

# 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 FULFILLMENT"

We are all intrigued by the 'mysteries' of the Bible. Although many things are made clear, others are hinted-to and even withheld from us. Generally speaking, a mystery would refer to something that is unfamiliar or frightening. A mystery has been defined as *"something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain. It has a secret quality whose meaning is puzzling or unknown. A mystery is not comprehensible until its meaning is revealed."* Let's consider this a reasonable explanation under most circumstances.

W.E. Vine, in his *Expository Dictionary*, defines a mystery as *"that which is outside the range of unassisted natural apprehension, can be made known only by Divine Revelation, and is made known in a manner and at a time appointed by God, and to those only who are illumined by His Spirit."* One example is in **Colossians 1:25-27** *"...I am made a minister according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the Word of God: Even the mystery which has been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest (known) to His saints: to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."*

Consider this: the mystery was first introduced to Paul and the other Apostles in such a way as to provide the truth for the purpose of delivery to others. It is apparent that the writing of the letters would provide a vehicle through which the mystery could further be revealed. The mystery was 'unlocked' to them by the Holy Spirit as the Inspired writers composed the messages. We should recognize the truth revealed as *"the keys to the Kingdom and the binding and loosening"* of **Matthew 16:19**.

It must be recognized that in these scriptures, we find the 'potential' of salvation. It is through the knowledge and application of scripture that remains the mystery to which the Inspired writers continue to refer. We must remind ourselves that the Holy Spirit who guided the Inspired writers came from the same God who Commanded Jesus **John 12:49**, *"in what I should say and what I should speak"*. The Holy Spirit as well as the Inspired Writers did what they were commanded in writing what they wrote and how they wrote it. Comprehension of the mystery belongs to us.

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 .

**THE LEADERSHIP MEETING** is this Sunday at 4PM. If you have something that you'd like the elders, deacons, and preacher to discuss, please make your request known to one of them.

**COATS FOR CHILDREN** for the Rainbow Room at the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County. The drive will go thru mid-November. Members can bring new coats and put them in the black tote in the back of the auditorium. For more info talk to Marie Wallace or look up this link: <https://www.caccollincounty.org/waystogive/rainbow-room/>

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP** the Pittsfield MA church? We have an ongoing monthly benevolence program to help the Berkshire County church of Christ in Pittsfield Mass. See Trudy R. to contribute.

**BURLEY STINNETT** has been formally offered a position with a missions group working in India. Burley and Linda will continue to work and worship with the Rock Hill church but Burley will occasionally be preaching and teaching in India for a few weeks at a time and doing some occasional fundraising for support. Burley would like to thank all those who have been praying for him regarding this opportunity to



continue this mission work. Continue praying for him as he prepares to go over to India January 6.

**WANT TO HELP** with the recovery from the disasters in NC and FL? The church of Christ Disaster Relief is recommended by the RH leader-



ship. Here is a link to making a contribution. [HTTPS://WWW.DISASTERRELIEFFORT.ORG/](https://www.disasterrelieffort.org/)

### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Anna Spence, a Christian sister who comes with Lynn and Alene Turner, is in the hospital with a serious liver infection and is awaiting results of a biopsy. Cards can be sent to 7210 Linkside Point Dr., Apt. 223, McKinney TX 75071
- Max Bledsoe, Charles and Diane's brother-in-law, has been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Please pray for the family.
- Elizabeth Hopkins' cousin, Tracy, is still in need of prayers for better health.
- Zeke R. was moved to Stonemere Rehab Center this week. He's in Room 336. Stonemere Rehabilitation Center, 11855 Lebanon Rd, Frisco, TX 75035, (469) 269-1000
- The Staffords —
  - Cleves family as his dad is nearing the end,
  - Mel's family as her mother passed,
  - their son struggling in his freshman year at college,
  - the Pittsfield church.
- Mary Hall is recovering at home.

- Emma's grandmother, Karla R, dementia and cancer.
- Esther Myrick's health.
- Bonnie Davidson recovering from a minor stroke.
- Lynn Turner: cancer
- Sue Carter: digestive problems
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the 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 Hughes' sister Griselda's illness & friend Jeff
- Bonnie B.
- 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

- Nov 10, John 19-21
- Nov 11, Acts 1-3
- Nov 12, Acts 4-6
- Nov 13, Acts 7-8
- Nov 14, Acts 9-10
- Nov 15, Acts 11-13
- Nov 16, Acts 14-16
- Nov 17, Acts 17-18

The call of God does what  
the call of man cannot. It  
raises the dead.

