

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"*

ARE WE WALKING WORTHILY?

Trusting that we all reflect upon righteousness on a daily basis, let us remember that the primary purpose of the Christian is to be a reflection of that which the Scriptures teach us. Paul had indicated earlier in his first letter in chapter 4:1: "let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God." High calling indeed for the average Christian, that we not lose sight of our mission in Christ.

It is easy to be preoccupied with the cares and concerns of this secular life, but we must consider the ultimate goal of eternal life. This consideration should lead to the question, "Have we done enough to be considered faithful?" Will we hear the precious words of Matthew 25:21 "Well done thou good and faithful servant"?

Of course, living a sinless life is foreign to us all, "for all have sinned" to be certain; moreover, we can never earn our salvation, the cost is way too high for any man. But the expectation of God is that we align the target carefully and prepare ourselves for daily spiritual battle. This includes arming ourselves with the "armor of God," Ephesians 6:12-20 and opening our mouths that we may boldly make known the gospel to a lost and dying world.

We must remember, daily, the price of our salvation and the One who sacrificed willingly to put in place salvation's great plan. We have, after all, been "bought with a price" I Corinthians 6:19-20. As a result, the Bible tells us we should, "therefore glorify God in our body and in our spirit which are (belong to) God's."

Perhaps the greatest challenge of our lives is the sentiment of Hebrews 12:1-3: "let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily beset (ensnare) us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us...looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross...and set down at the right hand of God...lest ye be wearied and faint in your own minds."

The challenge is before us daily and the battle we face is immense. Are we walking worthy of the Cross?

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 .

AND THE LORD ADDED... Kaitlyn Stelzer and Adalae Shotwell were baptized into Christ Friday at Camp Deer Run. Please pray for these young ladies that they grow and mature into the women that God wants.

THANKS ARE OWED to Hugh R. and

Thanks
FOR PITCHING IN!



Kyle J. for leading singing on Sunday AM and PM respectively.

Our usual song leaders and alternate song leaders were "out of pocket", but these brothers filled in admirably.

HAPPENING IN JULY

- **Leadership Meeting** is July 12. If you have anything for our leadership team to discuss, please bring it to one of the elders, deacons, or Park.
- **Fellowship luncheon** on July 26. Bring a main course and a savory dish — the church will provide dessert. If you recall, we have switched this from monthly to quarterly and from Sunday evening after services to Sunday morning after services. Come join us.
- **5th Wednesday singing** on July 29

BABY SHOWER — for Savannah K., a diaper and gift card table baby shower. The table is set up in its

Love one another (1 John 3:23)

usual place in the back of the pews. There will be a tub for the diapers and a box for the gift cards. It will continue through July 19th. All size diapers newborn to toddler pull-ups. Amazon and Visa gift cards, but any kind will be appreciated.

CURRENT ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

- Sunday AM — The book of Ephesians. Currently, we're in chapter 6 **BUT** we going to the book of Hebrews next week. Join us! You'll grow from making the effort.
- Wednesday PM — The book of 2 Corinthians. Currently, we're in chapter 9.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Doug Jones, is receiving cancer treatment, but now also has pneumonia
- Scott W's friends, Mark and Greg, who both have ALS
- Kodie S for quick healing after surgery for a torn meniscus
- Shelly Dawdy, knee surgery
- Nina Easley — recently baptized into Christ, for her strength and growth in the Lord.
- *Recoveries...*
 - Linda S had knee replacement
 - Park's grandson, Jordan, hip surgery recovery
 - Eloise Isbell
 - The Mericks son, Konrad, had back surgery.
 - Lynn Turner, now at home.

- The Turners' great nephew, Baylen born weighing 5 lbs. needing to do necessary surgery of rearranging his internal organs. Please pray that he will be able to survive with a reasonable measure of health.
- Travis York, son of the the Yorks who were members of this congregation years ago, has had some health complications,
- Earl Lemons, Dianne H's oldest brother-in-law,
- Freida R., health issues
- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords' (our missionaries in Pittsfield, Massachusetts) granddaughter Peyton has returned to live in the Dallas area.

