

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"*

Gospel Mission

Although we hear and use the term 'Gospel' often, it must be clear to every person what the gospel is and how it is used in spiritual conversation. In the truest sense, the gospel is identified by the Apostle Paul in **1 Corinthians 15:1-4** as, "I declare unto you, the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand...by which also ye are saved... For I delivered unto you...that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried and rose again on the third day, according to the scriptures." The gospel is made absolute by this statement.

However, as Jesus himself taught the Apostles, His 'mission' included much more than the death-burial-resurrection. It is this mission that brought His anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane as He prayed in **Mark 14:32-36** "take away this cup from me, nevertheless not my will but what though wilt". The gospel had not yet been fulfilled...it had only begun to take the form of God's great wisdom.

The conclusion of the death-burial-resurrection portion of the Plan becomes more apparent when in **Luke 24:44-49** Jesus tells a select few, "all thing must be fulfilled...concerning me... and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem...and tarry (remain) in Jerusalem until ye be endued (provided) with power from on high." Jesus knew the Plan, and that the gospel would incorporate His resurrection with the coming of both the Church and the Kingdom. These were eminent over the coming days, as indicate in **Galatians 4:4** "when the fullness of time had come."

The Book of Acts records the actual culmination of what Jesus had prepared them for...the fulfillment of **Matthew 16:18-19**. It is here that we see the final disclosure of a completed and inclusive "Gospel" was first preached. It is the first time the Holy Spirit was described as a gift and offered to the recipient of God's salvation through the gospel in **Acts 2:38**. The death, burial and resurrection of the Savior was required in order to set-in-place that which God required to fairly and justly separate the saved from the lost. It is this gospel, the completed gospel that can bring salvation to mankind when obeyed. It is the product of generations, sacrifices and obedience by Almighty God.

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.

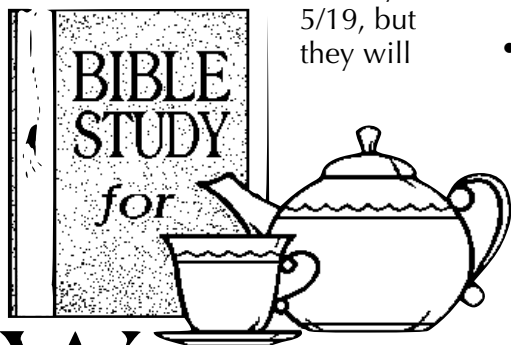
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LEADERSHIP MEETING — The elders, deacons, and preacher will be meeting today at 4PM. If you have any concerns or ideas that you'd like the leadership to discuss, please speak with any of our elders, deacons, or preacher.



LADIES' CLASS — Our ladies are not meeting over the summer. Our last class before summer is this

Tuesday, 5/19, but they will



Women

pick back up Aug. 18. In the meantime, they are trying to find a good summer book to read (we try to do that over the summer to stay engaged). If you have any suggestions or

questions, please talk with Jessica S.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Recoveries...
 - Linda S had knee replacement surgery last week and is recovering at home. Please pray for a quick recovery.
 - Park's grandson, Jordan, hip surgery recovery
 - Eloise Isbell
 - The Mericks son, Konrad, had back surgery.
 - Lynn Turner is now at home.
 - Doug Jones, from cancer treatment
- The Turners' friend Judy has a dear friend with a serious foot infection
- The Turners' niece in Arkansas has an unborn baby who will need major surgery at birth and a 3 month recovery in a Houston hospital
- Reiven H. is having a really hard time walking for even short distances
 - Travis York, son of the the Yorks who were members of this congregation years ago, has had some health complications, Please pray for Travis and the Yorks.
- Dianne H's oldest brother-in-law, Earl Lemons
- Freida R., health issues
- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords' (our missionaries in Pittsfield, Massachusetts) granddaughter Peyton has returned to live in the Dallas area again.

