

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 Outer Limit

So many conversations have taken place concerning the road to salvation. If put in in simple terms, the original question may well be stated, "What must I do to be saved." In the minds of many, the answer is as simple as "believe in the Lord Jesus." This is the by-product of Martin Luther, whose belief included the notion of "Faith Only" as early as 1517 AD. His list of objections to the Roman Catholic Church's teachings and actions is credited with the beginning of resistance, historically called 'The Reformation.'

As we have pointed out in previous articles, the Lord's Church was considered a spin-off from Judaism by the Roman Government. and thereby mostly considered an illegal sect. Due to the conflict between Jews and Romans for Institutional power, the Christian beliefs were illegal for over 300 Years. As a result, Bibles were destroyed, and many suffered cruel deaths in an effort to quash Christianity altogether. With that, the Church of the Roman Government increased in semi-political power through the Roman Catholic Church. It remains a powerful institution to this day, with millions of followers who seemingly are unaware of what the Bible teaches and requires as New Testament values and practices.

The Reformation could have been the greatest opportunity to return to the Word, and re-set the Biblical standard of righteousness. What occurred was the Apostle's warnings and the fulfillment of **Romans 10:1-3** concerning Israel, "they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge." The record of knowledge was provided by God through the death, burial and resurrection of His Son and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. By this, all of mankind could have received the Instruction in righteousness by the Word who lived among us. **John 8:31** clearly identifies God's idea, "if ye continue in my Word, then are ye my disciples indeed." This can be considered the inner circle... **John 14:15**, also says, "if ye love me, keep my commandments." **Revelation 22:14-15** identifies the alternative for those who refuse to follow what He has given to prevent such a tragedy; "Blessed are they that do His commandments that they may have right to the tree of life and enter into the gates into the city...for without are dogs, sorcerers, whoremongers, Murderers, idolaters and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." This is the Outer Limit...prepared for the Devil and his angels.

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 .

MAY 3RD we'll have a pizza luncheon to celebrate our graduates following the morning worship. Please mark your calendars.

Our graduates...



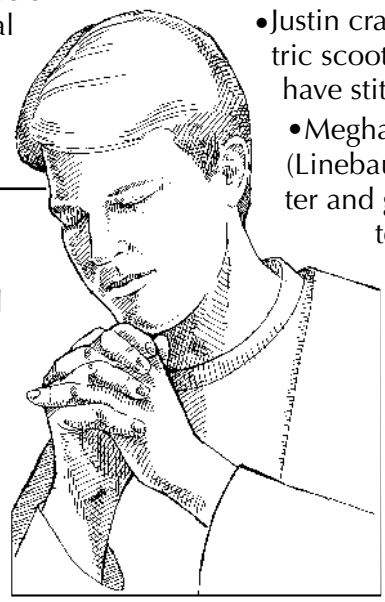
Olivia Arnold & Emily Hays

THANKS TO ALL OUR TEACHERS.

We honored our teachers last Sunday at a special luncheon after worship. We love our teachers and want them to know it.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- *New Requests*
- 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, and will see a doctor soon about it
- 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.
- The Mericks son, Konrad, had back surgery. They'll be with him for a few weeks.
- *Recoveries...*
 - Eloise Isbell
 - Lynn Turner is now at home.
- Doug Jones, the treatment plan for him and a positive outcome. Peace and comfort for his family
- Haley requests:
 - Dianne's oldest brother-in-law, Earl Lemons
 - Tristan broke an ankle playing soccer
 - Justin crashed on an electric scooter and had to have stitches.
 - Meghan and Leighton (Linebaugh's granddaughter and great-granddaughter)

- Freida R., health issues
- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords, our missionaries in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, granddaughter

Peyton living with them.

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.

The Bible redirects my will, cleanses my emotions, enlightens my mind, and quickens my total being.
— E Stanley Jones

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- 5/3Lev 5-7
- 5/4Lev 8-9
- 5/5Lev 10-12
- 5/6Lev 13
- 5/7Lev 14,15
- 5/8Lev 16-18
- 5/9Lev 19-21
- 5/10Lev 22-23



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.

THE BEST, THE MOST, FROM THE HEART

Luke 21 (also Mark 12:41) tells the story of Jesus sitting in the Temple near the Temple's treasury contribution box. The Lord had observed a number of rich people come through and drop in their bag of silver coins. Jingle! Thunk! Jingle! The bigger the "Jingle and Thunk" the prouder the giver seemed to strut away. But then along came a poor widow. You'd be excused for thinking that she wouldn't be giving anything; she was clearly poor, she was clearly a widow, she had no coin bag to see, and what she was about to give was easily held in the palm of her hand. And when she did put in her contribution, the sound was probably so soft that it wouldn't have been noticed at all in a noisy place like the Temple — two leptons, the smallest coin, the least valuable coin, in the Roman world. Noisy or not, however, Jesus noticed and was impressed enough to make a comment that we should sit up and take notice of: "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of them; for they all out of their surplus put into the offering; but she out of her poverty put in all that she had to live."

What made it so note worthy? There are two things to consider.

There is a difference between giving some and giving all. Although the rich had put in greater actual amounts, she had put in more proportionally. The rich had give out of their disposable income, but she had given away her grocery and rent money. Most certainly God appreciates all of our gifts, when they are given with the right heart, but the widow's gift crossed the world's line of "good sense" by giving not 100% of her surplus had but 100% of all she had.

There is also a difference between giving when you have prospects of obtaining more in the near future and giving without prospects of

getting any more. None of the wealthier givers, as far as we know, gave 100% of their money; but if they had, it still would not have been as great a sacrifice as the widow's gift. The wealthy had prospects of earning more later in the next business deal, the next work day, the next crop, or however they made their living. Some widows of Jesus' day could rely on family to support them, but there were other widows who had no financial prospects being too old and a woman (Paul calls them "widows indeed" in 1 Timothy 5). The widow of this story appears to be in this latter category, so when she gave her two copper coins it was not just emptying out her purse for now, it was giving with no prospects in sight. This was a sacrificial gift founded on a deep love for God and a trust in the Him to meet her needs; this was a true giving of herself.

It was these two characteristics of the widow's gift that made it the most and the best gift received at the Temple treasury that day. By seeing the widow's gift through Jesus' eyes, the apostles doubtlessly felt both deeply impressed and humbled. It could not have failed to leave a life-long lesson on their discipleship.

Perhaps we, too, feel inspired and challenged by a faith and love that would prompt such financial sacrifice; maybe next week we'll give more to the Lord in the collection plate. But you know, there are more ways to give to the Lord than in dollars and cents. There's time. There's effort. There's commitment. There are skills, talents, homes and cars and every other possession given into our stewardship. There's lots of ways to give to the Lord like the widow; but the key principle is whatever we give — little or much, 10% or 100% — should be given trustingly, lovingly, and completely.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN APRIL & MAY

	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 11:00AM Graduate pizza party ■ 6:00PM Worship 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ John & Koreen V ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Baylee B. ■ Lori S.

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of May 3.....AMPMWed.
 AnnouncementsJim BJim B
 Song LeadingScott WDoug J.....Charles H
 Opening PrayerRalph K.....Marty K
 CommunionCharles H.....Reiven H
 Scripture
 Closing PrayerCharles H.....Tom R
 Greeter.....Ralph K

Week of May 10.....AMPMWed.
 AnnouncementsCharles H.....Charles H
 Song LeadingDoug JScott WJim B
 Opening PrayerJohn VCharles H
 CommunionReiven H.....Jim B
 Scripture
 Closing PrayerScott WRalph K
 Greeter.....Yaw F



Sermon Notes...
