

# 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"*

## BE NOT MOVED AWAY FROM THE GOSPEL

There are several verses in the word of God that are meant to encourage us. If we look at **Colossians 1:21-29**, The apostle Paul says, "You that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: IF ye continue in the faith, grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel..."

Perhaps we should concentrate on the words, "grounded and settled in the Faith". **Hebrews 11:1** tells us that "faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen." We understand faith as our belief that there is a God, and Jesus as our savior. Look at the definition according to **Hebrews 11:1**. How is faith considered substance or, for that matter, evidence? Paul wrote in **Romans 10:17** that, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." We can't very well argue with where it comes from. Faith comes from hearing the word of God. The idea of faith in Christians is based upon our acceptance and understanding of what God calls "inspired instruction in righteousness" **II Timothy 3:16**.

In **Hebrews 11:6**, I'm sure you recall that the word of God says, "without faith, it is IMPOSSIBLE to please God." There is one definition of applied faith that is undeniably; it is a belief in God (that we cannot see) nonetheless, as Christians, we certainly believe he exists. Think about this: if we MUST have faith that God exists, and faith cometh by hearing the word of God, what kind of emphasis should we place upon the word of God? Better yet, what kind of emphasis does GOD place upon the word? It's pretty simple, God had a Plan: (A) To send his son to die upon the Cross (B) To identify those chosen to write down the word (C) To send the Holy Spirit to guide the writers unto all truth. Faith becomes substance and evidence by the spiritual results that are visible in our lives as a result of obedience to the word. "Faith cometh by hearing the word of God." The definition of 'faith' is not limited to belief in the existence of God. The faith that God wants us to have is based upon an individual commitment to what it teaches in principal and practice! Let us never lose site of the plan. None of this could have occurred without the coming of Christ and the great sacrifice He made!

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! 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 .

**HOUSE TO HOUSE, HEART TO HEART** is an evangelistic publication which we are having mailed to several neighborhoods around us. We will also be receiving 200 directly to the church to distribute in our own neighborhoods. We'll be publicizing our meeting with Jack Evans in it. This is an exciting evangelistic outreach; please pray for success.



**PRAYER TIME** is at 5:00PM this afternoon

**MEETING WITH JACK EVANS** has been scheduled for August 20-23 — "In Christ Alone". It will have a definite evangelistic aim, so be looking for more information, but be thinking about who to invite.



**THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH BENEVOLENT FUND** is normally collected by Trudi, but Hugh and Trudi will be out of town a few weeks, and Linda S. will be the collection point for any

contributions you'd like to make.

## SEVERAL OF US WILL BE GOING TO A ROUGH RIDERS BASEBALL GAME

on July 21. If you'd be interested in joining us, talk to Park or sign up on the sign up sheet on the table in the back of the auditorium.

**BIRTHDAY CAKE FELLOWSHIP** is next Sunday after evening worship.

**THE REGULAR LADIES' CLASS** has gone into summer season mode. Their next meeting will be July 18. Touch base with Linda Stinnett for details and topics to be discussed.

## PRAYER UPDATE

• Rosa Z. had successful back surgery last week and is recovering at home. Please pray for a speedy recovery.

## OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Sandy L's sister, Lisa, will be getting hospice care in Mississippi .
- Folks traveling on vacation or to camp
- Cleve Stafford's grand-daughter Peyton, struggling
- Isela Hughes asks for prayers for her sister Griselda Walters.
- Sarai Lyons asks for prayers for Tiffany Myers.
- Dianna C's recuperation from chemo
- Bonnie D. broken shoulder
- Julia's friend Wendy with breast cancer
- Dianna Conkling
- Sue Carter

- Isela H.'s friend Jeff, cancer.
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the churches in New England
- brethren in India
- our congregational leaders

## LONG TERM REQUESTS

- 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
- Dianna C.
- Ken C.
- Mary H. and daughter Sharon

## READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Jun 18, Psa 10-17
- Jun 19, Psa 18-22
- Jun 20, Psa 23-31
- Jun 21, Psa 32-37
- Jun 22, Psa 38-44
- Jun 23, Psa 45-51
- Jun 24, Psa 52-59
- Jun 25, Psa 60-67

*Respect your parents, they passed school without Google.*

# 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.*

## OF HEROES AND DADS

While it is true that in youth I admired lots of heroes—Davy Crocket, Mickey Mantle, Wilt Chamberlain, Don Meredith, and the Beatles—there was always one constant hero from toddler, to teen, to adult. I'm speaking about my dad, and I'd like to tell you a bit about him. Not to brag (although I'm proud of him), and not to lionize him (I'm sure he'd appreciate it, though he'd never have looked for it); but to make a point at the end.

Dad himself enjoyed having a father for only the first 12 or 13 years of his life, his dad died at about that age. But somehow dad knew the essentials of meaningful fatherhood, practiced them, and passed them on.

Dad was a serious New Testament Christian and a church leader, who knew the wisdom of dragging me along with him as he served and I watched. He (and mom) knew intuitively the importance of all of us being at church every time the doors were open—Sunday morning, Sunday evening, Wednesday evening, Gospel Meetings, workdays, church picnics, teen events, and "zone meetings". Just speaking for myself, I'm sure he and mom wondered if it was doing any good sometimes...but it did.

Dad was a man of integrity, despite the temptations and trials he faced in his career, in family finances, and sometimes in church leadership. He lived-out privately what he appeared to be in church. And he didn't shield us from reality too much, when hard times came; instead, he with mom explained the situation and pointed out what was right, what was faithful, and assured us that God would take care of things, if we'd do what's right. Romans 8:28 became a favorite passage to everyone in the family—"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose,"—and still is down to the present day.

While dad's time was sometimes limited because of the nature of his work, when he was available, he was available—not "checked-out" to relax. We "rassled", he tickled, he taught me how to play baseball, and he came to as many games as his work allowed. Later as a teen he took me hunting every deer season (several weekends each season), where we could rough-it and "be manly men". He often told me that he loved me;

and his deeds never belied his words, even when he was angry.

Dad knew how to hold the line on right and wrong, and didn't let us bulldoze him with "everybody's doing it" arguments, pouts, or nagging. If it meant we weren't his friends, he was OK with that for now, knowing that it would change. We knew where the lines were, knew they were in granite, and knew there'd be unpleasant justice to pay for crossing them.

Dad was a wonderful listening ear with great spiritual advice and psychological insight that would make a PhD psychologist envious.

Dad told us serious and funny stories of his childhood, which made him "real". And he told us as much as we were ready to hear about his time defending our country, which helped make us patriotic.

Dad was an unashamed rock-geek (a geologist by education and career) and although I resisted his enthusiasm as a kid on the outside, I absorbed more at his feet about geology than I ever learned in the college course I took later.

Dad died 26 years ago, but when I "get stuck" for the right thing to do, I often find myself wondering what dad would do. He's still my hero.

**And we need more heroes.** I am not, of course, talking about the caped crusader sort. I'm talking about everyday heroes, whose influence and legacy live on long after they have passed from this earth: dads. They are the ones we need the **most**, but seem to be missing too often.

If you're a father, be more, be a dad. It's not the easiest road to take, but heroes never travel the easy road—that's what makes them heroic. "Villains" in the form of career tracks, materialism, "what-about-me-ism", tragedy, discouragement, marital challenges, and the pursuit of short-term happiness will surely try to ambush and kill the hero; but heroes always rise to the challenge and overcome.

So be an everyday hero; be a dad and wear the "badge" with honor. It will be, without any doubt, one of the most meaningful roads you'll ever travel.

To all the dad's out there: Happy Father's Day and "Soldier on", you everyday heroes!

*Park Linscomb*

