

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 FULFILLMENT"

This week, we wish to "search out a matter" and look at what Jesus said in **Matthew 5:17**, *"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy but to fulfil."* We should recognize this record in Matthew 5 as "The Beatitudes". It is highly recognized for its content, and takes place just after the series of temptations offered by Satan. Not only is it introduced early in the New Testament, it may very well be the first record we have of Jesus' teaching.

It is obvious that the principals taught are consistent with morality, but the message extends further. Not only does Jesus represent himself as a righteous man with vast knowledge, He brings with Him the culmination of Spiritual events since the first indication by the fall of man in **Genesis 3:15**. Luke records the words of Jesus by inspiration in **Luke 19:10**, *"The son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."* He did not come merely to the bring salvation to mankind by His death and resurrection, but to complete that which God had designed for the salvation of those who choose His Way... *"the mystery of His will...according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself...that in the dispensation of the fullness of time, He might gather together in one, all things in Christ...both of which are in heaven and on earth."* **Ephesians 1:9-10**.

The message brings to us the announcement that the time has come, **Galatians 4:4-5**, and prepare us for the final chapter...to fulfill that which was promised to Abraham (**Galatians 3:16**)...to fulfill the promise by way of the establishment of the Lord's Church, the Kingdom of God, the Plan for Salvation and the ultimate 2nd coming of Christ; of Judgement for all mankind.

Do not be fooled by public opinion. It has proven wrong since the beginning. That which God has designed, perpetuated and now placed in our hands can bring salvation. God has made it clear in **Matthew 12:30**, *"he that is not with me is against me, and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad."* All things provided by God are in their proper place, and in so doing, Jesus has fulfilled all but one remaining task; the judgement of our actions, and the reward that we deserve.

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 .

THIS SUNDAY is the first Sunday of the month and so will be our second singing practice at 5PM. Last time we learned “Only a Holy God” and we’ll be learning some new ones this week.

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

THE LEADERSHIP MEETING is next Sunday at 4PM. If you have something that you'd like the elders, deacons, and preacher to discuss, please make your request known to one of them.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP 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.

WANT TO HELP with the recovery from the disasters in NC and FL? The church of Christ Disaster Relief is recommended by the RH leader-

ship. Here is a link to making a contribution. [HTTPS://WWW.DISASTERRELIEFFORT.ORG/](https://www.disasterrelieffort.org/)

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Anna Spence, a Christian sister who comes with Lynn and Alene Turner, is in the hospital with a serious liver infection and is awaiting results of a biopsy. Cards can be sent to 7210 Linkside Point Dr., Apt. 223, McKinney TX 75071
- Dianne H.'s cousin passed away last week; the funeral was Friday. Please pray for the family.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Max Bledsoe, Charles and Diane's brother-in-law, has been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Please pray for the family.
- Ora Holt's nephew was struck by a hit and run driver and died from his injuries. Please pray for the family
- Elizabeth Hopkins cousin, Tracy, is in ICU with diabetic ketoacidosis.
- Elizabeth's brother-in-law recovering from a car accident, and her step-brother with multiple health problems
- Zeke R. was moved to Stonemere Rehab Center this week. He's in Room 336. Stonemere Rehabilitation Center, 11855 Lebanon Rd, Frisco, TX 75035, (469) 269-1000
- The Staffords —
 - Cleves family as his dad is nearing the end,
 - Mel's family as her mother passed,
 - their son struggling in his freshman year at college,
 - the Pittsfield church.

The truth doesn't offend you. It offends the lie that's hiding out in you. Don't reject truth. Interrogate the lie.

Make it prove its claims.
Hart Ramsey

- Mary Hall is recovering at home.
- Emma's grandmother, Karla R, dementia and cancer.
- Esther Myrick's health.
- Bonnie Davidson recovering from a minor stroke.
- Lynn Turner: cancer
- Sue Carter: digestive problems
- Ora Holt, 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 Hughes' 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 3, John 4-5
- Nov 4, John 6-7
- Nov 5, John 8-9
- Nov 6, John 10-11
- Nov 7, John 12-13
- Nov 8, John 14-16
- Nov 9, John 17-18
- Nov 10, John 19-21

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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 2

In my last article I began a series on Galatians 5:19-23, the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit. Last time we gave our focus to the sexual sins catalogued in this list. This post we'll give attention to the pagan elements of these works of the flesh.

IDOLATRY

Idolatry is the worship of things in this created world rather than the Creator. Paul put it this way, "Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures." Romans 1:22, 23. Man always seems to have chafed at the idea of worshipping what he cannot see or touch, and this is the origin of idols.

Often idolatry is considered just another name for pagan worship, but this is not entirely true. While pagans use images, there were times in Israel's history when they made the attempt at using golden calves to represent the true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. These stories are told in Exodus 32 and 1 Kings 12. In both cases, as the golden calves were being utilized as objects of worship, they were identified as the God, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt" (Ex. 32:8 and 1 Kgs. 12:28). Not even the one true God is to be "image-ized", an important warning even among modern folks who believe in Jesus.

But idolatry can also take another form, the looking to "saviors" other than God. This is why greed is called a form of idolatry (Eph. 5:5 and Col. 3:5). God alone is God. Wood, stone, images, money, things, armies, and science are frail and vain substitutes. Isaiah crystalized the folly of idolatry, when he wrote by God's inspiration, "No one recalls, nor is there knowledge or understanding to say, 'I have burned half of it in the fire and also have baked bread over its coals. I roast meat and eat it. Then I make the rest of it into an abomination, I fall down before a block of wood!'" Isaiah 44:19.

SORCERY

The Old Testament forbade the occult practices (sorcery) of witchcraft, divination, spiritism, and necromancy (see Deut. 18:9-14). Such information and powers were not from God, but from evil spirits (e.g., Acts 16:16-18). Instead, God's people were to get all the information that they needed from God's prophets (Deut. 18:15ff). Just as then, everything we need to know spiritually speaking must come from God's word, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16, 17.

The original Greek word for sorcery, found in Galatians 5, is *pharmakeia* and it had to do with using drugs. We get the word pharmacy from it. Originally, it was used in a medical sense, but as time passed the word began to take on the meaning of misuse of drugs for poison—an interesting meaning given the recent spate of opioid deaths. Later still the word came to be associated with witchcraft, calling upon evil spirits to curse others, the casting of malevolent spells, and occult visions.

Today, witchcraft and the occult are on the rise in popular culture along with the use of drugs and neo-paganism. But popular or not, God's judgment about those who practice such things remains the same; the practice is sinful. Christians must look to the Lord alone both for what can be known about the future and the afterlife and for what power might be exercised beyond human control.

Idolatry and sorcery as works of the flesh are from the same rotten root that seeks to deliberately neglect or reject the one true God in favor of a god or an outcome of our own choosing. And they are not trivial matters; such practices will exclude men from inheriting the kingdom of God.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN NOVEMBER

3 ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship 5PM Singing practice		4 ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class	5 ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class		6 Dianna C.		7 Roland & Susie C. Stuart S.
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SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of November 3AM.....PM.....Wed.

AnnouncementsBurley S
 SongleadingScott WDoug JReiven H
 Opening PrayerReiven H.....Burley S
 CommunionJim BCharles H
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 Closing PrayerCharles H.....Doug J
 A/V ControlJohn SHunter M.....Charles H
 GreeterYaw F



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Opening PrayerCharles H.....Reiven H
CommunionJim BBurley S
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Sermon Notes...
