

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"*

GETTING SUM BETTER

How do we measure just how close we are to God? Realistically, how do we compare with the Holy Scriptures in our daily walk? It is a fair question to ask ourselves, and measure according to the "rule which God has distributed to us" ***II Corinthians 10:13***. If this is a new idea to us, certainly we should consider making it a regular practice. Regardless of our individual interests, we should realize how much more effective we become when we make a conscious effort to improve. Whether a concert pianist or aspiring soccer player, the hours spent in practice is commensurate with how we improve...not to mention how well we eventually meet our objectives.

It is not possible to accomplish a great deal with these small articles. However, if the ideas or words of encouragement help a single person, it is well worth the time spent to contemplate and compose these simple thoughts. The influence of the carnal (fleshly) world around us can bombard us on a regular basis, and can move us away from the spiritual ways that we cherish. This is also what Paul mentions in ***I Corinthians 5:8-10***. He encourages us not to associate with ungodly people...but to stand for sincerity and truth. Although this is seemingly impossible, Paul elaborates, because "then ye must needs go out of the world." We can always stand up for what is right and righteous, even if we have to do so alone. We are never alone when we are on the Lord's side.

It is a good idea to become familiar with ***Romans 8:5-11***. In these verses is a great reminder of the Christian daily walk. Paul says, "they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the spirit, the things of the Spirit... the carnal mind is enmity (hatred) with God...so then, they that are in the flesh cannot please God." By this we know that each day and each moment of each day is subject to this measuring stick. The decisions we make should be represented by spiritual guidelines, so that we maintain our walk in the light. So, ask yourself at the end of each day to measure by scripture how you have done and learn how to be sum better. You will like the results.

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 .

CONGRATULATIONS TO JEREMY AND EMMA C. on their wedding on Friday evening. And thank you to all the folks who made their special day especially wonderful. They will honeymooning in Italy; pray for their safe travels and a wonderful start to their marriage.

LADIES' GIFT EXCHANGE will be December 2, next Monday, at Babe's. Sign up sheet is on the ladies' table in the back. See Linda or Pam for additional information.

A TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY! — It will be December 22 right after morning

worship. RSVP (please let us know you're coming) to Jessica S. at 972-400-2262. It will include lunch at Chili's and when we get back to the church building, a devotional period, desserts, and gift exchange. There is a \$20 gift limit for gifts you would bring. *IT WILL BE SUPER FUN!*

SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO... Kent and Avery our summer interns are planning to visit us the weekend of January 5. Teens (and anyone else), set that date aside; we'll plan something fun. It will be great to see them again!



COATS FOR CHILDREN for the Rainbow Room at the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County. Members can bring new coats and put them in the black tote in the back of the auditorium. For more info talk to Marie W or look up this link: <https://www.cac-collincounty.org/waystogive/rainbow-room/>

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP the Pittsfield MA church? We have an ongoing monthly benevolence program to help the church of Christ in Pittsfield Mass. See Trudy R. to contribute.

CHILDREN'S HOMES COLLECTION — The Rock Hill church makes an annual donation to the children's homes we support for Christmas. If you'd like to donate toward this gift to the children see Linda S.

WANT TO HELP with the recovery from the disasters in NC and FL? The church of Christ Disaster Relief is recommended by the RH leadership. Here is a link to making a contribution. <HTTPS://WWW.DISASTERRELIEFFORT.ORG/>

NEW PRAYER REQUEST...

- Zeke has had a medical setback this past weekend, and he is currently at Texas Health Frisco. Please pray for the Lord to heal him.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Anna S, a Christian sister who comes with Lynn and Alene T, is getting better, but still needing prayer. Cards can be sent to 7210 Linkside Point Dr., Apt. 223, McKinney TX 75071
- Max B, Charles and Diane's brother-in-law, with terminal brain cancer. Please pray for the family.

