

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"*

SPIRITUAL TIDBITS-WHAT GOD LOST

The topics chosen for these articles are intended to generate some personal reflection, teach something that may be relevant to daily living, and sometimes to clarify and/or make a point worth making. In many cases, it is to dig into a verse or a topic that is generally accepted in one way, but could (or should) be considered in another way altogether. Such is the case with today's Tidbit.

The verse is one of several that the popular quote provided by most denominational celebrities is **Luke 19:10**. The context is the story of Zacchaeus, the small Tax Collectors with whom Jesus went home to dine. Jesus makes a statement that forever is etched, and (forever mis-spoken of) by those who make a point regarding salvation. One of the more popular quotations is, 'Jesus came to seek and save the lost.' The thing that makes this a mis-spoken phrase is as follows. The popular teaching of denominational preaching is that Jesus came to bring salvation. He died on the Cross for forgiveness of our sins, therefore, our sins are forgiven the moment we accept Him as Savior. They further teach that baptism is done out of obedience, separate and apart from salvation. This not confirmed through scripture.

The statement made by Jesus is, "*the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.*" The NIV seems to agree with "*what was lost*". The Interlinear Greek-English Bible (known for its use of direct English-to-Greek translation) says, "*for came the son of man to seek and to save the thing that was lost.*" Even though the sentence structure is different from ours, you easily see the intent. The Son of Man (Jesus) came to **find and fix...** **that which was lost... what was lost...the thing that was lost.**

Understanding the difference should prepare the reader for further instruction. Jesus' death, burial and resurrection was not the end, but the beginning of what God had in mind to fix the problem. **WHAT** was lost was the spiritual relationship with the Creator. It became **LOST** in the Garden when man chose Satan (the Serpent) over righteousness. Jesus simply said He came to **"SEEK** and to **SAVE**, the **THING THAT WAS LOST"**. The resolution is stated directly in **Galatians 3:27-29**, "*for as many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*" Without the re-birth, the conversion is incomplete! **Romans 6:3-6**.

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 .

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY — This Wednesday Park will present part 3 of a series on Marriage and Family, Nov. 5, 12, and 19. Invite a friend! Encourage others to come.

LEADERSHIP MEETING NOTES —

- Finances of the church look good, we had an excess in October of \$1263, which will be useful during the winter heating season.
- The next men's breakfast will be December 6 at 9am.
- The need for follow-up studies with new Christians was discussed and action to set up such Bible studies will be taken.
- The Scams and Financial Concerns presentation will be conducted Saturday, Nov. 15 at noon.
- The need for more worship leaders was discussed and action was promised on going to individual men to join the list.
- Jim Boles volunteered to give the church a good battery operated leaf blower for clearing the sidewalks of acorns and leaves each time of assembly.
- It was suggested that we put TV monitors in every Bible class room

in order to provide further Bible class material from brotherhood websites. A cost analysis will be made.

- A spring meeting will be planned by Park.

THE LADIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY will be Dec. 2 and there is a sign up sheet in the back of the auditorium. Join us for a fun holiday gathering of the sisters of the congregation.

MARY HALL died on Thursday. There will be a memorial service on November 23 at 2PM.



Marriage and Family Series

Successive Wednesdays
November 5, 12, and 19

Do something great for your family!!

LADIES' CLASS is on Tuesday mornings at 10AM. Coffee, sweets, fellowship, and Bible study — what a winning combination. Join them!

COAT DRIVE — The coat drive ends on November 23rd. Bring your coats and put in the tubs in the back of

the foyer. If you need to bring them other than when we are meeting, you can leave them on the front porch and call Park to put them in the building.

BIRTHDAY CAKE FELLOWSHIP will be November 16 this month because of Thanksgiving and other events. Believe it or not, that's next Sunday!

SCAMS AND FINANCIAL CONCERNS workshop was yesterday. Thanks Hugh and Rachel.

