I will, of course, obey Him. Disobedience would be rebellion. Quality faith is naturally compelled to obey the Lord.

What is the quality of your faith? Does it help keep you from sin? Does it motivate you to good deeds? Does it help guide you? Does it obey God's commands?

*Park Linscomb*

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JULY

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| <div> <div> <div>9:00AM Bible classes</div> <div>10:00AM Worship</div> <div>6:00PM Worship</div> </div> <div> <div>FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY</div> </div> </div> | 26 | 27 | <div> <div>7:00PM Singing</div> <div>7:00PM Wed. Bible class</div> </div> | 28 | 29 | 30 | <div> <div>Park L.</div> </div> | 31 | <div> <div>Hugh and Trudi R</div> </div> | 1 |
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## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

**Week of July 26.....AM .....PM .....Wed.**

Announcements .....Charles H.....Charles H  
 Song Leading .....Doug J .....Scott W .....Reiven H  
 Opening Prayer .....Marty K.....Jim B  
 Communion .....David J.....John V  
 Scripture.....John 1:1-18  
 Closing Prayer .....Scott W .....Kyle J  
 Greeter.....Burley S

**Week of August 2.....AM .....PM .....Wed.**

Announcements .....John S .....John S  
 Song Leading .....Scott W .....Doug J.....Charles H  
 Opening Prayer .....Kyle J.....John S  
 Communion .....Chris S .....Reiven H  
 Scripture  
 Closing Prayer .....Doug J .....Charles H  
 Greeter.....Jim B



Sermon Notes...

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