

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"*

THE ESSENCE OF BAPTISM

We mentioned a verse last week in **Galatians 3:27** Which says, "For as many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." It makes sense then to assume the opposite would be true; for as many as have NOT been baptized into Christ, have NOT put on Christ. This correlation is similar to a well-known and often quoted verse in **John 3:16**, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This is a true and powerful statement of truth that is generally misapplied about what constitutes belief. Faith is belief in God, in the Son of God as Savior, in the plan for salvation that God designed, in the Word of God as the moral standard for righteousness, and in our obligation to live by it and to be considered Christians by the life we lead (and therefore pleasing in the sight of God). This would mean a positive result as we stand before the judgement seat of Christ.

In much the same way, the correlation (reciprocal) of **John 3:16** is given in **John 3:18** which says, "He that believeth on Him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." The average person who is concerned with living a Christian life seems to limit their belief as follows; there is a God, and Christ died upon the cross to pardon our sin through grace...and nothing else is required of us. To resist the necessity of baptism denies the instruction of righteousness presented to us in **2 Timothy 3:16**. Therefore, taking this position eliminates the hope for eternal life through the obedience that God demands in His Holy Word. It is a primary position of Satan to have us think there is nothing else required more than accepting Christ as Savior. The Biblical 'PLAN OF SALVATION' is nothing less that Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess and being Baptized.

Baptism is not a work, nor is it just for obedience with little or no affect on salvation. It is by the design of God; it is the culmination of our conversion, it places us 'into Christ'. Baptism serves a purpose of the most unique Spiritual moment of our lives, and without it, we cannot be complete in Christ....More to follow

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! 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 MEN’S BREAKFAST will resume Sept 16, Saturday, 9AM. Theme: to be announced.

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM (elders, deacons, and preacher) will meet next Sunday at 4:00PM in the fellowship hall.

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

LADIES’ CLASS — Our ladies’ next gathering will be September 5, and will continue weekly. Join in the study and the fellowship.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Park** for successful cataract surgery
- **Eric Johnson’s family**, friend of Haleys, died suddenly of a stroke last week

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Rick Powell, our new brother in Christ
- Elizabeth H.’s mom very sick
- Margret hospitalized with infection; now in PAM Health Rehab Hospital
- Linda Moore rehabbing at home after knee surgery.

- Norma Bautista recovering at home from broken bones
- 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 .
- Freida R, recovering at home
- The Stafford’s grand-daughter
- Isela Hughes’...
 - sister Griselda Walters
 - friend Jeff, cancer
- Dianne H’s sister-in-law with a brain tumor
- Sarai Lyons’ friend Tiffany M.
- Dianna C, chemo recovery
- Bonnie D. broken shoulder
- Julia’s friend Wendy with breast cancer
- Sue Carter
- 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

2 Cor. 10:3-5 — “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,”

- The Zapata’s friend Isabella with a heart lesion
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Ken C.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Sep 3, Ezekiel 27-28
- Sep 4, Ezekiel 29-31
- Sep 5, Ezekiel 32-33
- Sep 6, Ezekiel 34-36
- Sep 7, Ezekiel 37-38
- Sep 8, Ezekiel 39-40
- Sep 9, Ezekiel 41-43
- Sep 10, Ezekiel 44-45

“If Satan can’t make you bad, he’ll make you busy.”

ADRIAN ROGERS

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.

LET THE DRY BONES START RATTLING IN YOUR LIFE!

After all the bad news that the Jews of Ezekiel's time had heard, they had lost all hope. It was clear that they had sown to the wind and now reaped the whirlwind; they'd sunk deeply into sin and were now suffering the consequences. They felt like they had messed up beyond repair or recovery. Their nation, their land, their Temple, their Jerusalem, their dignity, their families, their money, their vocations—pretty much everything—had been stripped away from them; and now they lived in a foreign land, speaking a foreign language, serving foreign masters. They had foolishly abandoned God and they felt that God had surely abandoned them. There was about as much hope for them as there would be for a pile of dry (long dead) bones.

Perhaps, you've been there before. Perhaps you're there now. Hopeless, empty, beating yourself up over bad choices made, and resigning yourself to lying in the bed you made for yourself.

But despite the fact that Ezekiel is often a prophet of doom and gloom, here he is, in Ezekiel 37, talking about hope! With God there is always hope! In a vision God shows Ezekiel a whole valley full of dry bones—just how defeated, exiled, down and out Israel felt about their situation. Not just dead, but hopelessly dead. And then...God makes a promise to put sinew, flesh, and skin on the dead bones—and to breathe into these bones life. And true to His word, the bones began rattling and recomposing, and God gave them breath and life!

God gave us an inspired interpretation for this vision:

Ezekiel 37:11, 12 "Then He said to me, 'Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, "Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off." Therefore prophesy and say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel.'"

In God—but only in God—there was still hope, recovery, return, and redemption. A resurrection of real hope, not just groundless optimism; Israel had had enough of prophets who preach, "'Peace, peace!' But there is no peace" (Jeremiah 6:14). This was not false

hope; it was genuine, confident-expectation hope founded on repentance. If they would only return to God, He would return to them.

And there continues to be hope for us, too, even in the worst of "pig pens". The God who created the entire universe in six days out of nothing, the God for whom nothing is impossible, can resurrect true hope, too. The key: returning to God; doing things God's way, refusing the world's way, and sticking with it.

And this last part—sticking with it—is important. In Ezekiel's prophecy, it would be a while before Israel was allowed to return to their homes. Sometimes consequences of what we have done are severe and long-lasting. Turning things around in our lives is like the proverbial turning around of an aircraft carrier—it will take a lot of patience, a lot of righteous decisions in the midst of sinful temptations, a lot of self-control, a lot of endurance, and sometimes a great deal of faithful courage. But with each turn toward God a sinew of hope is restored to dry bones.

The resurrection of our lives starts at baptism, dying to self and being raised to walk a new kind of life. It continues day by day...for all our lives...through difficulty and even hardship. But even in hardship we do not lose heart or hope.

2 Cor. 4:16-18 "Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

You see one day, when the Lord returns, by God's power, there will be a resurrection to life in which we will be given a new and glorious body to inhabit the new heavens and earth with God forever! Ezekiel's vision—on steroids—will happen before our very eyes! An ultimate hope to power our day to day hope.

In God, there is always—always—reason to hope. That's why Jesus said, Matthew 11:28 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." But the key is, "Come to Me."

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

3 David & Lauri J. ❤️ Edna A. 🙏 Ty J. 🙏 ■ 9:00 AM Bible classes ■ 10:00 AM Worship ■ 5:00 PM Prayer time ■ 6:00 PM Worship	4 Labor Day ■ 10:00 AM Ladies class	5 ■ 7:00 PM Wed. Bible class			9 Reiven H. 🙏
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SERVICE IN WORSHIP

September 3

GreeterBurley S.
 AnnouncementsCharles H.
 SongleadingDoug J.....Scott W
 Opening PrayerMarty K.Hugh R
 CommunionReiven H.....John S.
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerDoug J.....Fernando Z
 A/V ControlJohn SCharles H

Wed PM September 6

SongsCharles H
 A/V.....Fernando Z

September 10

GreeterBurley S.
 AnnouncementsCharles H.
 Songleading
 Opening Prayer
 Communion
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing Prayer
 A/V Control

Wed PM September 13

Songs
 A/V.....

Shortcuts to good info...

To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...



Sermon Notes...
