

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

WE NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

A wise man is known to have said, *"The hidden man of the heart reveals the true nature of the person."* This should remind us of what Jesus said in **Matthew 15** when debating the Jews regarding *"unwashed hands"*. He said it was not what entered the mouth that defiles the man, but what comes from the mouth. For what cometh forth from the mouth shows outwardly what is contained within the heart....and *"it can defile the man."* I trust that we understand what this means. The short version is this; we cannot hide our prejudices nor our intent, when the mouth engages before the brain has opportunity to do so.

The aforementioned 'wise man' named Peter also said the people of God were to be, *"a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people...that ye should show forth the virtues (praises) of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."* I fear we have fallen far short of descriptive writings that indicate the nature of what God had in mind. The average Christian person finds it difficult to utilize good manners when dealing with others, much less to 'consider the other person' before submitting a personal blow. When Paul wrote in **Philippians 2: 3**, *"let each esteem others better than themselves"* this is what he meant.

Let's try this one for size: A man named Bill was asked to speak at a church gathering. His place in line was after the first few speakers, one of whom was Bill's personal favorite whose name was John. As they were driving home, Bill's wife had said nothing regarding Bill's own presentation. Being anxious for personal feedback, Bill said, "I really enjoyed John's presentation. I believe he is one of the great speakers of the Church; precise, personable, confident in his approach. She remained rather quiet, so Bill continued to prod and asked, "How many great speakers do you think we have within the church" to which his wife replied, "One less than you think!"

Perhaps a poor example, but nonetheless an example of how we might not give the best answer that would encourage Bill. The challenge of all Christian followers—Church attendance. The best manner of *"provoking one another to love and to good works, and so much the more as we see the day approaching."* **Hebrews 10:24-25**. We need thee every hour.

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

— Park will present a series of lessons on Marriage and Family on three successive Wednesdays, Nov. 5, 12, and 19. Invite a friend! Encourage others to come.



Marriage and Family Series

Successive Wednesdays
November 5, 12, and 19

Do something great for your family!!

OUR LADIES packed up 39 Senior Care packages. Judy took them down to Meals on Wheels in McKinney after serving the ladies a delicious box lunch. Thanks to everyone that helped with this project.

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

THE NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST will be Nov. 1 at 9AM. Come and bring others with you.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Nancy J's brother in Arkansas

- Chris S's father is not doing well.
- Freida is home and not feeling very good.
- Linda Curry for her Afib
- Dianne and Charles' 11 year old grandson Nash Booth with a concussion from his football game on Saturday-Burley's mission trip to India in Sept. (and Linda at home)

- Susie C. Please pray for a quick recovery from eye surgery.

- Esther Myrick, low blood count

- Reiven and Ora H — Pray for quick and complete recoveries

- Ken Conklin recovering for a heart oblation..

- The Staffords, our missionaries in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, granddaughter Peyton living with them.

- Mary H is recovering at home.

- Bonnie D recovering from a minor stroke.

- Churches in New Eng-

land

- 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

- Oct 26, Luke 10-11
- Oct 27, Luke 12-13
- Oct 28, Luke 14-16
- Oct 29, Luke 17-18
- Oct 30, Luke 19-20
- Oct 31, Luke 21-22
- Nov 1, Luke 23-24
- Nov 2, John 1-3

God is not in the career-building or dream-fulfilling business. God is in the kingdom-building business. — David A. R. White

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.

LET YOUR JOY SHINE!

Christian is not a negative religion. The world—very unfortunately—sees God's word, Christ's church, and Christians generally as very negative—a religion of "No". We know why, of course; God often says, "No," to the evil and harmful things that people in the world seem to love, but which hurt themselves and others, and violate God's very nature. However, those who know the Lord understand that Christianity is very positive—and more than merely optimistic, it is full of faith and hope! The very things that make men pessimistic, cynical, curmudgeon-like, and defeatist have no power over the Christian!

For example, Christian know that our troubles will ultimately be turned upside down, if we follow the Lord's commands. Paul reminds us, "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28, NAS95). There is no problem so difficult that God cannot fix it, if we are willing to follow His solution.

And of course, one of the two greatest problems that man has ever had to face is death (the other being sin)—the Lord has solved it! While other religions may make a claim to some sort of afterlife and "salvation", Christianity has proven it through the resurrection of Jesus. Let that sink in; the event in this world that brings the most sorrow and dread has been solved! "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?" (1 Corinthians 15:55, NAS95). Death is not the end of existence; there is much more. And for the Christian, the "much more" is more wonderful than words can express. With this sort of hope, it's hard to threaten a Christian with death!

And here's another, the nature of individual men can be changed! In Jesus, where a new kind

of life is revealed, a clean slate is offered, and forgiveness is bestowed, the lives of men and women can be radically changed, not just for the better but for the best! God's word and Jesus' cross can make amazing changes in individuals and in the world, when it is sown into the hearts of men and men submit to it. God through Isaiah said, "So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11, NAS95).

There is real joy in the fellowship of the saved. There is delight found in the commands of the Lord. There is hope for men in this world and ironclad hope for the world to come. Even when we are persecuted in this world, we are confident in our victory, overcoming evil with good. We have abundant reasons to be joyful rather than cynical, dark, or suspicious.

And when we do dwell on the joy, on the hope, on the faith; we discover a strength for perseverance, endurance, and zeal in doing the Lord's will—"Then he said to them, "Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and send portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'" (Nehemiah 8:10, NAS95).

This week, ponder the positive, enjoy the joy, and affirm the affirmative in your Christian life! Let that joy shine; people will wonder what you're smiling about—and you can tell them. God is so very good, and He has given to us the hope, the peace, and the joy that cannot be touched by the world—if we don't let it.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN OCTOBER

26	27	28	29	30	31
Virginia Sue C. ❤️ ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship ■ 7:00PM Birthday Cake Sunday		Chris & Julianna S. ❤️ ■ 7:00PM Singing ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class		Jeremy C. 🧛‍♂️ Halloween	

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of October 26AMPMWed.

AnnouncementsJim BJim B
 Song LeadingScott WDoug JCharles H
 Opening PrayerJohn SJohn S
 CommunionDavid JBurley S
 Closing PrayerDoug JCharles H
 A/V ControlCharles HJohn SScott W
 GreeterYaw F

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Sermon Notes...
