

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"*

"CALLING FOR TRUE WORSHIPPERS"

The more time we spend in the Scriptures, the more deeply we become acquainted with our God. With time, we can truly appreciate the intricate process He used to bring us to the New Dispensation using the Old and New Testaments as our guides. The records of the Old Testament convey the great history of our spiritual ancestors, and many examples of God's relationship with mankind. It further helps us understand how we got from Abraham to Christ, and the expectation of our heavenly Father in terms of salvation.

Many today apparently hold fast to the writings of the Prophets and make every effort to apply them as pertinent to us for salvation. This could be the primary reason that religious groups today downplay the Church that Jesus spoke about in ***Matthew 16:18-19***. It takes very little reading in ***Galatians 3*** and the Book of ***Hebrews 7 through 10*** to see that the things discussed in the Old Testament as well as popular implications of some 'abbreviated path to salvation' are not confirmed within the bounds of the New Testament. The statement made by The Apostle Paul in ***Galatians 1:6-9*** also makes clear that there are ideas concerning salvation that do not meet what God has prepared in the Gospel, and outlined in the New Testament.

The apostle John relayed the message given by Jesus in ***John 4:23-24*** as the basis of Christianity; *"the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship Him."* Can we accurately and honestly measure ourselves by this standard? ***Hebrews 11:6*** is very similar when it says that God, *"is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."* Casual compliance seems far too easy to achieve, but cannot be gotten away with at the sound of the trumpet.

Many so-called 'Radio Ministries' teach that ***Philippians 2:10-11*** means that there is hope even up to the point of Christ's return when the scripture says, *"every knee should bow at the name of Jesus....and every tongue should confess that Jesus is Lord"*, and in so doing will gain salvation at this late date. Actually, ***Romans 14:11*** uses similar words, *"As I live sayeth the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."* The warning has been given.

Doug Jones

Family News

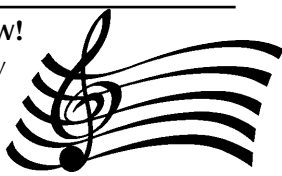
"For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God." Ephesians 2:18,19

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 .

SOMETHING NEW!

The first Sunday every month everyone who'd like to



learn and practice new songs will meet in the fellowship hall at 5PM. Come join us!!

LEADERSHIP MEETING is next Sunday at 4PM in the fellowship hall. If you have anything you'd like the elders, deacons, and preacher to discuss, let us know.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kevin and Savannah Kissinger on the birth of Stetson Ridge Kissinger, Sept. 23, 7lbs. 14oz., 20.5"

A WEDDING SHOWER is being planned for Emma R. for Sunday, October 13, from 12:00PM (luncheon) in our fellowship hall. A list for helping to provide the luncheon is in the back of the auditorium. Registrations have been left with Amazon and Target. For more information see Dianne H.

THE LADIES' BIBLE CLASS has resumed meeting. They meet each Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the fellowship hall.

THE NEXT LADIES' SEWING SESSION will be October 24 from 10:00 to 2:00. No sewing experience necessary; join in the good work!!

THE WHITE ROCK

FUND'S annual reporting and fundraising event has been scheduled for Saturday, October 12, 2024, 10AM to 2:30PM at the Preston-crest church of Christ (6022 Preston Crest Lane, Dallas TX). Mark your calendar and prepare to be encouraged!

WHILE PARK WAS OUT OF TOWN, many of the brothers filled in for him — Thanks!! Well done!!

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...

- Zeke R. had a stroke Wednesday. They caught it early and gave him some strong medication. He is at this writing in Presbyterian Hospital at Parker and the toll road. From Presbyterian he's going to an as-yet-undecided rehab center for about 20 days or so. Zeke loves cards.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- The Staffords — Cleves family as his dad is nearing the end, Mel's family as her mother nears the end, their son struggling in his freshman year at college, the Pittsfield church.
- Mary Hall is recovering at home.



THE WHITE ROCK FUND

- Emma's grandmother, Karla R, dementia and cancer.
- Max Bledsoe, Charles' brother-in-law with several medical problems
- Elizabeth's brother-in-law recovering from a car accident, and her step-brother with multiple health problems
- 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, 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.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Oct 6, Matthew 10-12
- Oct 7, Matthew 13-14
- 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



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.

