

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:

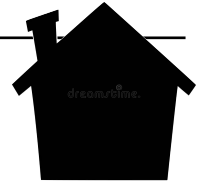
- Park Linscomb

Deacons:

- Reiven Holt
- Hugh Ruebush
- John Smetzer
- Burley Stinnett
- Fernando Zapata

*"We're Here
and We Care"*

"BUT IT BEGINS AT HOME"



Under the OT, parents were told to tell their children of God's plan and promise. In **Deuteronomy 6:6-9**, Moses writes, *"And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up"*

It is essential that we strive to follow suit in these times. Because of the mass confusion of spiritual beliefs, it is crucial that we diligently instruct our children, who will become the next generation, the historical benefit of the knowledge of Christian sacrifices which began with the fall of man in the garden and the ultimate plan of God to get us to Christ, **Genesis 3:14-19**, the obvious end of which is the establishment of the church and the kingdom, the Gospel concerning Christ's death, burial and resurrection, and the fulfillment of God's plan for salvation concerning Christ.

Not only should our descendants be prepared to follow **1 Peter 3:15** in *"giving answer for the hope lieth in us with meekness and fear"* but having a full and complete understanding that these are the commandments of Almighty God, and the *"Instruction in righteousness"* **2 Timothy 3:16-17** that will secure our lives as pleasing to God, and prepare us as we all *"stand before the judgement seat of Christ"* **2 Corinthians 5:10**. As parents, this is one of the primary responsibilities for which we will be judged, and perhaps one of our greatest challenges!

Can we afford to leave this undone as Christian adults? Young people, can you afford to resist the ord of God by those who are responsible for the salvation of your soul? The opportunity we have as parents to try and prepare our families to follow the pathway of righteousness may very well be a greatest fault we have when we must give account. What we did to further the cause of Christ within our own families could be the most significant unused talent. The only greater fault will be overlooking the value of righteousness, and joining the ranks of the unbeliever **John 3:18**.

It was said long ago, a message from an African tribal leader which alluded, *"It takes a village to raise a child."* Truer words have not been spoken...but it begins at home.

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 .

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES AND TEACHERS

- New teen class taught by Burley S. in the foyer of the Bible class building
- Scott W will teach a young single adult class in back fellowship hall
- Young adult professionals class, Doug J, in the fellowship hall
- New Christians class, Charles H., upstairs
- General adult class in the auditorium, Park teaching.
- Kids classes, ask for your child's age

AN EVANGELISM CLASS might be formed to teach how to share the faith. If interested, please tell Park and let him know your best time to meet.

THE LADIES' HOLIDAY PARTY — Dec. 4 (Monday), 6:30PM. Be sure to sign up in the back of the auditorium (to make sure that everyone has a seat). The sign up deadline is November 29. All information about food and the game will be found in the back as well. Got questions? See Linda S or Pam H.



NEW DIRECTORY PICTURES — Nancy Jones is wanting to take new pictures for our directory and we need to add a few new folks

"BIRTHDAY CAKE" FELLOWSHIP to celebrate the birthdays of November and December will be on Dec. 3rd. They include for November Dale C., Dianna C., Alexandria A., Melinda S., Bonnie D., Elizabeth H., Trelitha B., and Adele S. And for December: Javier P., Suzanne D., Lavonia C., Mike H., Mageretta F., and Martin K.

CHILDREN'S HOMES CHRISTMAS FUND — Linda S. will start collecting money for this annual good cause.

THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH

We have an ongoing monthly benevolence program to help the Berkshire County church of Christ in Pittsfield Mass. See Trudy R. to contribute.

NEW ON THE PRAYER LIST

• Roberta Turner, daughter-in-law of Lynn and Alene Tuner, passed away after a long illness. A memorial service will

be held in Victoria, TX di December 9. Prayers for her family will be appreciated. Their address is 7210 LINKSIDE POINT DR, MCKINNEY TX 75071-5154 if you'd like to send a card.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Zeke Rodriquez for his PTSD, depression, and issues with the VA.
- Zeke's sister in law Carmen Rodriguez, macular degeneration.
- John Smetzer asks for prayers for Rose Smetzer, pneumonia.
- Alene Turner asks prayers for husband Lynn (cancer).
- Dianna C. for cancer treatment changes

- Sue Carter: digestive problems
- Freida R. at home
- Bonnie D. broken shoulder and, struggling; Suzanne as she cares for her mother
- Fernando Z's father, Ramon
- Sandy L's sister, in hospice in MS
- The Stafford's grand-daughter
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the churches in New England
- brethren in India
- our congregational leaders

LONG TERM REQUESTS

- Sarai Lyons' friend Tiffany M.
- Isela Hughes' sister Griselda's illness & friend Jeff with cancer
- 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
- Ken C.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Nov 26, Rom 15-16
- Nov 27, 1 Cor 1-4
- Nov 28, 1 Cor 5-7
- Nov 29, 1 Cor 6-11
- Nov 30, 1 Cor 12-14
- Dec 1, 1 Cor 15-16
- Dec 2, 2 Cor 1-4
- Dec 3, 2 Cor 5-8

John 3:36 — "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides 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.

THE BIBLICAL DEFINITION OF SPIRITUALITY

Are you a spiritual person? A lot of people might quickly respond, "Yes!" But truth be known, the real answer depends directly on what your definition of spirituality is.

There are a lot of folks that I've talked to over the years who believe themselves to be spiritual people. They are seekers of some sort of transcendent experience, sometimes an ecstatic one, produced by any sort of religious ritual — from pondering a lake to meditation, to a pagan drug induced vision, to a Pentecostal sensation. Certainly, such pursuits seem to desire something beyond the purely material; but do they really find the unseen world of God, or are they mere physical feelings that disguise themselves as spirituality?

The Bible defines spirituality a very different way...

"For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him." (Romans 8:5-9, NASB)

Paul tells us by divine inspiration that spirituality doesn't really consist in a physical experience, but in setting our mind on the Spirit.

Some, he says, think only with their bodies, "the mind set of the flesh", with their appetites, sensations, and feelings. While we must pay attention to the flesh to live in this world, we must not let the flesh rule or overrule the Spirit. In that case,

eating becomes gluttony, rest becomes laziness, appropriate pleasure becomes sensuality, and a desire to be spiritual deforms into nothing but a "high". Such a "spirituality", thinking with the flesh, cannot please God and is even characterized as hostile to God, despite its hollow promises. Such a "spirituality" may make contact with the spiritual world, but they are not the spirits you really want to make contact with. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 10:19 that the pagan world did make contact — with demons.

True spirituality, on the other hand — the kind we're really looking for — thinks with, sets its mind on, the Spirit. It subjects itself to what God says — listens and heeds God's words — and so is able to reconcile — with God.

How will we know in practical terms which I have set our minds on? In Galatians Paul tells us what the two kinds of spirituality — the mind set on the flesh or the mind set on the Spirit — will produce.

Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." (Galatians 5:19-23)

The answer to whether or not we are spiritual people should conform to God's definition rather than some human, unilateral declaration that will only bring about death in the end. It is God's definition that will bring both life and a spirituality that truly satisfies the deepest longings of our souls.

Park Linscomb



