

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"*

The Church of Man

It has been 1,993 years since the Lord's Church was confirmed on the Day of Pentecost, AD33. We know the historical date of when this occurred because **Acts 2:47** confirms that *"the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."* In similar fashion, the kingdom was established in the same time frame as we can conclude from **Colossians 1:12-13** which says, *"Giving thanks unto the Father which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light...and hath translated (transferred) us into the kingdom of His dear Son..."*

It is obvious that no one could be added-to the church nor to the kingdom if neither existed at the time. We must conclude that BOTH were in existence. Many claim the kingdom does not yet exist, and that the church was an alternative to the kingdom during the time of Christ upon the earth. Nothing could be further from the truth. Jesus tells us early in His ministry of the intent to *"establish the church and provide to the Apostles, the keys to the kingdom"* in **Matthew 16:18-19**.

Early history of Christianity informs us the Roman government declared it illegal until 313 AD. The record indicates political intervention with respect to a variety of Roman gods and resistance toward the followers of Jesus. The disruption of the church Christ died for may well have been part of God's mystery. Does it seem possible that God would work in such a manner, when considering **Romans 3:23** (*all have come short*)?

Does it not appear that God would reserve the heavenly reward for those who actually separate themselves from the ways of the world (**Romans 8:7-8**)? After all, God has left His Word for us and challenged us to deny the things that are ungodly and *"press toward the mark of the high calling of God"*? **Philippians 3:13-14** Has He not told us that judgement would be reserved until the end? **Hebrews 9:27**

Have we not come to understand that God's plan is to leave us to our own destruction, and gather up the pieces at the end? Jesus' blood is real and it can save through the grace of God. The average religious organization has largely become a representation of 'The Church of Man' diluting both the message and the truth. Let us stand together to overcome! **Revelation 2:10**.

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 NEXT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE meeting is this Sunday at the church office at 4PM. If you have something you’d like the leadership to discuss, please bring it to one of the elders, deacons, or the preacher.

A BUSY APRIL...

The Next Men’s Breakfast is April 18 at 9am at the fellowship hall. John S. is in charge. Come and bring a friend.

The Ladies’ Spring Fling is scheduled for April 25. For more information, touch base with Dianne H. or Nancy J. It’ll be a wonderful time of fellowship

DID YOU KNOW? While the internet is full of questionable stuff, it also has a lot of good stuff put out by our brethren. For example, *Apologetics Press* has excellent videos and articles on matters of Christian evidences and doctrine. And even more than that, there’s a lot of great material (video and articles) for kids. *World Video Bible School* also has a lot of great videos for adults and children. Moreover, our own *YouTube* channel has a lot of “playlists” of adult Bible studies and sermons. And it’s all (*Apologetics Press*, *World Video Bible School*, and our *Rock Hill YouTube* channel) **FREE!** Check it out and perhaps start a home Bible study for the whole family.

PGA PARKWAY is in its final stages of paving. The new driveway has been paved but is not ready for us to use it at this time. We will be able to continue to use the old driveway for Sunday and Wednesday. When the new driveway is ready for us to use, you will receive an email about it. The new driveway is at the top of the incline/hill so you should have good visibility to turn in and to exit. There will be a turn lane into our driveway so you do not have to sit in the traffic lane while waiting to turn in and to exit safely.

OUR GRADUATES...

May 3rd we’ll have a pizza luncheon to celebrate our graduates following the morning worship.



Olivia Arnold & Emily Hays

Please mark your calendars.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- From the Mericks: We will be leaving after services tomorrow. Konrad our son will be having back surgery on Wednesday the 15th. We will be with him for at least a month. Please pray he has a successful surgery and that we have an uneventful trip up there and back.
- Recoveries...
 - Eloise Isbell Eloise is moving to Mustang Creek Estates on Friday, April 10. Her new address Mustang Creek Estates, 1200 W. Main Street, Frisco, TX 75033, House F Room 2. Visi-

tors are welcome at any time, but physical therapy will be scheduled for her and those times have not been confirmed.

- Richard Anderson, recovering from surgery
- Park, for knee surgery recovery.
- Charles H., shoulder recovery.
- Lynn Turner is now at home.
- Doug Jones, the treatment plan for him and a positive outcome. Peace and comfort for his family
- Dianne's oldest brother-in-law, Earl Lemons, is very ill. Please pray for him and Dianne’s family.
- Meghan and Leighton (Linebaugh’s granddaughter and great-granddaughter)
- Freida R., health issues
- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords, our missionaries in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, grand-daughter Peyton living with them.

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Elizabeth’s cousins Tracy with Lupus, and Debbie
- Isela H’s sister Griselda’s illness
- Dale C in the Ivy in McKinney
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Continued fruit from Burley’s mission work in India.
- Churches in New England
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- 4/12Gen 33-35
- 4/13Gen 36-38
- 4/14Gen 39-41
- 4/15Gen 42-44
- 4/16Gen 45-47
- 4/17Gen 48-50
- 4/18Exo 1-3
- 4/19Exo 4-6

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.

