

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"*

RUNNING THE RACE

We have all heard of the warning offered by many of the two things that we should defer from discussing in polite company. One would be politics and the other is religion. I trust we have all learned (mostly the hard way) the reason for this advice and have been tempted to abstain from such subjects.

Of course, on the other hand, as Christians, we are obligated to "sow the seed" and "contend for the faith". To abstain from discussing God's Word would also be considered a 'dereliction of Christian duty', therefore, we must learn how to do so in love, and with the utmost care and concern. This may require a great deal of patience and forethought in order to best deliver the value of Christianity and the personal need each person has for salvation. Such forethought and effort will be time well spent... "God will bring the increase."

I have a good friend with whom I was visiting a few weeks back. We came to know one another through the Lord's Church. He is a member of a conservative congregation, and we 'spar' a little with quick Bible quotes. He is not without a substantial education and Bible knowledge. He was the mayor of San Angelo, Texas a couple of years ago. It is inevitable that a circumstance would arise in which a scripture could and perhaps should be appropriate. It was interesting to note that he would only respond with "Galatians 1."

In case you wonder what the verse says, it is this: "But though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached, let them be accursed." Sure, it was his way of telling me that he didn't want to go any further, but it made me think of 1 Corinthians 15:1-5. The gospel in its truest form is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. On the other hand, it is recognized as the all-inclusive Plan of God to bring salvation. It is the fulfillment of prophecy and the culmination of the Abrahamic promise. It is the 'SUM' of scripture that provides a true picture of what we must do to be saved and what the hearts and minds of Christians must be in order to be pleasing to God. Let us make up our minds to run the race and be victorious.

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 .

THE LEADERSHIP MEETING

- The elders will be meeting to create a budget for the coming year. A report on this to the congregation will be coming soon.
- Contributions lately have been a little low but we are still showing a month over month general fund gain.
- It was reported that Park continues to produce videos for Facebook to keep us before the community's eyes.
- It was requested that those who lead the Lord's Supper in Sunday evening services make sure to ask if everyone who wants to partake has a communion "kit".
- It has been pointed out to us that our announcements and prayer requests often contain information that may be pertinent to the congregation, but perhaps not good for our internet broadcast. So after some discussion we decided...
 - That in our bulletin and announcements we use first names only and a last initial, when there is more than one person with the same name.
 - Regarding special prayer requests at the end of Sunday morning services: we will honor those requests in the elders' closing prayer, and that before that prayer we terminate our broadcast.
 - That we not broadcast our announcements, but instead offer just a welcome slide.
 - That we provide a "We're Here and We Care" slide at the end of

the final song to prompt the AV person to terminate the broadcast.

- Grass seed will be sown soon
- Zeke asked that he receive more visits and that communion be brought to him on Sundays..
- A beekeeper will be brought in to assess the bee swarm on our Bible class building.
- Our new member Alec E. is interested in striping our parking lot for free. This is what he does for a living and he has some extra product that he'd like to use for the church's benefit.
- A mock up of a sign upgrade (to add a digital sign to our present sign) was presented. City ordinances and costs will be investigated and presented at the next meeting.

COATS FOR CHILDREN for the Rainbow Room at the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County. Members can bring new coats and put them in the black tote in the back of the auditorium. For more info talk to Marie W or look up this link: <https://www.cac-collincounty.org/waystogive/rainbow-room/>

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP the Pittsfield MA church? We have an ongoing monthly benevolence program to help the church of Christ in Pittsfield Mass. See Trudy R. to contribute.

CHILDREN'S HOMES COLLECTION — The Rock Hill church makes an annual donation to the children's homes we support for Christmas. If you'd like to donate toward this gift to the children see Linda S.

LADIES' GIFT EXCHANGE will be December 2 at Babe's. Sign up sheet is on the ladies' table in the back. See Linda or Pam for additional information

WANT TO HELP with the recovery from the disasters in NC and FL? The church of Christ Disaster Relief is recommended by the RH leadership. Here is a link to making a contribution.

