

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"*

"WHAT THOU OUGHTEST TO DO"

One of the greatest examples of obedience is the account Cornelius in **Acts 10**. There are several things that make this account unusual in regard to finding salvation in the Christian dispensation. As a general rule, the Pharisees would affirm that *"God heareth not sinners"* **John 9:31**. This is in reference to **Isaiah 59:1-2**, *"the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear."* To the Judean leaders, this would mean that only the prayers of the Jews would be legitimate. This was also consistent with Peter's belief in the beginning of **Acts 10**.

Peter was about to learn a valuable lesson at the hand of the Holy Spirit. In **Acts 9: 9-16**, Peter is given a 'vision' of a great sheet upon which all sorts of animals appeared with the instructions, *"Arise Peter, kill and eat."* Peter, understanding the Law concerning clean and unclean animals, refused the notion. He did not immediately understand the vision, but he contemplated the meaning.

If we look back at **Acts 9:1-6**, we see that the man, Cornelius *"was a devout man that feared God with all of his house...and prayed to God always"*. Although he would be considered a sinner and unclean as a non-Jew, God recognized him as a soul worth saving and heard his prayers. The instruction came from the Lord in **verses 5-6** to *"send men to Joppa and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter...he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do."* Cornelius was forewarned that Peter would provide the instruction in righteousness that he would need in order to be obedient to God unto salvation.

While Peter had wondered what his vision would reveal to him, it became clear when the household of Cornelius received the Holy Spirit **verses 44-46**. This was the undeniable sign that the Gentiles were included in the Plan of God for salvation. Had this been the final determining factor concerning the salvation of Cornelius and his household, Peter could have stopped without further comment. However, the inspired writer continues to record the instruction needed to complete the plan when he said in **verses 47-48**, *"Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized... and he COMMANDED them to be baptized in the name of the Lord."*

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 .

LEADERSHIP MEETING — Our elders, deacons, and preacher will be meeting this Sunday afternoon, 4PM, to discuss the business of the congregation. If you have some special project or concern you'd like to see addressed, please one of our leaders know.



A PARENTING SEMINAR is being offered by the Centerville Rd. church of Christ in Garland TX on October 28, 29. A poster with details can be found on the bulletin board in the back. The speaker will be Jeff Miller of Apologetics Press.

THE WHITE ROCK FUND is holding their annual Reporting and Fundraising Day this year on Oct 28. There are brochures in the foyer about it, if you'd like to be uplifted about mission work. Incidentally, Park is speaking briefly during the luncheon. If you'd like to go, let Park know, perhaps we could carpool.



THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH

- There's a new card from the Staffords posted on the bulletin board about the current progress. Check it out.
- We have an ongoing monthly benevolence program to help the Berkshire County church of Christ in Pittsfield Mass. See Trudy R. to contribute

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Linda M's niece Sandra
- Sue Carter: digestive problems
- Kaitlyn's injured toe
- Freida R. at home
- Bonnie D. broken shoulder and, struggling; Suzanne as she cares for her mother
- Jim P. — radiation therapy for prostate cancer.
- Fernando Z's father, Ramon — radiation therapy for lung cancer.
- Sandy L's sister, Lisa, in hospice care in Mississippi .



- The Stafford's grand-daughter
- Isela Hughes'...
 - sister Griselda Walters
 - friend Jeff, cancer
- Sarai Lyons' friend Tiffany M.
- Dianna C, chemo recovery
- Julia's friend Wendy with breast cancer
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the churches in New England
 - brethren in India
 - our congregational leaders

LONG TERM REQUESTS

- 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

- Oct 8, Matthew 15-17
- Oct 9, Matthew 18-20
- Oct 10, Matthew 21-22
- Oct 11, Matthew 23-24
- Oct 12, Matthew 25-26
 - Oct 13, Matthew 27-28
 - Oct 14, Mark 1-3
 - Oct 15, Mark 4-5

1John 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

"A dead thing can go with the stream, but only a living thing can go against it"

(GK Chesterton)

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.

PLAIN-SPOKEN PASSAGES

Mark Twain famously said, "Most people are bothered by those passages of Scripture they do not understand, but the passages that bother me are those I do understand." While Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) seems to have not been overly religious, he spoke a profound truth about paying attention to verses of Scripture that are difficult to misunderstand, and ones that ought to bring us all to sober attention.

Here's a few plain verses that are heavy with warning and meaning to anyone who cares anything at all about his soul...

- John 14:6 "Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."
- Matthew 7:13, 14 ""Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it."
- Galatians 1:8, 9 "But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!"
- Matthew 7:21-23 ""Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'"
- John 8:24 ""Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.'"



- James 2:14 "What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him?"
- Luke 13:3 ""I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."
- Acts 2:38 "Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- Mark 16:15, 16 "And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned."
- Matthew 6:14, 15 ""For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. "But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions."
- James 3:1 "Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment."
- Revelation 22:18, 19 "I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book."
- 1 John 4:20 "If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen."

Do any of these plain-spoken passages cause you concern?

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN OCTOBER

<p>■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 4:00PM Leadership meeting ■ 6:00PM Worship</p>	8 Columbus Day	<p>■ 10:00AM Ladies class</p>	9	<p>Linda M. </p> <p>■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class</p>	10	<p>Mercie F. </p> <p>Renita C. </p>	11	<p>Doug J. </p>	12	13	14
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SERVICE IN WORSHIP

October 8

GreeterJim B
 AnnouncementsJohn S
 SongleadingDoug J.....Scott W
 Opening PrayerMarty K.....Jim B
 CommunionYaw FCharles H
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerScott WDoug J
 A/V ControlCharles H.....Fernando Z

Wed PM, October 11

SongsJim B
 A/V.....John S

October 15

AnnouncementsBurley S
 SongleadingScott WDoug J
 Opening PrayerYaw FReiven H
 CommunionJohn SScott W
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerJim BJohn S
 A/V ControlCharles H.....Fernando Z
 GreeterJim B

Wed PM, October 18

SongsReiven H
 A/V.....John S

Shortcuts to good info...

To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...



Sermon Notes...
