

# 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"*

## "PERFECT, POWERFUL AND SINGULAR"

Man has long been amazed by the power and omniscience of God. He is able to reside in heaven while controlling things upon the earth. Many of the things He has controlled have been magical and incomprehensible to us, but have virtually all rendered spiritual results. By reading the scriptures, we know that Jesus was involved with all of creation, as was the "Spirit of God" who we have come to recognize as the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit).

The scriptures identify three entities (as three persons) in **Matthew 28:18-20**. Jesus gives the 'Great Commission' in which He instructs, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." This is a most accurate rendition of the heavenly powers that are identified in scripture, especially concerning the Plan for Salvation. Although the word choice is a little unusual, **1 John 5:5-8** identifies these same three entities, and confirms they "are one"... and/or "agree in one."

We should always rely on the Inspired Word to help clarify its own meaning. There is a hierarchy in heaven, therefore we should understand the difference between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit as taught in scripture. Why? So that we more perfectly understand the message it brings, and be able to "give an answer." In **1 Corinthians 11:3**, Paul says, "I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God." Furthermore, look at **1 Corinthians 15:28** which says, "And when all things shall be subdued by Him, then shall the Son also himself be subject to Him that put all things under Him, that God may be all in all."

The separation of the Holy Spirit in this hierarchy is also clear by the scriptures we have been reviewing regarding the Plan for Salvation. **John 7:39**, "the Holy Ghost had not yet been given, because that Jesus had not yet been glorified." Also, look again at **John 16:7-13**, "It is expedient that I go away...for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you...Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth...and he will shew you things to come." The combination is perfect, powerful and (**Ephesians 4**) singular.

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 MONTHLY LEADERSHIP MEETING** is this Sunday, September 8, at 4PM. If you have a question or suggestion for the elders, deacons, and the preacher to discuss, please give it to one of our leaders.

**THE LADIES' BIBLE CLASS** has resumed meeting after their summer hiatus. They meet each Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the fellowship hall. They're doing something special this week, see Nancy J for details.

**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!

**A WORD FROM THE SUMMER INTERNS:** "It's so nice to hear from you! Life has been great here. Busy is definitely a good word, but it's also been very fun and rewarding. We miss all of you so much, though, and look forward to when we get to see y'all again! Hope all of the youth are adjusting well to being back in school."

**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. If you have any questions, talk to Trudi Ruebush.

**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...

- Dianna Conkling is in the hospital and really struggling. Please pray for her.
- Emma's grandmother, Karla R, early onset dementia and cancer.

a car accident, and her step-brother with multiple health problems

- Melinda Stafford's mother and brother in S. Africa
- Esther Myrick's health.
- 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

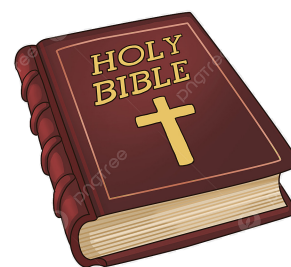
- Sep 8, Ezekiel 39-40
- Sep 9, Ezekiel 41-43
- Sep 10, Ezekiel 44-45
- Sep 11, Ezekiel 46-48
- Sep 12, Daniel 1-3
- Sep 13, Daniel 4-6
- Sep 14, Daniel 7-8

*Saying, "Preach the Gospel, use words if necessary" is like saying, "Feed the hungry, use food if necessary."*

Ligon Dunan

### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Max Bledsoe, Charles' brother-in-law with several medical problems
- Elizabeth's brother-in-law recovering from



# A word of Encouragement

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"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.

## OVERCOMING TOUGH SINS, PART 1

After hearing a good sermon, you might go home and resolve to start anew with your discipleship, quit that bad habit, correct that bad attitude, and turn over a new leaf. That's the hope of every preacher. And I'm hopeful that 1) you are working on something in your life and 2) you're doing well. But if you're like many of us, you've had a stumble or two already on some of the tougher sins. Is it time to fly the white flag and surrender? No; it's time to double down on those good intentions, examine what happened on the stumbles, and overcome!

