

# 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 HOLY SPIRIT AMONG US

There is a significant reason we should consider the 'mysteries of God' a serious matter. It is repeatedly said by Jesus unto His disciples; **Matthew 13:11** *"It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given."*

In **John 14:22**, Judas, the son of James, asked Jesus directly saying, *"How is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?"*

The answer came as follows in **v. 23**: *"If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and will come unto him, and make our abode with him."* The "mystery" is the Plan for Salvation beginning with the death burial and resurrection of the Christ and culminating with Inspired words in which the mystery was identified, **Ephesians 3:1-11!** Only then was the mystery revealed, fulfilling the prophecies and marking the beginning of the kingdom (**Mark 9:1**).

'The gift' (**Acts 2:38**) of the Holy Spirit includes the New Covenant in Christ Jesus, the proclamation of the Gospel, **Galatians 1:6-8** as well as the promise of spiritual support to each person who is *"made nigh by the blood of Christ...for through Him, we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father."* **Ephesians 2:11-18**.

It is notable, too, that in **Ephesians 2:14** Paul writes, *"For He is our peace, who hath made both one (Jews and Gentiles) and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us."* The 'middle wall' refers to the veil positioned between the Holy Place and The Most Holy Place within the Temple (Tabernacle) which restricted access only to the High Priest under Judean Law.

With the establishment of the New Covenant came the fulfillment of what is recorded in **Hebrews 9:8**, "the Holy Ghost this signifying". It is through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we as individuals have access to the Father as "joint heirs in Christ" if we have "obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine **Romans 6:16-17**. (Hear-Believe-Repent-Confess-Baptism) Being *"born again...by the Word of God"* **1 Peter 1:23**; death and resurrection of the Old Man, **Romans 6:3-6**; *"keeping the commandments of God"* **John 14:15**: *"the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings (grievances/needs/cares) that cannot be uttered (expressed/understood/verbalized)"* **Romans 8:26**. To have this resource provided by the Father is truly 'The Gift of the Holy Spirit' among us today.

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 .

**SUNDAY EVENING SERIES** — will continue on the parables of Jesus. This Sunday PM: “The Friend at Midnight” and “The Persistent Widow”.

**OC SPRING SING TRIP** — Everyone who committed to coming on the OC trip this Saturday is asked to meet down front after morning worship to talk about departure times and transportation. Tickets have been purchased (\$25/person); you can give your money to Park.

**CLEVE AND MELINDA STAFFORD** will be with us at Rock Hill next Sunday (March 9). We look forward to having them in our midst again. Cleve will preach Sunday morning.

**MISSION EVANGELISM REPORT.** Brother Burley reports that, at this writing, his sharing of the Gospel has resulted in 248 denominational preachers baptized into Christ (who will bring the Gospel back to their congregations) and 79 non-preachers for a total of 327 baptisms. Praise the Lord! If all goes according to plan, Burley will arrive back in the states Wednesday — probably pretty jet-lagged.

**CRITTER CLEARANCE FUND** — Our fellowship / classroom building has been invaded by animals and they've done a lot of attic damage. To evict them and fix the damage will cost about \$10K. If you can help with this fund, it would be a great help to our church budget. See

## Revive and Thrive in 2025

Charles to help or there is now a fund on our online giving called “Critter Eviction Fund”.

**SEWING MINISTRY** The ladies resumes again March 6 and 20.

**KENT AND AVERY** (our summer interns from 2024) are joining a mission team to Cozumel, Mexico this spring. This congregation contributed over \$608 from individuals!

**CAMP DEER RUN CAMPERSHIPS** — If you'd like to help with sending our youth to Camp Deer Run this summer, please give any special donations to any of the elders.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP** the Pittsfield MA church? We have an ongoing monthly benevolence program to help the church of Christ in Pittsfield Mass. See Trudy R. to contribute. We send \$400-\$600 monthly to their benevolent fund.

### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Lynn T's recovery from back surgery, and he's also battling cancer
- From Juliana: Pray for Becky B., recovering from tongue cancer surgery. Pray for her and her family (especially her daughters).
- Elizabeth's cousin Tracy to recover from Lupus, and also her cousin Debbie H who has been recovering from neck surgery, but has had another health setback recently.
- Burley S: Please pray for a safe return to the states and for spiritual steadfastness and growth for those he turned to the Lord in his mission efforts.
- Jim B.'s son, Jeff's wife is terminal.
- Ora H's health
- Mary H is recovering at home.

*“As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.” — Psa. 103:13*

- Emma's grandmother, Karla R, dementia and cancer.
- Bonnie D recovering from a minor stroke.
- Sue C: digestive problems
- Ora H, kidney
- Churches in New England
- Brethren in India
- Our elders, deacons, preacher, teachers, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

### LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness & friend Jeff
- Carol P.
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Rosa's friend Isabella, heart lesion
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Ken C.

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

- Mar 2, Deut 11-13
- Mar 3, Deut 14-17
- Mar 4, Deut 18-20
- Mar 5, Deut 21-23
- Mar 6, Deut 24-26
- Mar 7, Deut 27-28
- Mar 8, Deut 29-31
- Mar 9, Deut 32-34

# A word of Encouragement

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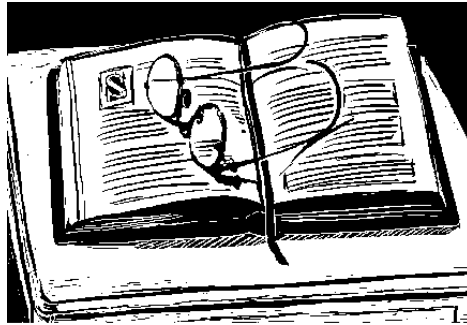
"For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it." Hebrews 2:1, NAS95.

## IF EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT, THEN...

The importance of education is clear the world over. Every nation, society, political party, and religion values education. Every family wants their children to know the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic — and science, computers, history, and much more. So, we build schools, hire teachers, buy books, and (especially in the case of homeschoolers) refresh ourselves on academics we are a little rusty on, so we can help our children. And even more, many of us go back to school to qualify for better jobs, increase our earnings, or just enrich ourselves regarding a personal interest of ours. Yes, education is understood to be very important, valuable, and the ticket to a better future.

So, why are we sometimes semi-apatetic toward Bible classes? Is spiritual information less important than secular information? Is world history, or American history, or state and local history more useful than biblical history? Some books are rightly recognized as classics, but the Bible is better than classic, it is eternal. Knowing science and math can get you ahead in this world, but knowing the Bible can get you above this world to Heaven. Guidance in business school can enrich you in this world, but guidance from Scripture enriches your life both here and hereafter.

So why is it sometimes that we put a relatively low priority on attending Bible classes — for our children and ourselves — but such a high priority on secular schooling? Someone has well said that you can get to Heaven without knowing a single word of Latin, but you cannot get to Heaven without knowing God's word.



This — if you haven't already guessed — is a plea to all of us to put a high priority on Bible class, whether you're young or old, a new Christian or experienced saint, a daily Bible reader or one who might have difficulty finding specific books in the Bible. Our Bible class teachers prepare lessons that are designed to provide critical spiritual information about salvation, important guidance for daily Christian living, teachings that form and stabilize faith, stories that encourage and warn us during times of spiritual challenge or trial, nuggets of wisdom in navigating life here, assurances of victory when

hope is waning, and visions of the riches of glory awaiting the faithful. These are things that secular, human wisdom cannot ever supply. So, Bible classes should not be thought of as extras, extraneous, dispensable, or superfluous; we should be giving them the high priority they deserve. For adults, they help keep us on the straight and narrow; and for children, they help form and develop the spiritual values, moral guidance, and information leading to salvation they need (in addition, of course, to parental teaching and example).

And if I may be permitted just a couple more words of encouragement, be on time to Bible class, just like you're on time for work, school, and doctor's appointments. Coming to Bible class isn't just a box to check off, it should be a treasured part of our lives that we want to get the most out of.

Come to Bible classes every week, bring your children (who might occasionally complain, just like they do about school), and be on time. Do this and watch your spiritual lives grow.

Park Linscomb

