

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

THINGS NOT MADE CLEAR

So, we thought the Christian Walk was pretty simple; we hear the Word, believe that changes are needed, repent of the patterns of the 'old man', confess Jesus as our Savior and are baptized wherein we are '*raised in a newness of life*'. (author assuming, we know scriptures that confirm each of these steps).

Faced with the challenge of "*Walking in the light*" 2 **John 1:7** the ultimate goal is to exercise those things that are "made clear" by direct command in scripture. Based upon 2 **Timothy 3:16**, we first identify the "*instruction in righteousness*" concerning some obvious instructions listed, for example in **Galatians 5:19-21** as "*works of the flesh*". We are commanded NOT to associate ourselves with these tendencies.

We include these tendencies as '*things made clear*', and avoid them altogether. They are 'works of the flesh', which were washed clean when we begin to "*walk in newness of life*" as we are commanded in **Romans 6:4** (as new creatures in Christ). I am certain that most us can recite scriptures of 'things made clear' by several scriptures that relate to our favorite topics.

The more dangerous spiritual tendencies are not '*made clear*', and perhaps are the deadliest of all, and here is why: in **Matthew 15** Jesus was confronted because his disciples were eating with "*unwashed hands*". Jesus then made clear that "*things entering into the mouth do not defile the man*", but that which comes forth from the mouth can. For out of the mouth "*comes forth from the heart, and can defile the man.*" He explains, "*that which goes into the mouth comes out in the draught...what comes from the mouth reveals the heart and what lieth within*" (paraphrase).

A similar example is in **Matthew 23rd** Chapter. The Scribes and Pharisees again confront Jesus with "the letter of the Law". In **verse 23**, Jesus blasts them with this: "*ye hold the Law and its statutes...as well ye should, but have omitted the "weightier matters" of the Law (which are) "judgement, mercy and faith"*". We are instructed that obedience means adherence to the Law as well as the more important issues concerning the ability to judge (discern between right and wrong), exercise mercy, and demonstrate faith as substance and evidence **Hebrews 11:1**. We are to be held responsible to the standard of God and be careful of '*things not made clear*' but still apply to judgement.

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 .

THIS IS BIRTHDAY CAKE FELLOWSHIP this evening. If your birthday was in September, you are an honored guest. Everyone come and enjoy the light meal and cake. It's always a great time!!



SCAMS AND FINANCIAL CONCERNS
A sign-up list has been put in the back of the auditorium to gauge the congregation's interest in a special series on these topics.

THE NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST will be Nov. 1.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY — Park will present a series of lessons on Marriage and Family on three successive Wednesdays, Nov. 5, 12, and 19. It will include some pre-marital material, some newlywed material, some marriage enrichment, some parenting material, and some problem solving material. Tell your friends and encourage even your teens to come.

THE WHITE ROCK FUND — a mission support effort is hosting their annual reporting and fundraising day on October 25. Put it on your calendar and plan on coming. It is always an encouraging day. And it comes with a free lunch.

THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE will be getting a fresh new look within the next few weeks — a little brighter and friendlier.

SUNDAY EVENING started a new series on the book of Daniel; this Sunday evening, will be Daniel 2. Come and find out about this little studied book of the Bible.

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

BURLEY'S MISSION WORK — On Friday he reported having baptized 53 in his preaching and teaching.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Freida R. is in BSW on 380. No know release date has been set.
- Burley's mission trip top 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 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

It is not what a man does that determines whether his work is sacred or secular, it is why he does it. — A.W. Tozer

- 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

- Sep 28, Haggai all
- Sep 29, Zechariah 1-3
- Sep 30, Zechariah 7-10
- Oct 1, Zechariah 11-14
- Oct 2, Malachi 1-4
- Oct 3, Matthew 1-4
- Oct 4, Matthew 5-6
- Oct 5, Matthew 7-9

THE WHITE ROCK FUND
Reporting and Fundraising Day
October 25, 2025
Shawnee Trail church of Christ

Mission reports from all over the world!
Luncheon

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!...

"YOU NEED AN ADDITIONAL MEDIATOR"

We've been considering popular modern day religious errors that scam many, many people of the truth and often of their souls. We've considered the scam that "The Bible is too hard to understand", that "Denominationalism is OK with God", and that "Truth is relative". I hope that they've been helpful not only to correct any misconceptions we might ourselves have, but also helpful in equipping us to offer a solid line of truthful answers to those around us who might have been scammed by these lies.

Today let's address a common error found at first in Catholicism but then in some other religious organizations, too, that "You need an additional mediator". Jesus, we are told is our mediator between God and men...

"For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,"
(1 Timothy 2:5 NAS95)

But Jesus is often not thought in some religious circles to be enough. Thus, Mary and other "saints" are given as additional mediators to plead the prayers of believers. The thought is that such mediators will approach Christ as those who have suffered, perhaps died, or at least have been given special status with Jesus. This is why Mary is first among the saints, because she is His mother, and is therefore thought to have extra influence with Jesus who then will plead the believer's case more earnestly.

There are several things wrong with this scam. First or all 1 Timothy 2:5 tells us that there is only one, period.

Second, the notion that Jesus is in need of extra motivation to plead our case is actually a blasphemous thing to say — Jesus is not compassionate enough, doesn't care enough about us. This flies in the face of clear Scripture which says...

"Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted."
(Hebrews 2:17–18 NAS95)

Please note that the writer of Hebrews specifically addresses the question, "Will Jesus really be understanding, compassionate, and open to my requests?" The answer is a full throated, "Yes!" He was made like His brother (us), dependent on God's grace to hear His prayers. He was tempted in every way like we are, yet without sin. He, in other words, knows what it is like to be sick, suffer, feel alone, wrestle against the appetites and works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19ff). There's an advertisement on TV and billboards these days that underscores this thought in a punchy way — "He gets us". And it is true. And He hasn't forgotten what it is like to be human. He can and does even today have all the empathy and all the compassion needed to vigorously advocate on our behalf regarding our temptation, physical needs, spiritual needs, and need for forgiveness. He knows what its like and "He gets us".

Now the Bible also tells us...

"In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."
(Romans 8:26–27 NAS95)

But intercession is a little different than mediation. The Holy Spirit who lives within provides a special service for us in providing to the Lord the depth of the needs we are articulating in prayer. With His "God-language" the Holy Spirit relates to the Lord Jesus the depth of need that our weak, human words cannot. From there, the Lord Jesus mediates with God the Father as our high priest, the only one that we need.

Think of it, the Holy Spirit who lives within us and knows us intimately to help our weak human words and then the Lord Jesus who utterly "gets us" to mediate our prayers to the Father. How can we not praise God for such a system. And how foolish to think that the believer needs more mediators and advocates to effectively be heard by our generous, fatherly Father in Heaven.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship ■ 7:00PM Birthday Cake Sunday 	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Martin & Jennifer K. ❤️ ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lauryn L. 🙏 ■ Yom Kippur 		

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of September 28AMPMWed.

AnnouncementsJim BJim B
 Song LeadingScott WDoug JJim B
 Opening PrayerMarty KTom R
 CommunionJim BReiven H
 Closing PrayerDoug JRalph K
 A/V ControlJohn SScott WCharles H
 GreeterRalph K

Week of October 5AMPMWed.

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 Song LeadingDoug JScott WReiven H
 Opening PrayerTom RCharles H
 CommunionReiven HMarty K
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 A/V ControlCharles HJohn SScott W
 GreeterYaw F



Sermon Notes...
