

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"

The function of the Holy Spirit has been widely varied over the generations of Prophets and Godly people. The miraculous events for example of crossing the Red Sea, were set in-place by Almighty God, but essentially carried out by the Holy Spirit at God's command.

These events were a part of what is described in **Hebrews 1:1**, "God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spake in time past unto the Fathers by the Prophets." These men were 'inspired' to put the will of God into words and actions **II Peter 1:20-21**. With the advent of the New Dispensation came a significant change in what God intended. The change was dramatic enough that many, even today, cannot fully appreciate the differences that God set in-place, and therefore misapply what God has done.

God will reserve a place in Heaven for those who notably served Him under the Old Dispensation. In like manner, those who served Him by supporting and converting to the Gospel within the instruction of the New Dispensation will find favor before God. These will be "added (by Jesus) to the Lord's Church" **Acts 2:47**, and no doubt find favor for their faith and obedience.

When Jesus spoke to His Apostles in **John 16**, He gave them assurance in the New Testament that they would be instrumental in helping to deliver. In **John 14:16-26**, Jesus clearly advises the role of the Holy Spirit in "guiding them in truth and remembrance of what He (Jesus) had told them". If we carefully study **John 16:1-33**, we will see that Jesus prepares the Apostles for His departure and the eminent coming of the new dispensation. He has not told them before now, because He was yet with them. However, he is going to the Father and the Comforter will come. With the coming of the Comforter, they will no longer wonder but will understand clearly. Nor will they have to depend upon Jesus for further instruction, but will go directly to the Father through Jesus Christ the Son.

The relationship we have with the Father is similar. Because of the Plan, we have salvation through the Son. We are joint theirs with Christ through our faith in Him and subsequent obedience to the Word. We have a heavenly Father who wants to hear our prayers. Salvation through the blood of Christ is the miracle we have, wrapped neatly in the Truth of the Scriptures.

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 .

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

WHILE PARK'S OUT OF TOWN, we'll be treated to Wednesday Bible class by Jim B., Sunday Bible class by Hugh R., our morning sermon by Doug J., Hugh Revening sermon by John S, and the next Wednesday Bible class by Tom R.

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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!

DIANNA CONKLING SERVICES will be September 28th at 2 pm at the Shannon Church of Christ, 4981 Dripping Spring Rd, Sherman, Tx 75090.

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'S FUNERAL will be Sept. 28 at the Shannon church of Christ, 49871 Dripping Springs Rd., Sherman, Texas.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Dianna Conkling family at her death
- 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.
- 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

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

GALATIANS 6:9

- 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 22, Obad./Jonah
- Sep 23, Micah 1-3
- Sep 24, Micah 4-7
- Sep 25, Nahum all
- Sep 26, Habakkuk all
- Sep 27, Zephaniah all
- Sep 28, Haggai all
- Sep 29, Zechariah 1-3

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 3

The last couple of articles in this series have dealt with the influences around us and how to "change the channel". But there is more that can be done to help us in making the changes in our lives that the Lord calls upon us to make. Especially tough sins may require someone to be accountable to, sometimes called an accountability partner.

Now, of course, we're always accountable to God, He sees everything we do, knows everything we think, hears everything we say, and will hold us to account for all of it on Judgment Day. The problem is that we human beings don't see Him with our eyes of flesh; we don't literally see His disappointment or literally hear His rebuke. And this is why it can be useful to ask a trusted brother or sister to hold us accountable regarding those difficult things in our lives that we want to change.

The New Testament gives us a foundation for such helpers in our lives. Galatians 6:1, 2 tells us, "Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ." One of the reasons we gather together weekly is for such encouragement: (Hebrews 10:24, 25) "and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near." Likewise, 1 Thessalonians 5:11 says to, "...encourage one another and build each other up..."

There are several things that could be said about how to go about doing something like this, but here are a few rules to work with...

- Find a trusted and reliable brother or sister to be your accountability partner. Once chosen, take the him or her fully into your confidence. Share what you want to change, what your temptations are, what your challenges are, where your likely to fail, and some of the reasons that you want to change (there ought to be more than one—the most important being the Lord, of course).

- The second step is one that is easy to do, but hard to live with: Give permission to your accountability partner to ask tons of tough, uncomfortable questions. Generally speaking, one of the biggest obstacles to changing the tough sins in our lives is that most of us are pretty at generous excusing ourselves for our bad behavior, words, attitudes, or thoughts. Part of having an accountability partner is keep us honest with ourselves, expose our excuses as unacceptable, and call sin a sin. That is made possible, only if the accountability partner has your permission to ask you hard personal questions. And when the hard questions come, confess freely. Nothing is gained by keeping things back.
- Meet regularly without fail. You and your accountability partner will have to determine when to meet and how often; but when those plans have been made, you must commit yourself to faithfully to make your appointment. Sometimes when a person has failed, the instinct to hide (just like Adam and Eve) kicks in—in the form of discovering that you had another not-to-be-missed appointment, or conveniently forgetting the accountability partner appointment, or something else. There are things to be learned from failure, that you and your accountability partner can and should talk about.
- Set up a number of small goals and celebrate wins. As you and your accountability partner set things up, it can be really useful to set up goals—tiny goals—for yourself. Why tiny goals? First, tiny goals are more doable than big ones. Second, just because they are tiny doesn't mean that progress isn't being made; lots of tiny successes start adding up to larger and larger successes. And as you find success in the tiny goals, celebrate! Another reason to have an accountability partner is to have someone to celebrate your success with.

If overcoming some sins in your life is proving more difficult than you thought, an accountability partner just might help. And let's talk about our **spiritual** "accountability partner" next time.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship 	23 <div style="background-color: #d9534f; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Stahr's ❤️</div>	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class 	25 <div style="background-color: #d9534f; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Tom and Nancy R ❤️</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 	26 <div style="background-color: #d9534f; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Mary H. 🎂</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies' sewing project 	27	28
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SERVICE IN WORSHIP

September 22AM.....PM
 AnnouncementsBurley S
 SongleadingDoug J.....Scott W
 Opening PrayerChris SDavid J
 CommunionCharles H.....Fernando Z
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerScott WJohn S
 A/V ControlJohn SCharles H
 GreeterJim B

Wed PM, September 25
 SongsCharles H
 A/VHunter M

September 29AM.....PM
 AnnouncementsBurley S
 SongleadingScott WDoug J
 Opening PrayerMarty KTom R
 CommunionReiven HJim B
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerJim BDavid J
 A/V ControlJohn SCharles H
 Greeter

Wed PM, October 2
 SongsJim B
 A/VHunter M



Sermon Notes...
