

# 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

*"We're Here  
and We Care"*

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF...

Israel's time in the wilderness certainly was spiritually challenging, but militarily they were absolutely unbeatable. You may or not remember it, but in the story in Joshua 7:5 about Israel's attack on Ai, Israel was all upset and in great mourning because in that attack 36 men had been killed on the battlefield.

This tells us something about how military engagements had been going for Israel from the time they had crossed the Red Sea to the time they had taken Jericho. In the ancient world, where hand to hand combat was the rule of the day, 36 was not much of a casualty count; but Israel was surprised. Why? It would appear that Israel was used to have no casualties at all in battle (see Numbers 31:49, for example). Israel was used to going to battle against their enemies and not just defeating them, but routing them without losing a single soldier!

How was this possible? God was with them. This was the confidence behind Joshua and Caleb, two of the twelve spies, who conceded the presence of the giants and the fortified walls, but nevertheless said, "Let's roll!" (paraphrased, of course).

And it is what makes the fear of the 10 other spies inconceivable to us. We think to ourselves, "Didn't you guys see the Red Sea incident and the annihilation of the mightiest army of the day in one divine fell swoop? Weren't you there for the defeat of the Amalekites? Didn't you get it that it was God who gave you victory, when Moses' staff was raised over his head? Don't you remember Who's got your back here and Who is saying march forward?"

Imagine it! Being a warrior in the Israelite army of that day, knowing that God completely had your back, how would you have been effected as a warrior? Would you be bold? Fearless? Confident? Unworried about how things might look? Ready to volunteer? Ready to do the dangerous? Ready to obey the commander no matter what? That's the sort of army I'd like to be a part of! Wouldn't you?

And yet this great truth is one that is often lost on us, just like it was lost on the 10 spies—we are a part of just such an army, the Kingdom of God.

What would you do, if you really believed that God had your back on whatever He gave you to do? How bold would you be in sharing the good news? How confident would you be in obeying Him in the face of opposition? How obedient would you be, even when the world deemed you crazy? How generous would you be, when you finances might be required? How loving would you be toward the unlovely? How fearless would you be in stepping out on faith? How optimistic would you be in your prayer life? How aggressive would you be in eradicating sin from your life? How faithful would you be even when things looked bad? How courageous would you be in facing death? In summary:: What would you do if you really believed God was with you?

*Park Linscomb*

# 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 .

**BIG NEWS** — After much work and prayer, the congregation has hired youth interns for the summer, Kent Cates and Avery Nicks. They will be coming to Rock Hill next weekend (April 19-21) for a “meet and greet” with all our leaders, youth, parents, and everyone else. There'll be a casual meet and greet hamburger & hot dog dinner Saturday, April 20 at 5:30 for everyone to meet them.

**EXTRA STORAGE IN THE FUTURE** — Perhaps you've noticed the construction on the back of the Bible class building porch. We're providing storage space for the many decorations, Bible class materials, etc. that we have.

**THE ECLIPSE PARTY** — What a great time we had, thanks for having the idea, Judy!

**THE MEN'S BREAKFAST** was yesterday; a great time of food, fellowship, and learning. We took a look at some basic Catholic be-



liefs from their own official books and publications and how they contrast with the Bible's teachings.

**OUR LADIES ANNUAL SPRING FLING** will be Saturday April 20th at 11:00 in the fellowship hall.

**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.

Speaking of the Pittsfield church Melinda will be coming back to the states this week. And she is planning on coming to the Dallas area in the near future to attend to family.

### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Melinda Stafford's mother in S. Africa is home now but in her last days. Meanwhile, Melinda's brother is rather ill. Pray for the family.
- Elizabeth's sister's friend Ginny Adickes who had emergency surgery recently and is in a medically induced coma
- Secondly, Elizabeth's, Faye Moritz, difficulty breathing.
- Whitney Perez, has passed away; pray for her family
- Bonnie Davidson has had a minor stroke. Please pray for Suzanne and Alice as they take care of their mother and for Bonnie to improve.
- Lynn Turner is not home recovering. Lynn also has cancer
- Burley Stinnett Jr. — various health issues

- Rachel W's friend, Madeline, with Guillain-Barré syndrome
- Zeke R. — PTSD, depression, a VA issues. Also, Zeke's sister-in-law Carmen R., eye sight
- Dianna C. for cancer treatment
- Sue Carter: digestive problems
- Freida R. recovering
- The Stafford's grand-daughter
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the churches in New England
- brethren in India
- our elders, deacons, preacher, teachers, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregational

### LONG TERM 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

- Apr 14, 2 Sam 20-22
- Apr 15, 2 Sam 23-24
- Apr 16, 1 Kgs 1
- Apr 17, 1 Kgs 2-3
- Apr 18, 1 Kgs 4-6
- Apr 19, 1 Kgs 7
- Apr 20, 1 Kgs 8
- Apr 21, 1 Kgs 9-10

**Satan can't keep God from answering our prayers, but he will keep us from asking. — Adrian Rogers**

# 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.

## DEALING WITH THE DEATHS OF OTHERS

**D**eath is an appointment that everyone and everything living has and must keep. The only exceptions to this law of the nature of this world being those alive at Christ's second coming. And that is the reason why you will hear so often from preachers and teachers of God's word that we must get and stay prepared. But we sometimes neglect to encourage folks to prepare for the deaths of others.