HAPPY 94th birthday, Bonnie Davidson

THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE has gotten a fresh new look. Check it out and share with others www.rhcoc.org

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Nancy J's brother in Arkansas awaiting further testing

- Dianne's sister fell, hit her head and has a brain bleed.
- Linda Curry for her Afib
- Esther Myrick, low blood count
- Ken Conklin recovering for a heart oblation..
- The Staffords, our missionaries in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, granddaughter Peyton living with them.
- 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 and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Travis Y. feeding tube

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Nov 16, Acts 14-16
- Nov 17, Acts 17-18
- Nov 18, Acts 19-20
- Nov 19, Acts 21-22
- Nov 20, Acts 23-25
- Nov 21, Acts 26-28
- Nov 22, Rom 1-3
- Nov 23, Rom 4-7

God did not call us to blend in, but to stand out. Let your light shine. - Craig Groeschel

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.

LEARNING TO EMBRACE DISCIPLINE

We've all said it before — something like it — as we were being disciplined by a parent: "You don't love me anymore!" How this pierces a loving parent's heart, because he/she knows better; godly, appropriate discipline is practiced as an act of love — as unappreciated as it might be — to keep the child from harm (that comes in so many different forms: health, psychological, social, physical, and spiritual) either now or in the future.

Happily, once we have grown up and matured a bit, we usually come to greatly appreciate the efforts made by our long-suffering parents, despite how unpleasant it might have been at the time — for both of us. I can remember thanking my father for all the discipline (usually spankings) after I had been married a few years — I thought he was going to faint. I had learned to embrace his godly and trustworthy discipline; and honestly, there still are plenty of times when I wish I could go to my dad for his encouragement, rebuke, or correction.

And how much more should we be willing to accept the Lord's discipline; yet how often do we have hardship, trouble, financial insecurity, loneliness, and much more thrust upon us; and look upward and at least think, "Do you not love me anymore?" We haven't learned to embrace God's discipline.

"Well, how do I do that?" you may well ask. There are two things that occur to me — there may be more — to help us embrace the discipline.

One of the things that made me appreciate what my parents had done was understanding (later) why they had done it — to keep me from

playing in the street and getting run over, to teach me not to be selfish but care for others, to teach me the value of learning, of hard work, of right priorities, of thrift, of kindness, of generosity, of loyalty, of family, and so much more. And maybe the reasons that we often fail to embrace the discipline is because we've not asked the question, "What am I supposed to learn?" The point of discipline is to teach, but as any teacher can tell you learning is a two-way street — the student must be willing to learn. Too often we're the student who is simply trying to find a way to not suffer the consequences of our sinful actions. You'll more easily embrace the discipline, when you stop and learn the lesson.

Another of the things that made me appreciate the discipline of my parents is was realizing that they really did love me, were sacrificing things for me, and providing for me — the discipline was simply one more proof, yes proof, of their love. We so often praise and glorify God in our prayers and songs for His marvelous, gracious, constant love evident in His creation, in sending Jesus, in providing for our needs, for the joy and hope we have, for the unbelievable status as heirs of Heaven, and abundantly more. But how often do we recognize and thank Him for the proof of His love found in discipline? Would God just about "faint"?

The writer of Hebrews tells us (Heb. 12:11), "All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness." Let's learn to embrace the good, trustworthy, and loving discipline of the Lord.

Park Linscomb



FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN NOVEMBER

16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Bonnie D. 🕊️	John and Carmen S. ❤️	10:00AM Ladies' Bible class	7:00PM Wed. Bible class	Elizabeth H. 🕊️		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship <p>Birthday Cake fellowship</p>			<h2>Marriage and Family Series, part 3</h2>			

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of November 16AMPMWed.

AnnouncementsBurley SBurley S
 Song LeadingDoug JScott WCharles H
 Opening PrayerDavid JRalph K
 CommunionJim BReiven H
 Closing PrayerScott WCharles H
 A/V ControlCharles HJohn SScott W
 GreeterJim B

Week of November 23AMPMWed.

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 Song LeadingScott WDoug JReiven H
 Opening PrayerChris SBurley S
 CommunionReiven HMarty K
 Closing PrayerDoug JJim B
 A/V ControlScott WCharles HJohn S
 GreeterJohn S



Sermon Notes...
