

THE ROCK HILL HERALD

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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

NOT A POLITICAL VIEW

I trust the title of this *'Spiritual Tidbit'* captures your attention. I further would assume that it brings a high degree of suspicion as to why it may be important, or why it should even be looked at more closely. After all, **Romans 12:1-2** reminds us that we *"be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..."*

The verse goes on to tell us...*"that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect (complete) will of God."* The idea is to act as representatives of what is acceptable, what is good, and what is, in reality, the "Will of God" for behavior. As we continue to stress; it is doubtful we will steal, doubtful we will murder, but we might have the real potential of being rude and disrespectful without realizing that we have done so.

The Apostle Paul has a great deal to say in this matter in his letter to the church at Rome. The 1st is in our relationship to God and the 2nd our fellowship to one another. Jesus was asked *"what is the greatest command"* in **Matthew 22:37-39**. His answer is very telling; *"Love God with all your heart, soul and mind...the 2nd is like unto it; Love your neighbor as thyself."* A profound statement is provided in **verse 40**, *"On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."*

We strive to understand the "Sum" of scripture as it relates to spiritual commandments regarding topics such as music, communion, baptism, and others. Let us not overlook such fundamental rules of virtue such as **Matthew 22:37**, and **Galatians 5:22-25** which further outlines the Christian Walk. These are blueprints of walking *"in the Faith"* for which without, we are no different than the Scribes and Pharisees in **Matthew 23:23**.

Note the power of these verses, and DO NOT ignore what Jesus said; they were committed to the Law and fulfilling the requirements thereof. Jesus rebuked them for having overlooked what He called *'The weightier matters'...judgement (justice) mercy and faith...* The message must be made clear; the most important virtue of the average Christian was NOT to be an expert of the Law, but an expert of justice, mercy and faith. That the beginning of all else is the ability to discern the ultimate challenge of Love for God and how YOU can be a shining light.

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.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

❖ THE NEXT LEADERSHIP MEETING is 9/14. at 3:30 for elders and 4 for everyone else.

❖ LADIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY has been changed from 12/1 to 12/2

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE ABOVE AND BEYOND. Here are some worthy projects you could support...

• **The White Rock Fund** — While the White Rock Fund could always use your contribution, there is a special reporting and fundraising event to be held at the Shawnee Trail church in

Frisco on October 25. It's a great and encouraging event that comes with a free lunch.

- **CHANGE CANS** — Foster's Home for Children will be collected very soon.
- **The Pittsfield MA church** — Those who wish to provide money to the Pittsfield MA church for their monthly benevolence fund can see Trudi R. to contribute.

JIM BOLES has a new address: 512 W. Elm, Celina TX 7500

THANKS to all the men who helped prepare and clean up the men's breakfast yesterday.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

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

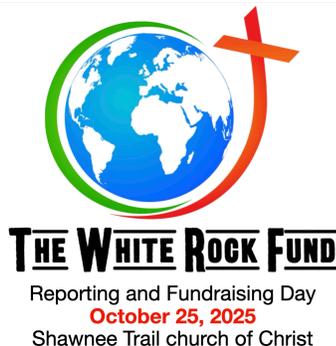
The truth is like a lion. You don't have to defend it. Let it loose. It will defend itself.

with them.

- Mary H is recovering at home.
- Bonnie D recovering from a minor stroke.
- 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



Mission reports from all over the world! Luncheon

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Sep 14, Daniel 7-8
- Sep 15, Daniel 9-10
- Sep 16, Daniel 11-12
- Sep 17, Hosea 1-6
- Sep 18, Hosea 7-12
- Sep 19, Joel all
- Sep 20, Amos 1-5
- Sep 21, Amos 6-9

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.

IT'S A SCAM!...

"THAT TRUTH IS RELATIVE"

Last week we began a series on scams in the religious world and started with the lie that "the Bible is too hard to understand". But that's not the only flimflam being perpetrated on an unsuspecting public. Another extremely widely believed lie that Satan has told us these days is that truth is relative.

We hear it frequently as the rationale for transgenderism, religious heresies, race-baiting, political speeches, and revised history, just to name a few. In the hands of some people, the proposal that there is no such thing as absolute truth becomes a "magic wand" to transform any fantasy, no matter how ridiculous, into an "unchallengeable" truth. But let's challenge it anyway.

On the face of it, the proposal that there is no such thing as absolute truth is self-contradictory. The statement itself presents itself as an absolute truth — and yet if there is no absolute truth then the proposition that "there is no absolute truth" becomes a lie.

Looking at it from another angle, such a proposal would disagree that simple matters, arithmetic for example, is questionable. $2 + 2 = 4$ might or might not be true. Simple colors would be all in what you decide they should be; black may or may not be different from white. There may be no true definition of a man or a woman. And right might be wrong and wrong may be right. AND YET we know that these matters most certainly do have right and wrong answers.

Truth's essential definition is "reality". Whether it is math, science, history, facts, or religion, truth is about what is real, not felt or imagined. When someone, then, says that something is "my truth", what he is apparently really saying is that it is what he imagines, wants, or deludedly thinks is reality — but it's not.

In mental institutes there are those who believe that they are Napoleon, others think they can fly, still others that bugs are crawling all over them, and still others that believe they are cats or dog (meowing or barking). Such people are believing in their truth and would act on it if not hospitalized — jump off tall buildings or out of trees, charge with sword in hand against a perceived enemy, panic because of the crawly feeling of he "bugs", or walk on all fours barking and meowing.

But what about religion? That's not something that we can empirically test. God is a spirit and by definition not Someone we can touch or see. How do we know He is real? How do we know what we should call Him? How do we know which way He prefers to be worshipped? How do we know that sin is a real thing, that there is a life after death, that there's a Heaven or Hell? After all, there are so many different claims that are made about religion, how can we know what spiritual reality is? What spiritual truth is?

The way we can know that there truly is a God is by taking a look at the evidences. The very existence of our world and ourselves. The existence of life and the intricate design of the creatures of our world. The universally recognized fact of morality likewise gives us evidence that there is a God and that we have been created (not evolved).

The way we can know which of the religious claims are true can also be deduced by examining the "sacred scriptures" of each religion. It is common sense that a real God behind such writings would tell us things that are 100% true and prophecies that we can see came to pass 100% of the time. Of all the "sacred scriptures" that exist, there is only one that fits this litmus test of 100% accuracy, the Bible.

And the Bible tells us about spiritual reality, absolute spiritual truth. Thus, whenever we hear a teaching and want to verify its truthfulness, we may consult with the book that reveals absolute spiritual truth. If the teaching doesn't match the Bible, we can know that it is not true. Someone may claim that it is "my truth", but "my truth" isn't reality.

And one of those spiritual realities that the Bible tells us about is the seriousness of sin and its awful consequences. But also of the one way (faith in and obedience to Jesus) in which we might avoid and be rescued from the awful consequence called Hell.

Don't fall for the scam that truth is relative. Truth is absolute. Don't fall for it in the physical world, you will get hurt; but even more importantly, don't fall for it in the spiritual world, you will lose your soul.

Park Linscomb