Yet we know it will happen, and indeed it has happened to quite a few of us over the last several months — sometimes expected and sometimes a surprise. We've learned that death is no respecter of age, ability, gender, role in life, strength, perceived health, or virtue. So, I thought maybe we might want to point out a couple of ways to prepare for and deal with the loss of loved ones and friends, because knowing it will someday happen, we can, in fact, prepare.

**Keep relations alive and intact.** Some of the saddest comments that I've heard at funerals or at news of the death of friends and loved ones is that they had let the friendship or relationship just sort of slip away because of neglect, or physical distance, or worst, a falling out over something that later on would be assessed as pretty trivial. If you'd like to have a less grieved heart at the funeral of a loved one or good friend, keep the relationship alive and intact. If apologies need to be made, make them; if forgiveness needs to happen, forgive. If neglect needs to be corrected with attention, give it. If distance needs to be traveled, travel it. Real friendships and relations are too dear to become just the neglected throwaways of our lives. Keep your relations alive and intact.

**Say the things to them they need to know before they pass on.** It seems to be a human weakness that we wait to say some of the most important things to others just before they leave us, things that others would have liked to have known well before goodbyes were being said, expressions of

love, appreciation, deep friendship, apologies, and forgiveness. Such words are most meaningful when said early enough for friends and loved ones to enjoy and savor them. And important words would include the most important of all messages, spiritual appeals to faith in Jesus and obedience to the Gospel. Could there be any greater message to share with a friend or loved one? You want to see them again — in Heaven. Now, of course, you can't make them believe or obey, that's their choice; but don't take away that choice from them by failing to tell them for fear that it might damage the relationship.

**Remember it's OK (and even unavoidable) to grieve.** I've attend some funerals in which the attendees were encouraged not to weep or grieve but rather only to celebrate — and I've seen the not so great consequences. This is not to say that "celebrations of life" aren't good, they are. They allow people to remember the good times, the funny times, and the meaningful times of someone they deeply cared about. But don't forget to grieve. I've seen people who've just gotten themselves really busy so that they wouldn't think about their loss and grief, it didn't end well for them either. Getting busy is good, but don't forget to grieve. Even Jesus grieved at the loss of his friend Lazarus. It is normal, it is natural, and it is not unChristian. The Scripture simply tells that we need not grieve *as the rest of the world which has no hope*; it doesn't say "don't grieve".

**Take comfort and rejoice beforehand that between Christian brothers and sisters it is never goodbye; it is only "see ya later".** Our insider quip among New England brethren at funerals is, "Remember, we're all meeting in the northeast corner of Heaven." Early Christian funerals were said to resemble something more like bon voyage events, grieved not to see the loved one for while, yet anticipating a happy reunion in the future.

Park Linscomb

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN APRIL

14 <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>	15 <div style="background-color: #f08080; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Tax Day</div>	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10:00AM Ladies class</li> </ul>	17 <div style="background-color: #c08080; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Chris L. </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class</li> </ul>	18	19	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 5:30PM Intern meet and greet</li> </ul>
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## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

### April 14

*Announcements* .....Burley S  
*Songleading* .....Scott W .....Doug J  
*Opening Prayer* .....Marty K .....John S  
*Communion* .....Fernando Z.....Reiven H  
*Servers:* 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Closing Prayer* .....Scott W .....Jim B  
*AV Control* .....Charles H.....Fernando Z  
*Greeter* .....John S

### Wed PM, April 17

*Songs* .....Reiven H  
*AV* .....John S

### April 21

*Announcements* .....John S  
*Songleading* .....Doug J.....Scott W  
*Opening Prayer* .....Tom R .....Hugh R  
*Communion* .....David J .....Jim B  
*Servers:* 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Closing Prayer* .....Jim B .....Yaw F  
*AV Control* .....Charles H.....Fernando Z  
*Greeter* .....Yaw F

### Wed PM, April 24

*Songs* .....Charles H  
*AV* .....John S

## Shortcuts to good info...

To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...



## Sermon Notes...

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