OVERCOMING TOUGH SINS, PART 5; PRAY AND FIGHT FOR IT

Over the past several weeks I've been writing about overcoming tough sins. We have talked about how some sins are just tough to overcome and we've considered the strategies of separating ourselves from bad company and bad influences, changing the channel, getting someone to be an accountability partner, and watching how others overcome similar problems in their lives. This will be the last in this particular series of bulletin articles on this subject but I think this "strategy" point is utterly crucial: we must persevere in prayer and in fighting to overcome. These were the two things that we see in Jesus' own life most often as He Himself wrestled with temptation.

Jesus prayed, and prayed, and prayed. In fact, before His greatest temptation and trial, His kangaroo court trial before the Sanhedrin and Pilate and ultimately the cross, He



prayed from the moment He arrived at Gethsemane to the moment the soldiers arrived to arrest Him—likely hours. He prayed so earnestly and intensely that He sweat drops of blood according to Luke 22:44. Not only this, He urged the apostles, especially Peter, James, and John, (Mark 14:38)

"Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing,

but the flesh is weak." Did you get that last part? The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak; does that sound like a familiar struggle in overcoming a tough sin in your life? Jesus' solution: pray; stay awake and pray!

It is often said, but too seldom grasped, we have no idea how much power we neglect, when we fail to earnestly and persistently pray in faith. The same omnipotent Being who created the entire universe (seen and unseen) is "at the other end of the line"—and we even have a mediator and advocate appeal-

ing to Him on our behalf (Jesus) and intercessor (the Holy Spirit) to express for us what we cannot express in human words! We **can** overcome even the toughest of sins by praying to God about them in faith. The prayer won't take away the temptation; but we can be strengthened in the inner man through the Spirit, and as we obey the Lord's command, we'll find increasing ability to resist the sin and continue to obey God.

And we must persevere in this fight. It would be wonderful if saying no to the sin just once would defeat it forever, but it's not that way. At the end of what is known as the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness Luke records (Luke 4:13), "When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him **until an opportune time.**" Satan didn't take this defeat as final; he only left Jesus until another opening presented itself. Satan is nothing if not persistent. This means that we must continue to fight for the progress and victories that we've won — including watching out for the "ambushes" he'll occasionally attempt. Sin and temptation will continue to wait at the doorstep of our hearts hoping to wear us down and wear us out until we give in. But we must be vigilant, watchful, and determined to stand firm against Satan's ambushes, traps, and surprise attacks. We must be like Paul, who was concerned about the attack of discouragement against the Corinthian brethren: (2 Corinthians 2:11) "so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes." You have to continue fight for the gains.

Some temptations are really tough; they've sunk their claws deeply into our hearts and our "flesh". But just because they are tough doesn't mean that they're indomitable. Our God is tougher than any sin and His wisdom has given us the strategies we need to overcome even the toughest ones. Even better, when we occasionally do fail and later repent, our God forgives.

How great is our God!???

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN OCTOBER

6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 5:00PM Singing practice ■ 6:00PM Worship 	7 <div style="background-color: #c0392b; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Hugh R </div> <div style="background-color: #c0392b; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Nancy J. </div>	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 	10	11 <div style="background-color: #c0392b; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Linda M. </div>	12
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SERVICE IN WORSHIP

October 6AM.....PM

AnnouncementsJohn S
 SongleadingDoug J.....Scott W
 Opening PrayerHugh RJim B
 CommunionBurley SYaw F
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerCharles H.....Scott W
 A/V ControlCharles H.....Hunter M
 Greeter.....

Wed PM, October 9

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

October 13AM.....PM

AnnouncementsJohn S
 SongleadingScott WDoug J
 Opening PrayerYaw FReiven H
 CommunionDavid JBurley S
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerDoug J.....Yaw F
 A/V ControlCharles H.....Hunter M
 Greeter.....Hugh R

Wed PM, October 16

SongsCharles H
 A/V.....John S



Sermon Notes...
