

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 Saved and The Lost

The complexity of the need was great. There was no simple way to construct the plan for salvation. The solution would require great wisdom. Though the popular opinion of many insists that the death-burial-resurrection of the only begotten Son of God completely resolved the issue, the inspired scripture contains certain truth that nullifies this theory. The fact that Paul refers to God's solution as a well-kept secret (mystery), "*hid in God since the beginning of the world*" should indicate something unusual in the making. Had there been a better idea, there would have been no need to keep the secret until everything was in-place!

Consider that Jesus' prophesied sacrifice was well published in the Old Testament, therefore was not the mystery that Paul referred to. Although the remainder of the Plan required the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, there was more needed to bring the Plan into reality. The challenge was this; ***how can God create a plan that would fairly and justly separate the saved from the lost?***

Consider also, that the Plan would have to allow any and all individuals to successfully comply. It had to be simple enough to overlook, yet complex enough to "*confound the wise*". The reward would need to be so great that everyone would be able to see value, but the price would have no measurable monetary cost. To qualify would require favorable changes in life and pursuit, but the rewards would have no end.

God has made such a plan and such a place. To make it more attainable, he has provided a measure of grace to those who wish to participate. He is "*not willing that anyone would miss it, but that all should repent from life otherwise*" ***II Peter 3:9***. Included in His Plan is an instruction booklet. ***II Timothy 3:16*** identifies this as "*the instruction in righteousness*" without which no man can apply, and "*few there be that find it*" ***Matthew 7:14***

So that all of mankind can have an equal opportunity, God proclaimed this in ***Galatians 3:22***, "*God hath concluded all under sin...*" This is the primary idea; our Heavenly Father wants to qualify each individual with a standard of moral character that eliminates those who cannot and will not "*Diligently seek Him*" ***Hebrews 11:6***. The standards have been set and the journey begins for those who have eyes to see the mystery and ears to hear the warning.

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 .

A BUSY APRIL...

Easter is only a week away and your friends and family who don't go to church are probably going to be more open to coming, so invite them.

The Next Men's Breakfast is April 18 at 9am at the fellowship hall. John S. is in charge. Come and bring a friend.

The Ladies' Spring Fling is scheduled for April 25. For more information, touch base with Dianne H. or Nancy J. It'll be a wonderful time of fellowship

DID YOU KNOW? While the internet is full of questionable stuff, it also has a lot of good stuff put out by our brethren. For example, *Apologetics Press* has excellent videos and articles on matters of Christian evidences and doctrine. And even more than that, there's a lot of great material (video and articles) for kids. *World Video Bible School* also has a lot of great videos for adults and children. Moreover, our own *YouTube* channel has a lot of "playlists" of adult Bible studies and sermons. And it's all (*Apologetics Press*, *World Video Bible School*, and our *Rock Hill YouTube* channel) **FREE!** Check it out and perhaps start a

home Bible study for the whole family.

PGA PARKWAY is in final stages of paving now. We've been assured that we'll continue to have access to the building on Sundays, but there is a **possibility** that we may have to forego one Wednesday night Bible study. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available. Check your emails and texts for updates.

PRAYER ANSWERED — Burley's son, Burley Jr. has been given a clean bill of health, something we've been praying for. Give God the glory!

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Recoveries...
 - Eloise Isbell for recovery and rehabilitation
 - Richard Anderson, recovering from surgery
 - Park, for knee surgery recovery.
 - Charles H., shoulder recovery.
 - Lynn Turner is now at home.
- 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.
- Meghan and Leighton (Linebaugh's granddaughter and great-granddaughter)
- Freida R., health issues
- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords, our missionaries in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, grand-

Love difficult people. You're one of them. — Bob Goff

daughter Peyton living with them.

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
- 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

- 3/29 Revelation 13-16
- 3/30 Revelation 17-19
- 3/31 Revelation 20-22
- 4/1 Genesis 1-3
- 4/2 Genesis 4-7
- 4/3 Genesis 8-11
- 4/4 Genesis 12-15
- 4/5 Genesis 16-18

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.