God delights in answering our impossible prayers.
— Bob Goff

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

- 5/17 Num 8-10
- 5/18 Num 11-13
- 5/19 Num 14-15
- 5/20 Num 16-18
- 5/21 Num 19-21
- 5/22 Num 22-24
- 5/23 Num 25-26
- 5/24 Num 27-29
- 5/25 Num 30-31



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.

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.
(Romans 8:37 NAS95)

Any Christian that is paying attention understands that we are in a spiritual battleground. Between the battle going on within us that Paul spoke about in Romans 7, or the spiritual warfare being conducted in the world around us, or the persecution we might receive for being disciples of Christ, it is clear that we are in a pitched battle. And just like in a physical battle there is sometimes a "fog of war" in which we can sometimes wonder who's winning and who's losing. The difference is that the Christian soldier **knows** that God has already won the victory and that the forces of darkness are simply trying to take down as many of us as they can in their certain defeat. One of my favorite assurances in Scripture tells us that we overwhelmingly conquer in Jesus. I love that phrase, because it tells us that we aren't going to win by a mere whisker, that it will be close or anything like it. The victory of the Lord will be a "blowout". We overwhelmingly conquer through Christ over...

Over death — The resounding message of the resurrection of Jesus is that death will not be the victor. The most unyielding and persistent enemy that this world knows has been death. Even those who have been resuscitated eventually die. But Jesus changed death's seemingly unbeatable power, becoming the firstborn from the dead and the guarantee that we too will be raised and that death is overwhelmingly defeated.

Over the consequences of sin — Paul, as he spoke about our sinful state before Christ, wrote, "Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest" (Ephesians 2:3 NAS95). Punishment has been declared for our sins, however, Jesus took the punishment for all our sins and continues to provide forgiveness, so that we may enter Heaven and not be consigned to Hell — "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21 NAS95). Overwhelming grace and forgiveness!

Over sin itself — No only have we been rescued from the consequences of our sins, but we are rescued from the sin itself, the words and deeds that harm us and

those around us. In the place of those deeds of darkness, we have been given a new kind of life to live through the Lord's teachings and the Holy Spirit which indwells us. Instead of spreading the darkness, we spread overwhelming light.

Over trials and temptations — We all struggle in this world with what evil deeds are done against us, what this world naturally does (sickness, pain, and death), and what Satan throws our way. But the good news is that when the Lord returns "...He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away. And He who sits on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new'" (Revelation 21:4-5 NAS95). Overwhelming relief!

Over the powers of darkness that sought to condemn us — Satan and his demons have been trying to tempt and condemn us from the days of Adam and Eve. He has been fairly successful with a majority of humanity, but there is coming a day, when he and his demons will be completely vanquished, trounced, and crushed:

"When the thousand years are completed, Satan ...will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, ...to gather them together for the war;...And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."(Revelation 20:7-10 NAS95).

We often sin hymns that speak of the rejoicing that will happen on the day of our redemption, the day the Lord resurrects us and takes His people to Heaven forever. The sound of it will be overwhelming for we have overwhelmingly conquered through Jesus all that the spirit world, all that the physical world, and our own flesh could throw at us.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN APRIL & MAY

	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px; width: fit-content;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Leadership mtg 4PM</p> </div>			<p>Charles/Diane Kim B. </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 				

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of May 17.....AMPMWed.
 AnnouncementsJohn SJohn S
 Song Leading.....Scott W.....Doug J.....Reiven H
 Opening PrayerBurley SYaw F
 CommunionChris SJohn S
 Scripture.....Proverbs 3:1-8
 Closing PrayerDoug JCharles H
 Greeter.....Hugh R

Week of May 24.....AMPMWed.
 AnnouncementsBurley SBurley S
 Song Leading.....Doug JScott WCharles H
 Opening PrayerDavid J.....Reiven H
 CommunionJohn SCharles H
 Scripture
 Closing PrayerJim B.....Kyle J
 Greeter.....Burley S



Sermon Notes...
