

# 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

### Interns:

- Kent Cates & Avery Nicks

*"We're Here  
and We Care"*

## "SEARCH OUT A MATTER"

There is an Old Testament verse in ***Deuteronomy 29:29***, *"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us and unto our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."* Moses prepared his last words just before turning over leadership to Joshua, and sending the children of Israel into the land of Canaan. As you might recall, Moses was allowed only to view the Land from afar, but was not allowed to enter because of his disobedience. Solomon, King of Israel and son of David, wrote a similar verse in ***Psalms 25:2***, *"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the honor of kings to search out a matter."*

We should marvel at these verses, and consider their meaning for edification. There are things within the scriptures that God intended for us to know, as well as things that God does not make obvious. The key to our understanding something not made obvious can be limited to our diligence to "search out a matter". ***Hebrews 11:6*** instructs us that God is, *"a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him"* while ***II Timothy 2:15*** encourages us to *"study to show thyself approved unto God... a workman that needeth not to be ashamed... rightly dividing the Word of Truth."*

Notice the word choice above, *"that God does not make obvious"* rather than a firm, *"God does not want us to know."* For example, regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ, *"no man knows the day... but my Father only"* ***Matthew 24:36***. Otherwise, we can know that if the Inspired writers did not cover a topic, we have freedom to righteously consider a course of action. We can rely on the practice of knowing "the SUM" of scripture and how well we may have "searched out a matter."

The boundaries of the Scriptures provide proper direction for salvation, our personal lives, worship and how we might best serve our God on a daily basis. Biblical solutions are contained within God's Word. We are encouraged by Inspired writers, who were commanded to convey the messages from God that give direction to our lives. The words written by the Apostles were the Commandments of God, ***John 12:48-49*** and will judge us in the last day. We should concentrate on getting it right.

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 .

### AND THE ANGELS IN HEAVEN REJOICED —

Emily Hays, after her confession of faith, was baptized into Christ this past Sunday morning. Emily has been studying the Bible

with her parents and decided to put Christ on in baptism. Welcome sister!!

**PLACING MEMBERSHIP** (here we grow again) — Kelly, Leigh, Emily, and Joshua Hays. They live at 2026 Coventry Dr., Celina, TX 75009. Their phone is (806) 433-2779. Their email is leighhays@gmail.com. Welcome!

**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. Here's a link for more info: <https://www.cac-collincounty.org/waystogive/rainbow-room/>

**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.disasterreliefeffort.org/>

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** begins next Sunday, so be sure to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

**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.

### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Max Bledsoe, Charles and Diane's brother-in-law, has had a rather troubling diagnosis. Please pray for the family.

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- 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. is in physical rehab
- 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.
- Mary Hall is recovering at home.
- Emma's grandmother, Karla R, dementia and cancer.
- Esther Myrick's health.
- Bonnie David-



son 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, interns, 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.

The sun will burn your eyes out from a distance of 92,000,000 miles and do you expect to casually stroll into the presence of its Maker?

Luke Walker

### READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Oct 27, Luke 12-13
- Oct 28, Luke 14-16
- Oct 29, Luke 17-18
- Oct 30, Luke 19-20
- Oct 31, Luke 21-22
- Nov 1, Luke 23-24
- Nov 2, John 1-3

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# A word of Encouragement

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*"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 1**

**T**he Christian is to walk and live by the Spirit and not according to the flesh (Galatians 5:16-18 and Romans 8:5-14). But for everyone who has decided to follow Jesus there is the discovery of how difficult discipleship is.

One of the things that makes it difficult in our modern day is the lack of clarity about what is a work of the flesh (sin) is and what is not. In our day the world has disoriented the majority by calling good evil and evil good—"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20). So, it is useful now and again for Christians to go to the lists of sins and righteousness in the Bible to be reminded of what really is good and bad. Moreover, it is crucial to define what these things actually are, because the world has often redefined their meanings to obscure what God has commanded. So, for the next few weeks I'd like to take a look at the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit as they are found in Galatians 5:19-23 in this space in our bulletin for your reflection and encouragement.

Paul begins with the works of the flesh and his first three have to do with primarily with sexual sin: sexual immorality, impurity, and sensuality.

**Sexual immorality** — The word in the Greek text is "porneia". The word came from the word for prostitute, and is where we get the word "pornography". But the word is broader in its New Testament (NT) use. It is often translated "fornication", a word that incorporates everything from pre-marital sex (promiscuous, one-night-stands, or someone I'm really in love with), to adultery, to homosexuality, to prostitution, to pedophilia, to bestiality, to necrophilia, and any other sexual act outside the heterosexual marriage relationship. I do not list these things for the sake of being gross or for titillation. Believe it or not, the world has found ways to justify most of these sins to itself. The disciple of the Lord needs to know where the lines are.

**Impurity** — The word here is "akatharsia" and it essentially refers to whatever might defile a person. In the Old Testament it could refer to everything from eating unclean meat to touching a dead body. But since Jesus (Mark 7:14-23) and His new covenant made the Mosaic idea of ritual impurity obsolete, the meaning of impurity shifted its weight toward the deeds we do which defile us. In 1 Cor. 6:18-20 Paul points out that sexual sin defiles the temple of the Holy Spirit, our bodies. And indeed, it is most often associated in the NT with sexual sin (e.g., Rev. 17:4). But in other contexts it is also used as an opposite of "holy" (e.g., 1 Thess. 4:7), describing a mind or heart that is filled with unclean thoughts, desires, and passions. Ever met one of those sorts of people, with whom nothing is so wholesome that can't be made into some dirty joke? Christians must take care to keep their hearts pure.

**Sensuality** — The Greek word here is "aselgeia"; English Bible translations have used "lasciviousness", "licentiousness", "indecent", and "sensuality" to try to get across its meaning. But J.B. Lightfoot has given a more meaningful definition: "'aselgeia' indicates a love of sin so reckless and so audacious that a man has ceased to care what God or man thinks of his actions." It is, in other words, a heart that is lost to shame; and it would seem to be the main goal of many modern sinners (Romans 1:32). "Come out of the closet!", "Normalize!", and "Don't judge me!" seem to be the (im)moral themes of the day. But Christians understand the rightful and useful places of conscience, self-respect, and even shame in the battle of the flesh against the Spirit.

Paul said about these things, "Now the deeds of the flesh are evident..." (Gal. 5:19). A recent president was criticized for failing to call radical Islamic terrorists what they are, "radical Islamic terrorists"; because to fail to truly identify the enemy is make yourself vulnerable to his attacks. Let's call sin, sin. These things are works of the flesh; let us walk by the Spirit.(saint)

Park Linscomb

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

27 ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship ■ 7:00PM Birthday Cake Sunday A youth event in the PM	28 Chris & Julianna S. ❤️	29 ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class	30 Jeremy C. 🙏 ■ 7:00PM Singing ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class	31	1	2
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## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

### Week of October 27 .....AM.....PM.....Wed

Announcements ..... John S .....John S .....

Songleading .....Scott W .....Doug J .....Jim B

Opening Prayer .....David J .....Tom R

Communion .....Doug J .....Charles H

Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_

Closing Prayer .....Jim B .....Ralph L

AV Control .....Charles H .....Hunter M .....John S

Greeter .....Jim B

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

Announcements .....Burley S

Songleading .....Scott W .....Doug J .....Reiven H

Opening Prayer .....Reiven H .....Burley S

Communion .....Jim B .....Charles H

Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_

Closing Prayer .....Charles H .....Doug J

AV Control .....John S .....Hunter M .....Charles H

Greeter .....Yaw F



### Sermon Notes...

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