

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

Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

Deacons:

- Reiven Holt
- Hugh Ruebush
- John Smetzer
- Burley Stinnett
- Fernando Zapata

Interns:

- Kent Cates & Avery Nicks

*"We're Here
and We Care"*

"I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN"

It is difficult to include everything at one time regarding the Plan of God for salvation, and certainly everything the Bible has to say regarding the Holy Spirit. However, in our search for the 'sum' of its meaning, we read and meditate upon the details that allow us the deepest understanding. II Timothy 2:15 explains this perfectly. If we have yet to make a concerted effort to study, it is unlikely we can reach our true potential as a Christian.

Imagine the burden of the Apostles, having spent time with Jesus, but remaining unclear on so many details. Now, imagine how much more they came to know when the Holy Spirit came upon them, and the answers to their questions became clear. There is an interesting discussion in John 16:16-28 between Jesus and the Apostles. It is worth your time and consideration.

As you read this, please remember that Jesus was at the right hand of the Father when John wrote these things down. You can be as certain of the accuracy and the content, as the Apostles were after Pentecost. Jesus makes reference to his departure like this, "a little while and ye shall not see me...then again, ye shall see me." In verse 18, Jesus knows they do not understand, but hesitant to ask what He means. As the inspired writers often do, there is 'great wisdom' from the Father in what the Spirit has delivered to them.

Through verse 28, Jesus makes reference to at least two occasions in which he will leave and return; in the tomb and resurrection as well as His 2nd coming. There is also further indication of what is yet to come in the Plan of God. In Verses 22-25, Jesus said, "I will see you again... and in that day, you will ask me nothing...these things I have spoken unto you in proverbs; but the time cometh when I shall no more speak to you in proverbs, but I will show you plainly of the Father." Reading these words from Jesus Himself, picturing Him as friend sitting on a rock on the shore by the sea. As surely as He said these things for the Inspired writer to record, they are intended to sink deeply into our hearts, and bring us closer to our heavenly Father and the Savior who gave His life for 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

- Because of the significantly higher cost of property insurance recently imposed on us beginning in August, there may be a need to raise the budget.
- Facebook is now back up and running for us again. Charles reported that we have as many as 80 join us for all or part of our services each week. Wednesday Bible study is also doing pretty well. It was suggested that Park reboot his devotional thoughts on Facebook 2 or 3 times a week and advertise them.
- Our Vibe video efforts were evaluated, specifically which streaming channels work best for us. The effectiveness of the QR was discussed and it was decided that our name, address, and web address were probably sufficient on the video — not a QR code.
- All the leadership were pleased with what the interns had done this summer.
- A potential Idaho mission trip still remains a possibility, but no additional information has been received about it.
- Although the area in our “court yard” has been prepared for grass seed sowing, it has been much too hot to sow it. It is expected that perhaps sometimes in mid fall, the grass will be sown.
- The last hard rain we had seemed to prove the worth of the new drainage

solution; it definitely diverts water from our auditorium..

- The cables for the video equipment seems to come loose from time to time. Burley thinks that cleaning them with alcohol will save us from having to replace them.
- It was suggest that perhaps we re-aim and use the side cameras in our worship broadcasts more often. Charles, Burley, and Park will be working on this project.
- Shall we reboot the men's breakfasts this September? October 19 was suggested and may be announced formally soon.
- An Indian Gospel Meeting has been proposed at a local preachers' meeting. Park has been in touch with some potential Telegu preachers. Logistics of such a meeting were also discussed.
- It was suggested that we have a once a month song practice hour on Sunday's at 5PM. New songs in their parts would be practiced for use in our regular worship assemblies.
- Park reminded the leadership that he will be preaching at the Gander Brook Men's Retreat in Maine from September 26-28, so he will be absent for Bible classes and preaching on Sept 25 and 29.

THE WHITE ROCK FUND'S annual reporting and fundraising event has been scheduled for Saturday, October 12, 2024, 10AM to 2:30PM at the Prestoncrest church of Christ (6022 Preston Crest Lane, Dallas TX). Mark your calendar and prepare to be encouraged!

LADIES — Our next sewing project meeting will be September 12 from 10-2. Please join us. There are jobs that don't include sewing if that isn't your thing. Any questions, talk to Trudi
THERE IS A “TABLE SHOWER” for Jacob and Rachel Kopenski on the back table under the bulletin board.

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.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS...

- Max Bledsoe, Charles' brother-in-law with several medical problems

OUR PRAYER LIST...

