

# 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 — HE RECEIVED HIS SIGHT

The Word of God reveals many instances in which He performed miracles by His hand or by the hands of the apostles. These are recorded within scripture that we may learn from the circumstances or the actual event. The idea is that we learn from the account, the power of God and/or the power of our own faith through the God we serve. The Bible calls these "ensamples" (examples) in ***1 Corinthians 10:11*** as well as ***1 Peter 5:3***. The idea is NOT that we should anticipate the ability to perform any miraculous deeds of our own, but that we further appreciate the power of God and His willingness to provide substantiating proof as it relates to the great effort God has shown to bring us salvation through His great Plan.

No single event can secure the salvation of our souls. Nothing short of the sacrificial blood of Jesus can provide a means by which salvation can be had. Although it can lead us to repentance, no feeling of sorrow or regret can save us from an eternal hell. By the eternal wisdom of God, He has formulated a specific process by which we can not only be forgiven of our sins, but secure an eternal home in the presence of God. It is of great promise and purpose... "*and few there be that find it*" ***Matthew 7:14***.

The secret of salvation's plan was presented by the Apostle Paul in ***Ephesians 3:1-11***. He described it as "*a mystery held in secret since the world began... Hid in God... now revealed by His holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit... according to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord*". It is meant to introduce the "*unsearchable riches of Christ*"...and reveal the manifold wisdom of God"...through the Church"...which He purchased with His own blood" ***Acts 20:28***.

On the road to Damascus, Paul was stricken blind by the Lord. It was an indication of the blindness that the world has concerning the Word of God in its entirety. Paul could not know beforehand that the truth of God's Plan would be "by revelation" that day. When Ananias laid his hand on Paul, the message became clear. Paul would do his part to help establish the record of the Gospel by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The record is sure; those who seek the truth can find it in the Word.

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

**Series**— If you didn't get a chance to attend this great series on marriage and family, or if you just want to review it again, you can see it on the church's YouTube channel in a playlist called "Marriage and Family".



### Marriage and Family Series

Successive Wednesdays  
November 5, 12, and 19

*Do something great for your family!!*

**MARY HALL** There will be a memorial service on November 23 (today) at 2PM. A light reception will be provided afterward in the fellowship hall.

**COAT DRIVE** — The coat drive ends on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, today. 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.

**1 CORINTHIANS 15** — This Wednesday evening at our regular Wed. PM Bible study (7PM) we'll continue our study of the resurrection as taught by the apostle Paul. This is the most thorough teaching of the

resurrection in the Scripture, so join us — **AND** if you're not in the habit of coming on Wed. evening, start a new and enriching habit for your soul.

**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.

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

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** — Our next men's breakfast will be Dec. 6 at 9AM.

Come enjoy the food, fellowship, and uplift of this regular gathering.

**THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE** has gotten a fresh new look. Check it out and share with others [www.rhcoc.org](http://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
- Isela's family, her grandmother passed away
- Stetson Kissinger, fractured leg
- Esther Myrick, low blood count

Enjoy the day. We don't have many of them.  
- JH Perry

- 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 24, Rom 8-10
- Nov 25, Rom 11-14
- Nov 26, Rom 15-16
- Nov 27, 1 Cor 1-4
- Nov 28, 1 Cor 5-7
- Nov 29, 1 Cor 6-11
- Nov 30, 1 Cor 12-14

# 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.

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## ARE YOU A GAMBLER?

**O**K, on the surface of it, it may sound like I'm asking for a confession of sin or something. But in this post I'm actually encouraging you to gamble—just, not the way that you may think. I'm encouraging you to gamble God's way.

In Philippians 2:30 Paul speaks of a dear friend from Philippi, Epaphroditus. His name may not roll off the English tongue with ease, but he was a major encouragement to Paul in prison. Epaphroditus had been the messenger of a letter and gift from the church in Philippi, while Paul was in a Roman prison. And in Philippians 2:30 Epaphroditus was the carrier of the letter from a grateful Paul to the Philippian church. Paul was full of praise and thanks for all that Epaphroditus had done for him—especially since it was a great risk.

