

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"*

The Church is the Lord's

We will be hearing important lessons concerning the "Great Passages from Romans" during our Gospel Meetings this week. As a reminder, let's direct our attention to the book of ***Ephesians, Chapter 3*** where the apostle Paul provides a clear discourse concerning the Plan for Salvation and the function of the Church in the application thereof. This will be important to keep in mind as we hear the explanation of God's commandments to us within these important verses.

The impact on the entire population, then and now, is how the Plan for Salvation was delivered, and that it was the product of God's great wisdom to separate the saved from the lost in such a unique way. Paul's message to the Church at ***Ephesians 3:3-11*** (and to us today) is this: "by revelation, He has made known the mystery ...which in other ages had not been made known as it is now revealed...to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which in the beginning of the world hath been hid in God...to the intent that now unto principalities and powers in heavenly place might be known by the church, the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord."

It should be noted that the idea of a 'universal church' which includes man's idea of religious practices, was never included in the rendition that Paul describes. It was the Lord's Church, purchased with His blood...the final blood sacrifice in which the will of Almighty God was sealed and the Lord's Church was established in AD 33. With this Seal came the establishment of the prophesy of ***Matthew 16:18-19*** which included the singular nature described in ***Ephesians 4:1-6*** "one body, one Spirit, one hope, one baptism, one God and Father of all." ***Galatians 4:4*** introduces the time frame during the life and writings of the inspired writers, "when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son...to redeem them that were under the Law"

When the people deviated from what the apostles taught, Paul admonished them as he wrote in ***Galatians 1:6-10***, "though we or an angel from heaven teach any other gospel... which is not another; but there be some who trouble you and pervert the Gospel of Christ...let them be accursed." Listen carefully as our brothers deliver the truth of God expressed in the Book of Romans.

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 .

WELCOME TO OUR MEETING.

Starting this morning we have invited 4 area preachers to share some dynamic lessons with us from the book of Romans. Jack Evans Jr. starts us off this morning and Wes McAdams will preach for us this evening. The rest of the week's schedule is below. Make firm plans to come and try to bring others with you. It's going to be great.

AND DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR

POTLUCK following immediately after morning services!

RAISED TO WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE

Savannah Kissinger was baptized into Christ this week. Savannah has been worshipping with us for quite a while and after study decided to put Christ on in baptism to have her sins washed away. Praise God and being praying for her as a new Christian!

LEADERSHIP MEETING NOTES

- Our financial picture is good; we are keeping to budget.

- A list of large maintenance jobs was provided, the cost about \$17K
- Paving of PGA Parkway is happening soon.. We will have access to the church building during our meeting, but the week after we may not be able to meet on a Wednesday — stay tuned.
- Our new driveway connected to the paving has been delayed due to water issues.
- Reports were given on various elderly and shut-in brethren
- Burley continues to look for support for his work in India; if anyone knows of a congregation that might consider support, let him know.

ELOISE ISBELL took a couple of falls this week and has a fracture of her left shin bone. She is in a brace and in room 2236 Baylor S&W Centennial. .

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Richard Anderson, recovering from surgery
- Doug Jones, the treatment plan for him and a positive outcome. Peace and comfort for his family
- Dianne's oldest brother-in-law, Earl Lemons, is very ill. Please pray for him and Dianne's family.
- Burley Jr. for cancer tests, March 12
- Meghan and Leighton (Linebaugh's granddaughter and great-granddaughter)
- Park, for knee surgery recovery.
- Freida R., continuing health issues

- Charles H., shoulder recovery.
- Continued fruit from Burley's mission work in India.
- Lynn Turner is now at home.
- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords, our missionaries in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, granddaughter Peyton living with them.
- Churches in New England
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Elizabeth's cousins Tracy with Lupus, and Debbie
- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness
- Dale C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- 3/15.....2 Timothy all
- 3/16Titus/Philemon
- 3/17.....Hebrews 1-4
- 3/18.....Hebrews 5-8
- 3/19.....Hebrews 9-11
- 3/20.....Hebrews 12-13
- 3/21.....James all
- 3/22.....1 Peter all

It may seem God did not answer prayer when the real issue may be that we did not like the answer. — H.B. Charles, Jr

W e l c o m e t o o u r m e e t i n g !

“Great Passages from Romans”

- ◆ **Sunday** 10AM, Jack Evans, Jr., Romans 7 (War of the Flesh and the Spirit)
- ◆ **Sunday** 6PM, Wes McAdams, Romans 14 (Principles of Conscience)
- ◆ **Monday** 7PM, Seth McDowell, Romans 8 (There Is No Condemnation)
- ◆ **Tuesday** 7PM, John Wheeler, Romans 12 (Living Sacrifices)
- ◆ **Wednesday**, 7PM, Park Linscomb, Romans 10 (How Shall They Call on Him?)