PARENTING GODLY TEENS, #6, DEMONSTRATE GENUINE FAITH

One of the most ineffective ways to raise a godly teenager is to offer a lot of pious platitudes while living a different way. It will bait plenty of accusations of hypocrisy and insincerity, provide a ready-made comeback for any parental commands ("Oh, it's do what I way do and not what I do, huh?"), and will be more than adequate reason to reject and rebel against even the very best wisdom you could offer. It is only the slimmest of hopes that your child will really listen to your urgings to be smart and learn from your sins and weaknesses; and if they do, they are likely to view you more as an object of pity rather than as an honored parent. This is why as a parent you really must do your very best to demonstrate a genuine faith.

With this article on parenting godly teens I want to get a bit personal, if I may. My father was a petroleum geologist and my mother was a homemaker and substitute teacher. They were not in paid ministry, but they were always active Christians. My father was a deacon or an elder in every church we worshipped with for as far back as I can remember, and my mother was right there beside him providing meals, hospitality, and whatever else she could. My father's faith often got in the way career-wise, however. The oil business is pretty cut-throat and the people who often populate it are often guided more by the false gods of money and power than the true God of the universe. This often put our family in financial straits, having to make decisions and sacrifices for faith's sake. To mom's and dad's credit, they didn't hide the circumstances behind these tough times with us kids; instead they shared them with us and explained the spiritual "whys" of our sacrifices. I'm sure they didn't share everything with us, but the net effect was spiritually substantial that has lasted down to the present hour — genuine discipleship. It wasn't anymore heroic than it should have been, it was simple faithfulness to the Lord that was shared and, therefore, modeled for us that made all the Bible classes, sermons, and home-based teaching truly effective. Were there mistakes that they made? Yes, and when they were made they were usually owned and corrected before our eyes. They meant what they were saying for themselves, not just for us.

This is not said to lionize my parents — although for putting up with me, they probably deserve at least a

Bronze Star — rather it is to point out a good example of something that worked pretty well on three teens that grew up to be faithful Christian adults. And it is to point out a practical living-out of what Deuteronomy 6:6, 7 talks about, "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up." This is done not merely by "teaching them diligently" through family devotionals or formal Bible classes in the home; it is also effectively done by just "talking of them" as you talk about — well — life. Talk about your challenges in your own life (and how the Scripture guides you through them), the temptations you may face (and what you're doing to overcome), the hope you have in spite of the difficulties you face, and the stories from your own past and what things you've learned and are practicing now. Bring them with you as you work in the kingdom — my dad brought me (at 14 and 15 years old) to Nueces County Jail every Sunday for months to bring communion to some inmates, handing communion bread and cups through bars. Doing so helped make Christianity more than just a pious phrase about visiting the prisoners; it helped it become a life.

Abstract Bible teaching can be just that — abstract, ethereal, and theoretical. You are your children's living models of what you can read in the Bible, you put flesh and bone on the teachings, and you can and should bring the words on the page to life. If you'll do that, you'll be leaving a lasting legacy of useful and cherished memories about how dad or mom lived out their discipleship. I still find myself occasionally asking what dad would do or say in certain situations — not that he's better than Jesus, but because I've seen dad in action. I can still "see" the look on his face, "hear" the tone of hope and faith in his voice, and clearly remember the attitude of his heart through good times and bad time, demonstrated by what he did. Nothing could've have been more influential to my young heart.

This may be the toughest part of parenting a godly teen, living up to the standard of godliness yourself. But it's well worth the effort — for your teen's soul and your own.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN MARCH & APRIL

	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship 	<div style="background-color: #c0392b; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Jim & Bonnie B. ❤️</div>	<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;">Pam H. 🙏</div>	

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of March 29AMPMWed.
 AnnouncementsBurley SBurley S
 Song LeadingDoug JScott WJim B
 Opening PrayerJim BReiven H
 CommunionMarty KHugh R
 Scripture
 Closing PrayerJim BBurley S
 GreeterRalph K

Week of April 5AMPMWed.
 AnnouncementsJim BJim B
 Song LeadingScott WDoug J
 Opening PrayerDavid JTom R
 CommunionJohn SMarty K
 Scripture
 Closing PrayerCharles HRalph K
 GreeterYaw F



Sermon Notes...