Rome like any big city of that time was fraught with danger not only from big city crime, but also sickness in a world without aspirin or antibiotics. And Epaphroditus had indeed fallen ill, almost dying, during his visit to Paul. So, Paul praises Epaphroditus as one who had "risked his life" (v.30) to complete the Philippian church's service to him. The word for risk here is the word "to gamble" (*parabolano*). Later, in early Christianity, there were Christians who visited the sick and those in prisons who were called the "*parabolani*"—the gamblers.

Indeed, risk is an integral part of the definition of faith in God. Faithful men and women of God step off into "thin air" without visible "safety nets", only the commands and promises of God. Think of...

- ❖ Noah, who built an ark and preached repentance to a mocking world that was soon to drown in the great flood. Risk
- ❖ Abraham, who left home and family to follow God to a land that God would show him on the basis that God would make of him and Sarah a great nation (in their 70's). Risk.
- ❖ Moses, who as a fugitive from Egyptian justice, upon command of God, returned to Egypt and had the audacity to demand that the powerful Egyptian Pharaoh to obey the command of the God of the Israelite slaves to "Let My people go." Risk.

- ❖ Joshua and Caleb, who urged Israel to start the conquest despite the walled cities and the giant in Canaan. Risk.
- ❖ Gideon, who was commanded to attack a Midianite army of over 120,000 with 300 and did. Risk.
- ❖ David, who as a youth took up the challenge of a 9'6" giant with a sling and 5 stones, because he had taunted to armies of the living God. Risk.
- ❖ Peter, who not only spoke up and asked to walk on water, but then stepped out of the boat to do it. Risk.

Faith is always more than just an opinion, it is action, the life that we live. Faith speaks up, when it is safer to be silent; faith goes, when it would be more secure to stay; and faith stands alone with God and truth, when it would be "wiser" to stand with the crowd.

Let me encourage you to...

- ❖ Risk by being generous with money, time, and skills for the Kingdom
- ❖ Risk by mentioning Jesus name and His saving message
- ❖ Risk by doing good toward an enemy
- ❖ Risk by "doing family" God's way
- ❖ Risk by being an honest business man or woman
- ❖ Risk forgiveness
- ❖ Risk serving others in sickness or risky places
- ❖ Risk by doing mission work

There are risks, of course, that you should never take. Never risk your soul by failing to obey the Lord in the matter of baptism. Never risk your soul on a man-made doctrine. And, of course, never gamble in a casino.

But do live the life of faith, that steps out onto the water, when the Lord says, "Come."

Epaphroditus risked his life to serve. What are you willing to risk?

Park Linscomb

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN NOVEMBER

23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Trelitha B.</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00AM Bible classes</li> <li>■ 10:00AM Worship</li> <li>■ 6:00PM Worship</li> </ul>		<div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Adalae S.</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class</li> </ul>	<div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Thanksgiving Day</div> <div style="background-color: #f4cccc; padding: 2px;">Thanksgiving</div>		

## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

### **Week of November 23 .....AM .....PM .....Wed.**

Announcements .....Jim B .....Jim B  
 Song Leading .....Scott W .....Doug J.....Reiven H  
 Opening Prayer .....Chris S .....Burley S  
 Communion .....Reiven H.....Marty K  
 Closing Prayer .....Doug J .....Jim B  
 A/V Control.....Scott W .....Charles H...John S  
 Greeter.....John S

### **Week of November 30 .....AM .....PM .....Wed.**

Announcements .....Burley S .....Burley S  
 Song Leading .....Doug J .....Scott W .....Charles H  
 Opening Prayer .....David J.....Ralph K  
 Communion .....Yaw F .....Jim B  
 Closing Prayer .....Scott W .....Kyle J  
 A/V Control.....Charles H.....John S.....Scott W  
 Greeter.....Jim B



Sermon Notes...

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