[HTTPS://WWW.DISASTERRELIEFFORT.ORG/](https://www.disasterrelieffort.org/)

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Anna S, a Christian sister who comes with Lynn and Alene T, is getting

better, but still needing prayer. Cards can be sent to 7210 Linkside Point Dr., Apt. 223, McKinney TX 75071

- Max B, Charles and Diane's brother-in-law, has been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Please pray for the family.
- Elizabeth H's cousin, Tracy, is still in need of prayers for better health.
- Zeke R. recovery
- The Staffords —
 - Cleves family as his dad is nearing the end,
 - their son struggling in his freshman year at college,
 - the Pittsfield church.
- Mary H is recovering at home.
- Emma's grandmother, Karla R, dementia and cancer.
- Esther M health.
- Bonnie D recovering from a minor stroke.
- Lynn T: cancer
- Sue C: digestive problems
- Ora H, kidney
- the churches in New England
- brethren in India
- our elders, deacons, preacher, teachers, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness & friend Jeff
- Bonnie B.
- Carol P.
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Rosa's friend Isabella, heart lesion
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Ken C.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Nov 17, Acts 17-18
- Nov 18, Acts 19-20
- Nov 19, Acts 21-22
- Nov 20, Acts 23-25
- Nov 21, Acts 26-28
- Nov 22, Rom 1-3
- Nov 23, Rom 4-7
- Nov 24, Rom 8-10

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.

WORKS OF THE FLESH AND FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, PART 5

Over the last several weeks we've been studying in this bulletin space the works of the flesh, but now it is time to consider the fruit of the Spirit. Before we begin talking about the individual qualities of the fruit of the Spirit, we should talk about concept of fruit of the Spirit.

First, let's notice that this fruit is from the Spirit of God; the result of His influence in our lives. It is not the fruit of philosophers, scholars, "my truest self", the latest from daytime talk shows, science, business, or anyone's personal "think-so". We see such worldly "fruit" everywhere, they are the "works of the flesh" that we have already studied in earlier articles from Galatians 5:19-21. The fruit of the Spirit is different from anything the world pushes. His influence in our lives is rooted in the Father, is found in the Scriptures (of which He is the Inspirer), and is perfectly modeled in Jesus Christ. It is not irresistible; sadly, we can resist and sin. But when we are abiding in the Spirit's influence, the result is a holy life, transformed from the inside out, one of light and salt...and good fruit.

Fruit? We're not talking about apples and oranges, of course. Fruit as used here and elsewhere in the Bible refers to a result, an outcome, or an effect in our lives. Some have tried to limit the meaning of fruit to simple evangelistic outcomes; but even a quick study out of a concordance will show that fruit is much more. For example...

"Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance;" Matthew 3:8, NAS95

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit," Matthew 12:33, NAS95

Notice in the last verse that a person can produce either good or bad fruit. Fruit, in this sense, is the deeds, words, and attitudes of our lives. The thoughts of our hearts—guided by our choice of the

flesh or the Spirit—result in good or bad fruit, in the form of our words, attitudes, deeds, responses, or goals.

Lastly, notice that the word "fruit" isn't plural. There are places where Jesus talked of "fruits", *"You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they?"* Matthew 7:16. However, the qualities in Gal. 5:22,23 aren't the "fruits" of the Spirit, even though Paul lists 9. There's a good reason: when we look at them as "fruits" of the Spirit, it is possible, perhaps even common, to choose some "fruits" and ignore others, as if it were a spiritual cafeteria—*"I'd like two of those, but none of that."*

Instead, Paul describes it as a single fruit, a single outcome of the Spirit's work in us. The fruit (singular), is a whole changed life, containing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Perhaps we could think of it like holding an orange with peel, sections, pulp, juice, seeds, and all. The whole changed life (thoughts, words, attitudes, and deeds) of the Spirit should be forming and present in the Christian—not just a little joy here and a smattering of goodness there, if you please.

It is done by...

- daily dying to all of self (Gal. 2:20 and Lk. 9:23),
- daily abiding in Christ (Gal. 2:20 and John 8:31,32),
- daily letting the Spirit-given Scripture teach, reprove, correct and train us (2 Tim. 3:16,17),
- daily allowing the Spirit to strengthen our inner man (Eph. 3:16)
- and you letting go and letting God's Spirit control

What fruit are you bearing? Let us walk in the Spirit and produce the fruit of the Spirit every day in every way in our lives.

Park Linscomb



FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN NOVEMBER

17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>John and Carmen S ❤️</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class 	<p>Elizabeth H. 🙏</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 			<p>Trelitha B. 🙏</p>

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of Nov 17AM.....PM.....Wed.

Announcements*Jim B**Burley S*
 Song Leading*Scott W**Doug J**Charles H*
 Opening Prayer*Reiven H**John S*
 Communion*David J**David J*
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing Prayer*Scott W**Tom R*
 A/V Control*John S**Charles H**John S*
 Greeter*Burley S*

Week of Nov 24AM.....PM.....Wed.

Announcements*Burley S**Doug J*
 Song Leading*Doug J**Scott W**Reiven H*
 Opening Prayer*Chris S**Charles H*
 Communion*David J**Jim B*
 Closing Prayer*Doug J**John S*
 A/V Control*John S**Hunter M**Charles H*
 Greeter*Yaw F*



Sermon Notes...
