

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"*

What is the Confession unto Salvation?

The apostles had been following Jesus long enough to have heard His great Sermon on the Mount, seen His healings, marvel at His parables, and participate with Him in miraculously feeding 5000. As they followed Him to Caesarea Philippi Jesus knew it was time for them to process all these things and come to some conclusions about Him.

He started by asking them who the crowds thought He might be. They responded, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets" (Matthew 16:14).

Then He asked the big, the key question, "But who do you say that I am?" They had probably been thinking about it, but they needed to say it out loud; their private faith needed a public expression. Peter confessed for all the apostles, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16).

Jesus was pleased and He famously responded, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church..." (Matthew 16:17, 18).

Some have mistakenly taught that Peter is the rock upon which the church is built, but Greek grammar (the New Testament was written in Greek) proves otherwise. "Peter" (Greek: *petros*, a throwable stone) is a different word from the "rock" (Greek: *petras*, bedrock) on which the church is built. The rock is not Peter, but is instead the "rock" is Peter's confession of faith in Jesus as the Christ which Peter made. And for the last 20 centuries, faith and confession have been the foundation both of salvation in Christ and of His church.

Now, some have mistakenly thought that confession to be saved refers to some public confession of our personal sins. It does not. The inspired apostle Paul clears this up for us in Romans 10:9, 10, "...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved." In other words, when the Bible talks about confession as a part of salvation, it doesn't mean confession of sin, rather it means a confession of faith in Jesus.

So, who do you say that Jesus is? If you believe He is the Christ, the Son of the living God, are you willing to publicly express that faith? Jesus said, "So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32). And if you are ready to confess Him, are you willing to obey Him and be baptized into Him for forgiveness of sin?

Park Linscomb

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 .

REGULAR LEADERSHIP MEETING is March 8 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....

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

TRUDI RUEBUSH is the collection point for a benevolent fund for the Berkshire County Church of Christ (Pittsfield MA). Anything you can do is helpful.

OC SPRING SING — Last year we went to OC’s Spring Sing with several teens. We’d like to do it

again, so if you’re interested, please contact Rachel

CAMP DEER RUN dates and schedules have been posted in the back. Check it out and plan to grow in the Lord, in friendships, all while having a ton of fun.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Doug Jones, the outcome of medical tests
- Dianne’s oldest brother-in-law, Earl Lemons, is very ill. Please add him to your prayers as well as Dianne and her family.
- Burley Jr. for cancer tests, March 12
- Meghan and Leighton (Linebaugh’s granddaughter and great-granddaughter)
- Park, for continued healing after knee surgery.
- Freida R. and her continuing health issues
- 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 pacemaker
- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords, our missionaries in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, granddaughter Peyton living with them.

The Christian husband displays what he thinks of Christ by the way he treats his wife. -

John MacArthur

- 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

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- 3/11 Cor 15-16
- 3/22 Cor 1-4
- 3/32 Cor 5-8
- 3/42 Cor 9-13
- 3/5Galatians1-3
- 3/6Galatians 4-6
- 3/7Eph 1-3
- 3/8Eph 4-6

SPRING MEETING — March 15-18

“Great Passages from Romans”

- ◆ **Sunday** 10AM, Jack Evans, Jr., Romans 7 (War of the Flesh and the Spirit)
- ◆ **Sunday** 6PM, Wes McAdams, Romans 14 (Principles of Conscience)
- ◆ **Monday** 7PM, Seth McDowell, Romans 8 (There Is No Condemnation)
- ◆ **Tuesday** 7PM, John Wheeler, Romans 12 (Living Sacrifices)
- ◆ **Wednesday**, 7PM, Park Linscomb, Romans 10 (How Shall They Call on Him?)

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.

RAISING GODLY TEENS, #2

Parenting teens is hard work; it's not like parenting pre-schoolers that you could simply pick up no matter how much of a fit they threw. You can't spank them, and talking to them sometimes turns into big-time drama or World War III. So, sometimes parents are just tempted to throw up their hands in despair and surrender, hoping against hope that their kids don't get into serious trouble. Sadly, I've often heard the parents of successful teens, when they are being asked what they did to raise good kids, refer to themselves as merely lucky.

But while some inborn personalities (e.g., compliant ones) are "the luck of the genetic draw" and therefore easier to raise than others, raising godly teens really isn't about luck. It is most importantly about not giving up or surrendering your role as a parent — including praying for God's blessings of protection for them and strength for yourself.

We all know what your kids say to their peers about their parents, and how they act when you're around (rolling their eyes at every "uncool" thing you do) — we've all "been there and done that." But did you know that in poll after poll after poll stretching back through decades, teens tell us that their parents are the most influential people in their lives? And this is especially true for fathers (please go to the Focus on the Family website and do a search for "The Vital Role of Fathering 1" — and listen). What this tells us is simply this, you can't give up; you have to "stay in the game!"

"So, what am I supposed to do, when my kid is resisting my every attempt to parent him?" First, keep on keeping on. But secondly, one critically important thing to remember when it comes to parenting teenagers is that it takes a change in parenting style. When they were younger, you could essentially use your size on them in discipline situations. But as they begin to look the same size and

weight as you, parenting and discipline approaches must change. The old "it's my way because I'm the mommy or daddy" approach has to modify to become more like a mentoring and coaching role. Now that doesn't preclude a stronger role, when necessary. You still are the one in authority; but you will want to choose those battles carefully. Mentors and coaches can still maintain authority while using reason, helping the teen to think things completely through, point out the dangers of believing that "it will never happen to me", draw for them "hard lines" not to be crossed, support them in making hard choices, help them navigate unfamiliar emotions and real-world situations, provide a steady moral compass, and offer godly wisdom.

But please notice that I didn't say that your role becomes that of a "buddy". There's a big difference between being a mentor and coach and being a buddy. While it may be every parent's dream to have such a relationship with their teen, it is an illusion; there couldn't be a bigger mistake that parents could make than to try to become their children's friend. It's a little like socialism and communism: it sounds great in theory, but it's terrible in actual practice. To be a friend you will have to make compromises you really don't want to make, allow things that shouldn't be allowed, wink at things that shouldn't be winked at, and lose your position as an authority figure and your ability to protect them from life altering mistakes.

It certainly might be tempting to just throw up your hands in frustration when parenting teens — they are hard, — but don't give up. Stay involved, stay connected, even when they don't seem to want you there. Secretly, they're glad you're there because you care, and when they grow up they'll tell you so.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN MARCH

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<div style="background-color: #d9534f; color: white; padding: 2px;">Rosa Z. </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship 		<div style="background-color: #d9534f; color: white; padding: 2px;">Emma R. </div> <div style="background-color: #d9534f; color: white; padding: 2px;">Sophia L. </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 			

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of March 1AMPMWed.

AnnouncementsBurley SBurley S
 Song LeadingDoug JScott WCharles H
 Opening PrayerRon M.....Kyle J
 CommunionCharles H.....Marty K
 Scripture.....Genesis 2:18-24
 Closing PrayerJim B.....Reiven H
 Greeter.....Yaw F

Week of March 8AMPMWed.

AnnouncementsJim B.....Jim B
 Song LeadingScott W.....Doug J.....Jim B
 Opening PrayerReiven H.....Hugh R
 CommunionChris SReiven H
 Scripture
 Closing PrayerCharles H.....John S
 Greeter.....Hugh R



Sermon Notes...