*John Piper*

# 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.

## WORKS OF THE FLESH AND FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, PART 3

In the last couple of articles we've been looking at the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit as Paul lays them out in Galatians 5:19-23. The first two installments were about the sins of improper sexual expression and paganism; the next few "works" also have something in common, sins that destroy relationships.

**ENMITIES**—The Greek word came from the same word as "enemy" and could also be translated quarrels, hostility, feud, or being "at odds". It is used in Romans 8:7 in which Paul says that "the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God." In Ephesians 2:14,16 it is used for the "us vs. them" mentality between the Jew and Gentile. So, when we're told that enmities are works of the flesh, it incorporates a wide range of sins like prejudice (racial, economic, nationalistic, or political), grudges, bitterness, and animosity. These things don't belong in the Christian's heart or life.

**STRIFE**—Enmity is the state of the *heart* towards others, but strife is the *physical* conflict and fighting that ultimately emerges from that state of mind. Interestingly enough, although the Greeks viewed strife as destructive and undesirable, they also considered it as one of the fundamental, essential, and indestructible forces of the world. And from a completely worldly point of view, they were probably right; none of mankind's attempts to banish war, violence, and strife have succeeded. Christianity is the only way that peace will ever get a chance.

**JEALOUSY AND ENVYING**—Jealousy is a word that can be used in both a good and bad way, but here as we talk about the works of the flesh, we'll speak of its bad sense. Jealousy sees something that someone else has and seeks to get it for himself. Envy is actually found at the end of this portion of the list that deals with relationship sins, but it is put together with jealousy for a reason; because while similar, it is a step more evil than jealousy. Envy sees a good thing that someone else has, but only wishes to see it taken away. And it is jealousy and envy that have prompted many a feud, many a harsh word, and many an enmity. Indeed, jealousy prompted some Jews to whom Paul preached to oppose and persecute him, the church, and the Gospel.

**OUTBURST OF ANGER**—It is certainly true that one can be angry and not sin (Ephesians 4:26), but the anger that most of us have shown and experienced is this "outburst of anger" we see in this list, an emotional explosion, like when we said those awful words, made those regretted threats, and perhaps even laid hands on someone. To anyone who has reflected on their lives for even a moment, it is clear why it is sometimes called "getting mad" (we seem to lose our minds), and why what is done when under the influence of this kind of emotion is almost always a sin.

**DISPUTES**—This word is often translated "selfish ambition" in the New Testament. The Greek word here is one that emphasizes the sin of being more concerned with *who* is right than *what* is right. Putting self or party above the unity of the church, above truth, above Christ was the essence of the problems found in Paul's inspired letters to the church in Corinth. The center of the universe for the Christian needs to be Christ, His church, and what's right — not self.

**DISSENSIONS**—The word in Greek literally means to "stand apart". The mental picture of the word is when a brother takes a step back, folds his arms, and turns his back; division. While there is a proper time and place for division (1 Corinthians 11:19), it is a grave matter to "stand apart" without a sound Christ-like reason.

**FACTIONS**—The word here is the same one from which we get "heresy", a teaching or religious party that is different from the faith once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 3), New Testament truth, and the Lord's church. The modern word denomination is just a nicer way of expressing the very concept that Paul is pointing to here in this work of the flesh.

In connection with this last work of the flesh, many sadly believe that the divisions of the religious world are due primarily to "interpretation". The truth (from the Bible itself) is actually simpler; division is less a matter of intellectual interpretive inability and more about these works of the flesh cited above. Abandon these and other works of the flesh and watch the church swell in true unity.

Park Linscomb

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN NOVEMBER

10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00AM Bible classes</li> <li>■ 10:00AM Worship</li> <li>■ 4:00PM Leadership meeting</li> <li>■ 6:00PM Worship</li> </ul>	Alexandria A.	Melinda S. ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class	■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class			Bonnie D.

## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

### Week of Nov 10 .....AM.....PM.....Wed.

Announcements .....Jim B .....Doug J  
 Song Leading .....Doug J.....Scott W.....Jim B  
 Opening Prayer .....Charles H.....Reiven H  
 Communion .....Jim B .....Burley S  
 Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Closing Prayer.....Yaw F .....Doug J  
 A/V Control.....Hunter M.....Charles H.....John S  
 Greeter .....Burley S

### Week of Nov 17 .....AM.....PM.....Wed.

Announcements .....Jim B .....Burley S  
 Song Leading .....Scott W .....Doug J .....Charles H  
 Opening Prayer .....Reiven H.....John S  
 Communion .....David J.....David J  
 Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Closing Prayer.....Scott W .....Tom R  
 A/V Control.....John S .....Charles H.....John S  
 Greeter.....Burley S



## Sermon Notes...

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