

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"*

SHARE THE FAITH

The future success of the Lord's Church in the salvation of souls tomorrow, in large part depends upon the condition of the Lord's Church today. The greatest challenge that we face, might well be that the average person realizes no specific need in regard to the condition of their soul. As a result, a kind of ho-hum attitude is held by most outside the body of Christ, and even some who are within the body of Christ.

The growth of denominationalism has brought concepts of; *"You don't have to go to church to be saved; All you have to do is ask Jesus into your hearts; Pray the sinner's prayer; Come join us for the entertainment, and we will discuss religion on the back side."* Because so many of these ideas are routinely taught, we must identify the affect that it can have on *"True Worshippers"* **John 4:24.**

One of the characteristics making the Plan of God 'mysterious' is how the Plan works in this regard; *the path is narrow, few there be that find it, sin separates us from God, Christians are a new creature, God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him, God knows the heart, and we will all stand before the judgement seat of Christ to give an account.*

It is God's Plan in this manner; *God has included all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe,* **Galatians 3:22.** The Sum of scripture is clear in that no guarantees are made for belief alone, but that 'belief' includes a total buy-in of the Instructions given. A decision to follow Christ is an acceptance of the Sum of scripture.

Of God's instruction, this is the layman's term: All are considered sinners until a decision is made to follow God's Plan. When an individual decides to follow their spiritual need, he/she has accepted the Faith in Christ and the personal change that will occur. With a firm and conscious decision to follow Christ, a verbal confession is made and the individual is lowered into the watery grave of Baptism, *"raised up to walk in newness of life"*. With a pure heart of repentance and obedience, the Lord Jesus *"adds to the church...such as should be saved"*. Share the Faith.

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.

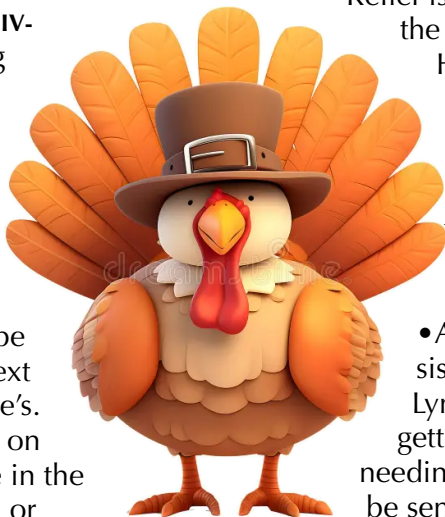
N . E . W . S .

BIRTHDAY CAKE is this evening, our monthly fellowship after evening services to celebrate everyone whose birthday fall in that month. There's always some light food and, of course, cake, and always great fellowship. Come to Sunday evening services and then join in the great fellowship afterward.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! — Wishing you all a wonderful season of reflecting on all that the Lord has provided us **LADIES' GIFT**

EXCHANGE will be December 2, next Monday, at Babe's. Sign up sheet is on the ladies' table in the back. See Linda or Pam for additional information

COATS FOR CHILDREN for the Rainbow Room at the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County. Members can bring new coats and put them in the black tote in the back of the auditorium. For more info talk to



Marie W or look up this link: <https://www.caccolincounty.org/waystogive/rainbow-room/>

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

CHILDREN'S HOMES COLLECTION — The Rock Hill church makes an annual donation to the children's homes we support for Christmas. If you'd like to donate toward this gift to the children see Linda S.

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

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

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Anna S, a Christian sister who comes with Lynn and Alene T, is getting better, but still needing prayer. Cards can be sent to 7210 Linkside Point Dr., Apt. 223, McKinney TX 75071
- Max B, Charles and Diane's brother-in-law, with terminal brain cancer. Please pray for the family.
- Elizabeth H's cousin, Tracy, is still in need of prayers for better health.

- Zeke R. recovery
- The Staffords —
 - Cleves family as his dad is nearing the end,
 - their son struggling in his freshman year at college,
 - the Pittsfield church.
- Mary H is recovering at home.
- Emma's grandmother, Karla R, dementia and cancer.
- Esther M health.
- Bonnie D recovering from a minor stroke.
- Lynn T: cancer
- Sue C: digestive problems
- Ora H, 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 H's 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 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
- Dec 1, 1 Cor 15-16

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.

WORKS OF THE FLESH AND FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, PART 6

We've been studying Galatians 5:19-23, the famous list of works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit. We've looked at the Biblical definition of the works of the flesh (some of them are not common words) and we got a few examples of how we still practice them today—so we can be careful to avoid them in our Christian lives.

Last week we talked about the concept of the fruit of the Spirit: that it is 1) from the Spirit of God, 2) more than merely making other disciples, and 3) that it is a whole changed life, not just a list of a few virtues to take or leave.

So now let's take a look at a few facets of the wonderful fruit of the Spirit.

LOVE

This is *agape* love, the love broad enough to include all mankind—good or bad, friend or enemy, countryman or foreigner, believer or not. In this sense it is sometimes described "unconditional love". But it is more; it is a decision and commitment to speak and act in the best interest of one's neighbor. But here is what it is not: it is not the permissive and soft love full of rainbows, and unicorns that the world thinks it is. Jesus was the perfect embodiment of this love. His love certainly did include kindness and compassion; but when the occasion called for it, His love also included cleansing the Temple, correcting the proud, outright condemnation of some, and speaking the truth bluntly. This love is powerful, surprising, and right. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (John 13:34).

JOY

This is another word that can be easily misunderstood, because of the world's perception and definition of it;

joy is more than mere happiness. We are happy when all is right with our world, but it evaporates quickly as soon as the circumstances of our lives change. Christian joy, on the other hand, is founded on the greater and eternal truths that are invisible to the world, but which Christians know are real nonetheless: the joy of God's love, the joy of the Gospel, the joy of Christ's resurrection, the joy of forgiveness, the joy of a new kind of life, and even the joy of suffering (knowing what it accomplishes, James 1:2ff)—to name just a few! Such joy in the Lord powers courage, perseverance, mission, strength, and a shockingly different attitude for the Christian, even while experiencing the trials and troubles of this world.

PEACE

Once again, the Christian sees the idea of peace differently from the world. Worldly peace is the lack of conflict and absence of a troubled heart. But the Biblical idea is much broader and has little to do with whether everything is OK; in fact, Christian peace is at its best when things are not going well. The Hebrew word for peace is *shalom*, and the NT gets its meaning from the Hebrew meaning. It refers to the well-being of the mind, of the heart, of my relations with others, and most importantly my relationship with God. It is this last facet, one's relationship with God, that that makes all the difference; because even in the midst of turmoil, our faith and trust rests comfortably in the Father who loves, provides, and listens. This is why Paul says, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6, 7).



Park Linscomb