- Elizabeth H's cousin, Tracy, is still in need of prayers for better health.
- The Staffords —
 - Cleves family as his dad is nearing the end,
 - their son struggling in his freshman year at college,
 - the Pittsfield church.
- Mary H is recovering at home.
- Emma's grandmother, Karla R, dementia and cancer.
- Esther M health.
- Bonnie D recovering from a minor stroke.
- Lynn T: cancer
- Sue C: digestive problems
- Ora H, kidney
- the churches in New England
- brethren in India
- our elders, deacons, preacher, teachers, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness & friend Jeff
- Bonnie B.
- Carol P.
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Rosa's friend Isabella, heart lesion
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Ken C.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Dec 1, 1 Cor 15-16
- Dec 2, 2 Cor 1-4
- Dec 3, 2 Cor 5-8
- Dec 4, 2 Cor 9-13
- Dec 5, Galatians 1-3
- Dec. 6 Galatians 4-6
- Dec 7, Eph 1-3
- Dec 8, Eph 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.

WORKS OF THE FLESH AND FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, PART 7

Last week we launched our study into the fruit of the Spirit with love, joy, and peace; but of course, there's more to this delightful fruit produced in disciples of Christ through God's Holy Spirit. This time we'll take a look at patience, kindness, and goodness. While we probably know the basic meaning of these qualities, it will be worth a deeper dive.

And the first of these is...PATIENCE

The Greek word here is *macrothumia* and it means simply "long tempered" (sometimes "long suffering"). It is the opposite of our common term "short-tempered", because it points to a heart that is not quickly moved to anger, passion, or even disappointment. It is characteristic of God Himself, of course, who has been "long tempered" with mankind for centuries, although our actions have virtually begged for Him to pull the trigger on us long ago (2 Peter 3:9).

The practice of Christian patience fails to "throw in the towel" on discouraging events or situations, choosing instead to soldier on in hope that either God will act or men will change. Patience in the Christian is an integral part of the truth that love "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Corinthians 13:7). Patience enables us to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3), because we won't give up on one another. In essence, it is the self-disciplined choice we make to restrain ourselves — despite being "fed up", discouraged, provoked, or inflamed — and not speak harshly or act rashly.

Next, there is...KINDNESS

Kindness is a sympathetic generosity of heart that deliberately seeks to give, to do, and to speak things that benefit others, especially those who are in need. The Greek word, when used to describe things, meant well-fitting, nonabrasive, or sometimes without bitter taste. Kindness is attributed to God as He blesses and saves men. For examples

"Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?" (Romans 2:4)

or

"so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 2:7)

While the opposite of kindness might be thought of to be actively hurting others, it can also be the heart that is either callous or so self-absorbed that it never sees the needs of others and so never benefits them. When the Christian faithfully bears the fruit of the Spirit; he actively sees others, desires to help, and in sympathetic generosity benefits them with a smile and a gentle touch.

Finally, for this study...GOODNESS

Goodness and kindness are actually very close in their meanings, but a close study of the Greek words indicate that the difference lies in the second-mile attitude that "goodness" carries. Greek writers contrasted their word for justice and goodness this way: justice prompted a man to give exactly what he was due, goodness prompted him to do enough to really help. "Goodness" would then be "generosity" or "open-handedness". And once again, we can see how the fruit of the Spirit is a direct reflection of our Savior.

The fruit of the Spirit will certainly be kind, but more than kind, it will be good. It will go the second mile, giving open-handedly enough to really do some good.

When the fruit of the Spirit is really manifested in our lives, it becomes obvious how Christians really are the light of the world and the salt of the earth — and how evangelism really begins. Who wouldn't be attracted to a Savior who practiced, taught, and inspired teaches and inspires this kind of life and these sorts of qualities? Is this fruit in your life?

Park Linscomb



FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN DECEMBER

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship 	<p>Ladies' Gift Exchange, Babe's @ 6pm</p>	<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: #c0392b; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> Javier P </div>	

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of December 1AM.....PM.....Wed.

Announcements Charles H Jim B
Song Leading Scott W Doug J Charles H
Opening Prayer Marty K John S
Communion Yaw F Reiven H
Closing Prayer Charles H John S
A/V Control John S Charles H Hunter M
Greeter Hugh R

Week of December 8AM.....PM.....Wed.

Announcements Burley S Charles H
Song Leading Doug J Scott W Reiven H
Opening Prayer Marty K John S
Communion Yaw F Doug J
Closing Prayer Scott W Tom R
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Sermon Notes...
