

# 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"*

## "LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD"

We are in the midst of the 'final episode' of things written prophetically regarding our time upon the earth. Scripture is clear while describing the return of Jesus; *no man knows the day, He is coming in the clouds, as a thief in the night, every eye shall see him, at the sound of the trumpet.* We can imagine the heartbreak of meeting our Savior, having thought we were doing alright and learning otherwise. Considering the alternative to a heavenly reward, we should prepare to serve the Lord with every waking moment of each day we are given.

These articles are intended to direct our thoughts toward the intricate details regarding God's plan for salvation and a deeper understanding to the pattern of things taught throughout Scripture. It is not enough to be made 'aware' of spiritual things, but cherish the thought of One who gave His life for a path to salvation. Paul said in ***Galatians 3:22***, *"But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."*

What this suggests is a much greater commitment than being "aware and concerned". Nor does it suggest that a belief in Jesus Christ is a promise that *would* be given to them that believe He existed. The statement in ***Galatians 3:22*** indicates that God considers a person unfaithful and separated from God *until* the truth is accepted by the Plan that God has provided. Otherwise, we must not assume that we have some sort of special agreement or privilege that allows us to circumvent what God described on this side of the Cross through His Holy Scriptures.

***1 John 5:3*** says, *"For this is the Love of God, that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not grievous."* In other words, the word of truth is intended to be studied, learned and kept...and this can be successfully done. ***1 Peter 3:9*** says, *"God is not willing that any should perish, but that all would come to repentance."* ***Romans 8:12-14***, *"therefore brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh, for if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."* Amen

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 .

### NOTES OF THE LEADERSHIP MEETING

- Park will be putting devotionals on Facebook a couple of times a week in the near future as he did during the early days of Covid. There is also the possibility that some of the streaming video commercials that we have made will be translated into Telugu so to reach out to our many Indian neighbors.
- A report on Vibe, our advertisers on several streaming channels, showed that we are seeing some fruit, however, it was pointed out that it is still cheaper to advertise on FB.
- The potential Idaho mission trip for 2025 seems to be on hold since it would appear that Shawn Wallace and his new wife may be moving away from Twin Falls to Boise.
- Our first singing practice will be on Sunday, October 6 at 5 o'clock.
- Sowing grass seed would probably be another six weeks in the future in order to get the right temperature to let the grass grow, and we'll probably put in some winter flowers.
- It was reported that Beverly Welden is doing a ladies' class on Revelation in her home, and it will probably include ladies from the Shawnee Trail church as well.
- Burley reported that Sudocker, from India, had had a meeting of family members from all over the country, which had some results. There was 1 baptism (Charles) and some promising interest in study.

- The elders will be working on a budget for 2025 in the very near future, but it would appear that it may need to go up to as much as \$4700 per week as a direct result of the substantial increase on insurance cost for the building. Whatever the new budget is it should be effective by Jan. 1, 2025.
- Fernando and Rosa will be moving their membership to Princeton. It is a very long drive for Fernando and Rosa on a very busy road, but he plans on continuing to attend Rock Hill at least on Sunday evenings and perhaps on Wednesdays too.
- Charles H. spoke of a prayer request for Natasha who is going through some very great struggles.

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

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

**LADIES** — Our next sewing project meeting will be September 19 from 10-2. Please join us. There are jobs that don't include sewing if that isn't your thing. If you have any questions, talk to Trudi Ruebush.

**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.

Dianne Conkling passed away last Sunday. Arrangements are not completely confirmed, but the funeral will be in Sherman and on either Sept. 21 or 28.

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS...

- Dianna Conkling family at her death last Sunday. Services will be Sep-

tember 28th at 2 pm at the Shannon Church of Christ, 4981 Dripping Spring Rd, Sherman, Tx 75090.

- 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.

### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- 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

- Sep 15, Daniel 9-10
- Sep 16, Daniel 11-12
- Sep 17, Hosea 1-6
- Sep 18, Hosea 7-12
- Sep 19, Joel all
- Sep 20, Amos 1-5
- Sep 21, Amos 6-9
- Sep 22, Obadiah / Jonah

# 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.*

## OVERCOMING TOUGH SINS, PART 2

A week or so ago I began a series of bulletin articles on things that could help us to overcome tough sins. We started with bad company corrupting good morals (or intentions). Hopefully you've worked on changing the people and kind of entertainment that you "associate with" that influence us in a worldly way.

Another thing that is helpful is learning to "change the channel" of our hearts and minds. Jesus warned us, (Matthew 15:19) "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders." In other words, what we think about and dwell on will come out in our words and deeds. So, if we want to stop certain kinds of words or deeds, we need to think different things—or put another way, "change the channel".

A lot of people have never even considered that they could change what they're thinking, but it is not only possible, it is required of the Christian. Romans 12:2 says "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." So, how do we do this?

First, we should go back to the "bad company corrupts good morals" principle, because changing the channel is going to be hard, if there are others who want to keep our minds on the wrong channel.

But secondly, if we want to be less critical of others, we need to stop dwelling on the negative, what's not quite "right" and what happens to irritate me. If we want to be more active in the Lord's service; we need to stop telling ourselves that others will do it, that we're not talented enough, that there are other more fun or interesting or less challenging things that we could do instead. If we want to be better at attendance, we need to stop thinking that we need our rest, that church isn't all that important, or that church is a

lesser priority than other things. Hopefully you get the drift of what we must stop.

But how do we do that? The more we think about not thinking about "X", the more we think about it! It just becomes a vicious circle, right?

Successfully changing the channel must include more than stopping certain kinds of thinking, it also includes starting the right thing to think about. Psychologists sometimes put it this way, "To stop thinking about a brown cow, start thinking about a purple horse." To use the illustrations above, if we want to be less critical of others, we need to start thinking about all the positive we can about others. Start small and you'll find increasing things to think positive about others. If we want to be more active in the Lord's service, start thinking about all the things that need to be done around the church and for the Lord's kingdom. Rely in faith on the Lord to stretch you beyond what you think you can do; and be humble enough to ask for help, when you need it. If you want to be a better attender, think of how important attendance is to your soul, how great the fellowship is, how important the Lord says it is, what you can do to encourage others, and how pleased the Lord will be with your presence and worship.

Changing the channel of our minds will take some time and planning and effort until new patterns and habits are formed, but it is one of the most effective way to overcome tough sins. Change how you think, renew your mind, and you'll change your world!!

Persevere on those good intentions, brother and sister! With the Lord's wisdom, with the Spirit's strength, with the church's encouragement, and with your focused will to follow Jesus, you will overcome!

*Park Linscomb*

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Chris & Jessica S. ❤️ Chris & Sarai L. ❤️ Susie C. 🕯️ ■ 9:00AM Bible classes	Judy I. 🕯️	Roland C. 🕯️ ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class	■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class	Emerson S. 🕯️		

## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

### September 15 .....AM.....PM

Announcements .....Jim B  
 Songleading .....Doug J.....Scott W  
 Opening Prayer .....Charles H.....Burley S  
 Communion .....Scott W .....Doug J  
 Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Closing Prayer .....Doug J.....Fernando z  
 A/V Control .....John S .....Charles H  
 Greeter .....Burley S

### Wed PM, September 18

Songs .....Reiven H  
 A/V .....Hunter M

### September 22 .....AM.....PM

Announcements .....Burley S  
 Songleading .....Scott W .....Doug J  
 Opening Prayer .....Chris S .....David J  
 Communion .....Charles H.....Fernando Z  
 Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Closing Prayer .....Scott W .....John S  
 A/V Control .....John S .....Charles H  
 Greeter .....Jim B

### Wed PM, September 25

Songs .....Charles H  
 A/V .....Hunter M



## Sermon Notes...

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