

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"*

ONLY GOD COULD DO

The road to salvation's plan has been long and arduous. It began with a simple conversation with Abram, and translated into a story that could only have been orchestrated by God Himself. The result is a wonderful promise of eternal blessings that we can only imagine with little or no method by which we can measure. Though the promise exceeds anything we can imagine, it was referred to as a 'mystery' in the historical writings that we call the Bible. (Ephesians 3: 1-11)

As a result of God's promise to Abram (Abraham) some 2,000 years earlier, the coming of Christ was forecast at the onset of God's Plan as early as Genesis 3:15 with the fall of man. Within the promise made to Abraham was further indication of the ultimate Plan by which God would deliver Salvation. It was expressed as "in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" in Genesis 12:3. Please note the specific clarification of this in Galatians 3:16 "not seeds as of many...but as of one, and to thy seed which is Christ."

Although the life and times recorded throughout the historic and prophetic writings have much to offer us in terms of Romans 15:4 "for our learning", the final portion of The Plan culminated in the first century after the resurrection of Christ. Only then does the Plan become revealed under inspiration of the Holy Spirit and through the apostles. These men were drafted by Jesus to perform that which 'only God could perform'. The prophets spoke regarding the coming of the Plan, but the New Testament provides step-by-step history of the completed Plan for man's salvation through Christ by the will of God.

By faith we believe in a God that we have never seen. By faith we also believe in the ability of God to fulfill that which the prophets have proclaimed. By faith we also believe that the inspired writings of the apostles are a declaration of "what God has done...only He could do." No miracle could be performed that is greater than what God has done to compose and preserve 'the instruction in righteousness' that is prepared for the sole purpose of salvation before God. Having been meticulously prepared, they are to be meticulously followed by faith that brings us to salvation through obedience thereof. Revelation 2:10 "Be thou faithful unto death and receive the crown of life."

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 .

LEADERSHIP MEETING NOTES

- Cash on hand is healthy and adequate to our needs.
- Burley has been trying to teach our teachers about the new resources available on our network thanks to a central bank of computer drives at the building.
- The grass in our courtyard is due to be replaced by the city of Frisco, since they cut off our irrigation system and grass died. The irrigation system is working again, now.
- We'll be putting a picnic table in the courtyard.
- Park will be looking into a speaker for our usual fall meeting hopefully to be held in late October. We'll be making special efforts to invite friends and family to join us. Possible speakers might be Ken Dawdy

(from CO) or Danny Campbell (from NH)

- Park asked for some vacation time starting July 19; it was approved. Burley will teach Sunday Bible class, Doug will preach Sunday AM, John will preach Sunday PM, and Hugh will teach Wednesday class.
- Burley updated the leadership on the UNAS system — its organization, permissions, etc.

HAPPENING IN JULY

- **Fellowship luncheon** after Sunday morning worship on July 26. Bring a main course and a savory dish — the church will provide dessert. 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 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 — Starting a new study on Hebrews July 26.
- Wednesday PM — 2 Cor. 10

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Doug Jones, is receiving cancer treatment
- 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
- Recoveries...
 - Linda S had knee replacement
 - 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.
- 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

- ☐ 7/19Kgs 8
- ☐ 7/201 Kgs 9-10
- ☐ 7/211 Kgs 11-12
- ☐ 7/221 Kgs 13-14
- ☐ 7/231 Kgs 15-17
- ☐ 7/241 Kgs 18-19
- ☐ 7/251 Kgs 20-22
- ☐ 7/262 Kgs 1



Anything under
God's control is
never out of control. — Charles Swindoll

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.

WILL ANY SORT OF FAITH DO?

*Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. (John 14:6 NAS95)*

I've heard plenty of armchair theologians confidently declare that it doesn't matter what you believe as long as you believe something. Is that true? And if it's not, what kind of faith makes a difference?

First, our faith needs to be in the God that the Bible (the Hebrew and Christian scriptures) speaks about. Why? The God of the Bible is the true God. Faith in another god is faith in nothingness.

How do we know that the God of the Bible is the true God? He is the source of the all prophecies found in the Bible, all of which have been fulfilled. A 100% fulfillment record cannot be said for the gods of the other so-called sacred scriptures. Here is why 100% accuracy matters: a simple, common sense test given by God Himself for the true scripture (and therefore the true God): "You may say in your heart, 'How will we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?' "When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him" (Deuteronomy 18:21, 22). Absolutely every prophecy made in the Bible came to pass — every one; therefore the Author of that book is God. Not so with the Koran, Veda, book of Mormon, etc.; they are shot through with prophecies that were downright wrong and others that never came to pass. The God of the Bible; the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; the God of Moses, Joshua, David, and the Old Testament prophets is the one true God. His name is YHWH, there is no other, and we must believe in Him.

And we need to have faith in Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ (Messiah), the Son of God. Jesus Christ is the object of many of those biblical prophecies just mentioned above. He proved His identity as the Son of God by 1) fulfilling all the prophecies made of the Messiah, 2) miracles and healings witnessed by thousands, and 3) His resurrection from the dead and appearance to as many as 500 witnesses at one time. One of His appearances is especially convincing, since it was to a man who was in vigorous opposition to Jesus and His followers, Saul of Tarsus. On the road to Damascus (Acts 9) Saul met the

resurrected Jesus, spoke with Him, believed, and was baptized 3 days later. Saul went from being an adamant enemy of Christ to a dedicated evangelist of the good news of Jesus in a virtual turn-on-a-dime moment. No, it wasn't a psychotic break (his writings are too rational), and it wasn't a hoax (no one suffers and dies for a lie, and he died for what he believed). In 2 Corinthians 4:13 Paul said, "But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, 'I believed, therefore I spoke,' we also believe therefore we also speak." And we should believe in Jesus, too.

But lastly, when we ask the question, "Will any sort of faith do?", we need to realize that our faith needs to do things. Some people believe that faith is something that happens strictly between the ears, but the Bible would disagree wholeheartedly. Bible faith, real faith, acts in accordance with its belief — this is also known as obedience to God's commands.

The story goes that over a hundred years ago daredevils would string cable across Niagara Falls and perform high wire acts. As a crowd wildly applauded one such daredevil, he asked one of his more zealous admirers, "Do you think I can push this wheelbarrow across the falls?" "Well, of course," the man responded enthusiastically. "Do you believe I could push a man in a wheelbarrow across the falls?" the daredevil asked again. "Why, yes, I believe you can do anything!" the fan replied. "Well, then climb into the wheelbarrow, Mister, and let's go for a walk," the daredevil invited. The fan declined. No faith. You see, faith without deeds is really just an opinion. Indeed, James 2:14ff teaches us that faith without words is dead!

Is it true that it doesn't matter what you believe as long as you believe something? **No, not at all.** It does matter; it matters greatly. Getting to Heaven and avoiding Hell starts with faith in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. It's a narrow road, but that's just exactly what Jesus said it would be (Matt 7:13,14).

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JULY

19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00AM Bible classes 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Worship	Victoria A.		7:00PM Wed. Bible class	Jan K.	Marie Wallace	FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TO-MORROW

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

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
 GreeterYaw F

Week of July 26.....AMPMWed.

AnnouncementsCharles HCharles H
 Song LeadingDoug JScott WReiven H
 Opening PrayerMarty KJim B
 CommunionDavid JJohn V
 Scripture
 Closing PrayerScott WKyle J
 GreeterBurley S



Sermon Notes...