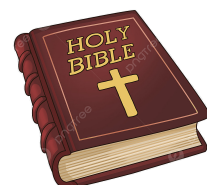
- Dianna Conkling has had many challenges with her cancer for the last 5-6 months.
- Elizabeth's brother-in-law recovering from a car accident, and her step-brother with multiple health problems
- Melinda Stafford's mother and brother in S. Africa
- Esther Myrick's health.
- Emma's grandmother, Karla Rothbauer, early onset dementia.
- 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, interns, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Isela Hughes' sister Griselda's illness & friend Jeff with cancer (very ill)
- Bonnie B.
- Carol P.
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- The Zapata's friend Isabella with a heart lesion
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Ken C.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Aug 25, Lam 3-5
- Aug 26, Ezekiel 1-4
- Aug 27, Ezekiel 5-8
- Aug 28, Ezekiel 9-12
- Aug 29, Ezekiel 13-15
- Aug 30, Ezekiel 16
- Aug 31, Ezekiel 17-19



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.

THE DANGERS OF TRADITIONS

Jesus often condemned the imposition of traditions upon the apostles and the Jewish people in His ministry on earth. "BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN" (Matt. 15:9).

On the other hand, the inspired apostle Paul spoke positively about the traditions he had handed down to the churches (1 Cor. 11:2 and 2 Thess. 2:15 and 3:6).

So which is it? Are traditions good or bad? The key lies in what kind of authority they are being given. Notice the objection that Jesus had to the traditions what that they were being taught by uninspired men as inspired doctrines or commands from God. The traditions that Paul was teaching, on the other hand, were authorized by God and may have included, for example, teachings about assembling every first day of the week for worship and the Lord's Supper. This was part of Jesus plan of inspiring and authorizing the apostles to teach and set a lot of the details of the church, Christian behavior, and doctrine —

"Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven" (Matt. 18:18)

and

"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come" (John 16:13).

But today we have no more inspired men to set doctrine and morality; instead, we have the Bible, the inspired word of God to teach us His immutable truth. Yet men still make and often hold to traditions. While some of them are can be harmless (e.g., an established time and place for the church to meet), the truth is that they can still be dangerous and become sin when men try to bind them as God's commands.

They can become the sources of false doctrine. Church history is replete with examples of innocent behaviors that became established habits that be-

came calcified traditions that became matters of doctrine. For example, a preference for an unmarried evangelist (like Paul) became more than a preference and ultimately became a command in some religious groups to be celibate.

Another danger is the false guilt that such traditions generate among those upon whom the traditions are being bound. This is what Jesus was specifically objecting to, when the Pharisees accused His disciples of breaking the sabbath by picking heads of grain and eating them. Had the Lord not been there to defend His disciples, the disciples would probably have slunk off in guilty shame, because they had "sinned". There's plenty of legitimate guilt regarding legitimate sins; there's no need to generate new reasons to feel guilty. Among some religious groups a tradition arose to abstain from meat on Fridays, which over time morphed into a command that, if violated, needed confession and repentance — a false guilt based on a false sin.

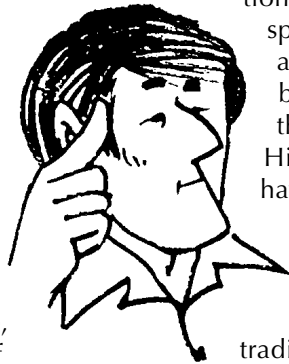
Yet another danger of traditions is that they are often divisive. As opinions become traditions and traditions become increasingly established, it is not unusual for some in the congregation to disagree. For example, the order of a congregation's worship service frequently follows a weekly pattern, so that if a song leader or preacher attempts to change the order of worship (even though all parts of the worship have been included) an urgent concern will often arise that can develop to the point of a division.

Without doubt the biggest danger of traditions is that they subtly shift the authority for religion from God to men. But it is the Lord's word that will judge us.

And this is why Christians, from the leadership to the pew, need to be able to differentiate tradition from command and recognize what can and often times does go wrong, when a harmless tradition starts to become a doctrine or a command.

Let us always be careful to speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent.

Park Linscomb



FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship 		<div style="background-color: #d9534f; color: white; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">David & Lauri J. ❤️</div> <div style="background-color: #d9534f; color: white; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Edna A. 🎂</div> <div style="background-color: #d9534f; color: white; padding: 2px;">Ty J. 🎂</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Sewing Project 			

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

September 1AM.....PM

AnnouncementsBurley S
 SongleadingDoug j.....Scott W
 Opening PrayerMarty K.....Hugh R
 CommunionReiven H.....John S
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerJim BYaw F
 A/V ControlJohn SCharles H
 GreeterFernando Z

Wed PM, September 4

SongsCharles H
 A/VHunter M

September 8AM.....PM

AnnouncementsJim B
 SongleadingScott WDoug J
 Opening PrayerYaw FReiven H
 CommunionDavid JYaw F
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerCharles HRalph L
 A/V ControlJohn SCharles H
 GreeterHugh R

Wed PM, September 11

SongsCharles H
 A/VHunter M



Sermon Notes...