PARENTING GODLY TEENS, #8: HELPING TO SEPARATE LEGALISM FROM OBEDIENCE

One of the thornier problems in raising teens is the oft argued question about tradition versus doctrine versus opinion. We may be tempted to think that our teens are simply challenging the status quo for its own sake — almost as a sacred “teen duty” — but the truth is that your teens are trying to grow up and understand their faith. You needn’t be offended by it; rather, you need to step up to the plate and help them. There is often a lot of misunderstanding — not just with the teens, but the parents as well — that leads to an erroneous and misdirected set of definitions and misunderstandings. These words and their definitions are crucial, if our children are to be and remain faithfully obedient to the Lord’s way. So, here are some definitions you might find helpful.

What is legalism? Too often the definition of legalism boils down to someone trying to make me do what I don’t want to do, whether or not I really do need to be doing it. Legalism is not a biblical term. It is bandied about mostly among those who seek a “pass” on obeying God’s will. There is difficulty in defining it well, since there is no biblical definition for it, but the essence of legalism seems to be a reliance upon works (rather than grace through faith, Eph. 2:8) to save. But is it crucial to know that a call for obedience is not legalism. Hear the inspired apostle Paul’s teachings, “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:1-4, NAS95). Before your teen gets the chance to use the charge of “legalism” toward your holding to the Scriptural standards about life, discipleship, morality, the church, or worship; make sure they know what you really believe about faith in Jesus and the grace He provides — and that holding to the faith once for all delivered to the saints is not legalism — “[Jesus Christ our Lord] through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name’s sake,” (Romans 1:5, NAS95). Let’s see if we can define a few things...

What is tradition? The “tradition of the elders” (e.g., Matt. 15:2) that we see in the New Testament is nothing more or less than non-biblical, Rabbinic teachings that sought to be commentary on practical living of the Law of Moses. They aren’t bad in and of themselves, of course; but on occasion they were mistaken because they were in conflict with the Bible. This is what Jesus criticized and what we must avoid. Every generation of God’s people has had a set of traditions, which are neither good nor bad unless they conflict with God’s word or become a requirement to please God. The problem, as parents deal with teens, is often a sloppy definition — born of a lack of deeper teaching — of tradition and doctrine. Speaking personally, there were a number of teachings that I, as a teen, strongly suspected of being little more than tradition, only to find out from better informed teachers that there was actually solid, substantial bibli-

cal ground underneath them. When your teen challenges a teaching, calling it a tradition, (1) don’t get your feathers ruffled, (2) do know the difference between a tradition and a doctrine, and (3) do help them discover (through your own teaching, or an elder or preachers teaching) whether it is a tradition or doctrine. Traditions can be waived, biblical teachings cannot.

What is an opinion or disputable matter?

“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters.” Romans 14:1, NIV.

In every community or group of people there will be differences in taste, judgment, and style. If you want to debate them, you won’t be able to go directly to the Scripture for a “thus, saith the Lord” answer. Especially in American culture there are significant generational differences. This makes it a challenge to get along in the Lord’s body, but we are given the command to find a way to get along. Sometimes the differences can be compromised, everyone gains something and everyone loses something. Sometimes I abandon my opinion because, “I love you more than my opinion.” Sometimes others change their position, because to me this issue is an important matter of conscience that might cause me to lose my faith or moral footing. Now this last one is sometimes the real challenge, because there are sometimes people who really don’t have a problem with conscience as much as they just are self-willed. And it is here that Christian love really has to work hard to discern whether a weak brother might really be caused to morally fall or whether we might be merely enabling someone to remain immature in Christ. Help your teen to work through this one, too — encouraging love and service toward the other rather than self.

What is obedience? Obedience is the natural outcome of love toward the Lord. It is seeking to genuinely die to self and become conformed to HIS likeness (Gal. 2:20). Sometimes it is seen in a rather juvenile fashion as “stuff I have to do, even though I don’t want to”. Obedience from faith and love, nourished in the ground of God’s grace toward us (Romans 5:6-10 and Romans 12:1,2) doesn’t stiffen its neck at God’s commands — it lovingly submits. Obedience that is defined as “stuff I gotta do” kicks dirt, looks for loopholes, scorns those who call for obedience as “legalists”, and sees discipleship as optional. But the mature see obedience this way: “For the love of Christ controls us,...” (2 Corinthians 5:14, 15, NAS95). Help your teen to understand discipleship, to avoid “loophole-ism”, and not fuss about lovingly serving the Lord in the way He seeks to be served.

Don’t shy away from approaching these issues with your teen. They may be thorny; they may demand that you think a little harder than you’ve thought recently; they may take extra effort and conversation; but it will be worth the outcome: faithful young adults steadily maturing in Christ, taking a Christian spouse, raising a Christian family, and serving faithfully in the Lord’s body, the church.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN APRIL

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| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 4:00PM Leadership meeting ■ 6:00PM Worship | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class | | <div style="background-color: #d9534f; color: white; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Chris L. </div> | Men's breakfast, 9am |

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of April 12.....AMPMWed.

Announcements Charles H..... Charles H
 Song Leading Doug J Scott W Charles H
 Opening Prayer Chris S Ralph K
 Communion Burley S John S
 Scripture
 Closing Prayer Scott W Tom R
 Greeter Hugh R

Week of April 19.....AMPMWed.

Announcements John S John S
 Song Leading Scott W Doug J Jim B
 Opening Prayer Charles H Kyle J
 Communion David J Burley S
 Scripture
 Closing Prayer Doug J Ron M
 Greeter Burley S



Sermon Notes...

**“Go quickly and tell
 His disciples that He
 has risen from the
 dead;”
 (Matthew 28:7 NAS95)**