But how? For the next few weeks, let's talk about a few things that can help us overcome. These will be things that we often already know, but overlook. We'll start with the principle: (1 Corinthians 15:33) "Do not be deceived: 'Bad company corrupts good morals.'"

One of the great enemies of our great intentions for spiritual growth is the way that other people around us live. God created us as social beings; and no matter how independent we'd like to think we are, we will be influenced by others. That's why Paul started the principle of 1 Cor. 15:33 with "Do not be deceived". From language to bad eating habits, to attitudes, to substance abuse, to even faith—the behavior, attitudes, etc. of others influences us deeply.

And by the way, the influence of others is not just the people that we are physically around. These days we have more "company" than ever in the history of the world in the form of: TV (how many hours of this do we do per week?), music (how many hours?), internet (how many hours?), social media (how many hours?)—all of it available in 4K "technicolor". And how much of the TV, music, internet, and social media is wholesome, G-rated, in other words, something that you would not be ashamed to do, say, or be entertained by in front of the Lord?

"But I just filter out the bad stuff" we may answer. Yes, if we are sincerely trying to be dis-

ciples of Jesus, we must and probably do filter out a lot. We must be in the world but not of the world (John 17:15,16). But let's talk about filtering for just a moment.

Sometimes filtering begins with eliminating big chunks. What about the genre of your music that might be continually filled with glorifying lust and sexual sin, violence, or rebellion? What about some of the TV shows that you watch that consistently model and advocate bad attitudes, worldliness, and acceptance of sinful lifestyles. How about your social media or favorite internet sites? Or sometimes—here's a really tough one—your circle of worldly friends, if you aren't a major influence for good for them. After all, Paul taught, "Do not be deceived, 'Bad company corrupts good morals'; remember?

"Then, who will I associate with? What kind of music will I listen to? It will be so awkward to unfriend some folks. And my TV shows!! Won't things get boring?" The fact that we think non-worldly friends, TV, music, etc. will be boring says something about how much we've already been negatively influenced by them, doesn't it? Good isn't more boring, sin isn't more interesting. "Interesting" is defined by what we **choose** to find interesting.

But to answer the question of who will I associate with, well there are your Christian friends, brothers and sisters, right? There are more wholesome TV shows on, more wholesome music available, etc. Or in lieu of worldly entertainment, the Bible's actually pretty exciting reading; give it a try!

If it is true that bad company corrupts good morals; it is also true that good company will promote good morals. Substitute good influences for bad ones and you'll be surprised at how much easier the good, godly things that you want to add to your life will become.

Park Linscomb

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00AM Bible classes</li> <li>■ 10:00AM Worship</li> <li>■ 4:00PM Leadership meeting</li> <li>■ 6:00PM Worship</li> </ul>	<p>9</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px;">Reiven H. 🕯️</p>	<p>10</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px;">Rowan B. 🕯️</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class</li> </ul>	<p>11</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px;">Jim B. 🕯️</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class</li> </ul>	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10:00AM Ladies' sewing project</li> </ul>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 5:00PM Game night Smetzers</li> </ul>
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## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

### September 8 .....AM.....PM

Announcements .....Jim B  
 Songleading .....Scott W .....Doug J  
 Opening Prayer .....Yaw F .....Reiven H  
 Communion .....David J .....Yaw F  
 Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Closing Prayer .....Charles H .....Ralph L  
 A/V Control .....John S .....Charles H  
 Greeter .....Hugh R

### Wed PM, September 11

Songs .....Charles H  
 A/V .....Hunter M

### September 15 .....AM.....PM

Announcements .....Jim B  
 Songleading .....Doug J .....Scott W  
 Opening Prayer .....Charles H .....Burley S  
 Communion .....Scott W .....Doug J  
 Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Closing Prayer .....Doug J .....Fernando z  
 A/V Control .....John S .....Charles H  
 Greeter .....Burley S

### Wed PM, September 18

Songs .....Reiven H  
 A/V .....Hunter M



## Sermon Notes...

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