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.

RAISING GODLY TEENS #4: KEEPING ELECTRONICS UNDER CONTROL

OK, this one may seem like a little hypocrisy coming from a guy who loves his electronics. The other difficulty with even writing this article is that everyone has a slightly different idea about what is "under control" and what is not — often depending a lot on how "connected" you are or are not. Nevertheless, I think that there are some identifiable, logical limitations. And who better to write about the dangers than a "gadget guy".

There's not doubt about it, we are the most "connected" culture in history; although, ironically, we are probably also the least meaningfully connected culture in history — all due to our gadgets. They're with us all the time feeding us an ever-flowing stream of information — most of which is trivial in the extreme. And both we and our teens are drowning in it. Why? Doesn't the information "keep"? Yes, of course, it does — the emails stay right in the our inbox until we read them, voice mail patiently waits on us to listen, and the text messages remain on our phones until a convenient time arises to read them. One of the advantages of all this technology was supposed to be that it waited on us, allowing us not to be distracted. But sadly the opposite has happened; we have gotten to the point that we wait, with bated breath, on our devices and answer them with the urgency of a 911 call!

The intrusion of these devices into our lives is not harmless. They rob us of family time, of real conversation, and of the ability to focus for an extended period of time; and they sometimes actually make our children both "illiterates" and "mutes" in the languages of emotion, the body, facial expression, and more. There could be a reason why people who spend too much time in front of computers sometimes lack social skills. Worse, they rob us of time to think, evaluate, judge, and weigh things in our minds carefully. These devices often take away from us the time that they promised to give us more of — time that could be better used in Bible study, meditation, Christian service, or real interaction with real family and friends.

Now some of us have learned to wait until a convenient time has arisen to deal with our emails, text messages, voice mails, and recorded TV Shows, but it has taken disciplined effort. Even so, we can sometimes (just like teens) mindlessly reach for our devices like a nervous habit, like chewing our fingernails or playing with our hair. And this is what our teens are still in the process of learning to control. So what should be done? My opinion is that, given the fact that we live in a

world full of these devices, we need to teach our children and teens how to use them well — in a way that isn't harmful to them socially or spiritually.

Let me start by suggesting something that I saw recently as a guest at a dinner table. A basket was passed around the dining table, and it was expected that every cell phone would be turned off and put into the basket — adults and teens, no exceptions. I liked it. The family dinner table really ought to be considered that important. No TV, no cell phones, no computers of any variety, no remotes, no distractions! And this little discipline might be well applied to a number of other things, too — homework, family meetings, family nights. Its purpose would be to teach that we are to love people and use things — not the other way around. Face to face interactions ought to have highest priority, and we need to learn how to ignore the urgent but unimportant in favor of the truly important.

Keep TV-watching down to a disciplined allowance per day. Like a monetary allowance, such a discipline keeps your teens on track with important things, and teaches that budgeting time is as crucial as budgeting money. It is just one more way to emphasize that fun comes **after** work, leisure comes **after** responsibility, and that real accomplishment is **more important** than one's knowledge of pop culture.

And the last thing that I'll note here is that they need to learn how to "spot the lie". This is true for just about every facet of their (and our) lives, but when it comes to the electronic world, there's a lot of rotten stuff out there mixed in with the innocent and even good stuff. Like everything else, the Christian needs to learn how to discern — how to judge the good from the bad, the black from the white, and even the gray areas. They could learn from the "school of hard knocks", but it's brutal; so teach them. Help them stay away from the porn sites (putting their computer in the family room is a good start), learn to identify and stay away from predators, learn how to say no to inappropriate proposals (e.g., "sexting"), etc.

Like most things there's a good side and a bad side to personal electronics. Let's teach our teens how to take the earplugs out, shut things off, and use these tools for good and productive lives — staying away from the abuses.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN MARCH

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| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| Spring meeting | | | | | Burley/Linda S. ❤️ | |
| Trudi R 🙏 | | | 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class | 7:00PM Wed. Bible class | Reiven/Ora H. ❤️ | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 11:00AM Potluck Luncheon ■ 6:00PM Worship | | | | | | |

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of March 15AMPMWed.

Announcements Charles H..... Charles H
 Song Leading Doug J Scott W Reiven H
 Opening Prayer Marty K..... Jim B
 Communion David J..... Chris S
 Scripture
 Closing Prayer Scott W..... Kyle J
 Greeter..... Burley S

Week of March 22AMPMWed.

Announcements John S John S
 Song Leading Scott W Doug J Charles H
 Opening Prayer Kyle J..... John S
 Communion Hugh R..... David J
 Scripture
 Closing Prayer Doug J Charles H
 Greeter..... Jim B



Sermon Notes...