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

- ☐ 7/122 Sam 18-19
- ☐ 7/132 Sam 20-22
- ☐ 7/142 Sam 23-24
- ☐ 7/151 Kgs 1
- ☐ 7/161 Kgs 2-3
- ☐ 7/171 Kgs 4-6
- ☐ 7/181 Kgs 7
- ☐ 7/191 Kgs 8



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.

"WHUT?!"

"A son honors his father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?" says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, 'How have we despised Your name?'" Malachi 1:6, NAS95.

“Whut?!" It's a classic response from teen boys — and grown men, when they thought everything was OK, and yet are being informed that they've let some things slide a little further than they should have. Although we don't see this exact word/phrase, we see the meaning a couple of times especially in the book of Malachi...

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"Yet you say, 'For what reason?' Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant." Malachi 2:14, NAS95.

"You have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet you say, 'How have we wearied Him?' In that you say, 'Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and He delights in them,' or, 'Where is the God of justice?'" Malachi 2:17, NAS95.

God goes on to tell them exactly how they had despised His name, for what reason God refused their offerings, and how they had wearied Him. And there is a lesson here for us to be sure to not forget:

- They offered mediocre or even sick offerings to the Lord, which neither they nor their governors would have taken and eaten.
- They had unfaithfully broken their covenants of marriage with the wives of their youth (their first wife).
- They had complained bitterly against the Lord, because they thought evil men were going unpunished.

These are things that they should have been aware of, because God deserves the best, one's marriage covenant is a covenant (you brought God in on it), and evil is always punished in God's time. And they are things that even in our modern world we, too, must remember.

God really does deserve our very best. Giving of our best not just a matter of what God is worth, although that's a huge and utterly irrefutable reason. God gave us the very best of Heaven, Jesus — nothing less would save us from Hell. If you think about it at all, giving something mediocre or even useless is really an insult to a God who has given so much. But, giving our best is **also** a matter of faith that in our giving of money, time, skills, service, we will **still** prosper despite giving away our best to the Lord. Do we believe that?

And covenants are sacred — and I mean sacred in terms of God being part of the agreement. Covenants are "making family" agreements, and whether we really intended to invite God in on the agreement, God is always part of a marriage covenant. The fancy ceremony is really superfluous to the agreement being made. Marriage is not what we want to make of it; it is what God has said it is — and it is God's definition by which we'll be judged one day. Thus, whether we like the traditional roles of husband and wife or not, we'll be judged on that standard, God's covenant agreement we entered into. So also with marital fidelity, loving or submitting as God has commanded regarding our spouse; or whether or not we want to stay with our husband or wife, we'll be judged by God's terms. Anything else is a violation of the covenant's terms and subject to God's judgement.

And finally, we'd be well advised to be very careful about our complaints about God's apparent lack of interest in justice. It could be that He's being patient with more than just your enemy — He could be exercising a lot of patience with you, too.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JULY

12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00AM Bible classes 10:00AM Worship 4:00PM Leadership meeting 6:00PM Worship			7:00PM Wed. Bible class			

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of July 12.....AMPMWed.

AnnouncementsBurley SBurley S
 Song LeadingDoug JScott WReiven H
 Opening PrayerChris SMarty K
 CommunionDavid JJohn S
 Scripture.....John 3:1-16
 Closing PrayerJim BCharles H
 Greeter.....Ralph K

Week of July 19.....AMPMWed.

AnnouncementsJim BJim B
 Song LeadingScott WDoug JCharles H
 Opening PrayerBurley SYaw F
 CommunionKyle JHugh R
 Scripture
 Closing PrayerCharles HJohn V
 Greeter.....Yaw F



Sermon Notes...
