

THE ROCK HILL HERALD

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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

Deacons:

- Reiven Holt
- Hugh Ruebush
- John Smetzer
- Burley Stinnett

Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

*"We're Here
and We Care"*

Understanding the Bible is a life-long endeavor. Because of verses like **II Corinthians 5:10**, we encourage those who have not obeyed the Gospel, to realize the value of righteousness and the 'personal need' we each have. Whether we choose to follow biblical teaching or not, it is the standard of God by which we will all be judged. If we have accepted the Gospel call, we are obligated by verses like **I Corinthians 15:34** to share what we know to be the truth described in scripture; "*some have not the knowledge of God; I speak this to your shame.*"

Although the message of the 'Great Commission' was first received by the Apostles, it is intended to overlap onto us. Therefore, it is our responsibility to carry the message to the remaining mass of people who have not heard or otherwise responded to the Gospel. As individuals, we are not exempt of this calling ... to share the message of the Gospel by scripture and by influence to a 'lost and dying world.'

We all wrestle with this ... "What can I do that has a lasting spiritual affect upon those that I come in contact with?" First and foremost, never lower the standard of God by your conversation and actions. It may not be visible quickly or dramatically, but this will lead to additional opportunities to influence. We must be open and ready (**I Peter 3:15**) with answers upholding our faith and spiritual influence. It is God's Will that we "*are able to give an answer... for the hope that lieth in us with meekness and fear.*"

Actually, it is a small responsibility with great returns! Do not be surprised what opportunities present themselves. It does NOT require a large Bible vocabulary or scriptural recall to have a positive spiritual effect on people you meet. People generally respond favorably to those who care about their soul. Regardless of the response, which will not always be positive, you will have done what God expects of His children.

If this seems difficult for you as an individual, or outside your character, don't be concerned. Remember this...God expects us to give our best effort to serve Him and further the cause of Christ. We are obligated to do our part inside formal worship and especially when we are not. God has a distinct way of providing help when we need it.

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 .

OUR GOSPEL MEETING was a great success. We had a number of visitors and good attendance numbers especially considering the number of folks who were traveling out of town. Ken's lessons were great, his handouts were very helpful, and he even left an answer book for those who might have missed some answers. We will be posting his lessons soon in a playlist on YouTube; if you didn't get a chance to come or if you just want to review it, you'll find it very interesting.

A PICTURE OF OUR VETERANS will be taken after morning services

MEN'S BREAKFAST — Our next men's breakfast will be November 7 at 9AM. The theme will be Veterans' Day.

THE LEADERSHIP MEETING, which usually meets every 2nd Sunday of the month, has been postponed to today due to the busyness of the Gospel meeting weekend.

WE WILL HAVE A WINTER COAT DRIVE starting today for children. For details, please see Marie Wallace.

OUR 2026 CHILDREN'S HOMES COLLECTION will go through October 31st. This money comes in real handy for the homes to help the children this time

The homemaker has the ultimate career. All other careers exist for one purpose only – and that is to support the ultimate career. — C.S. Lewis

of the year. Give your money to Linda S.

WE HAVE NEW recreational balls outside. Have fun kids (of all ages). Just be sure to put them back up, when your done.

LADIES CLASS meets on Tuesdays in the fellowship hall at 10AM. If you haven't attended before, come and enjoy a time of sharing, study, prayer, and great Christian fellowship.

STARTING THIS WEDNESDAY — a new study on the book of Galatians!

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Steve and Vicki Silva have Covid. Please pray that it will be a simple case without any issues.
- Freida is home, but her oxygen levels remain very low.
- Avery Cates' friend, Vanalice, was just diagnosed with breast cancer and Kent and Avery are asking for prayers for her.
- Kerry, a friend of the Silva's, and faithful member of the Collinsville church died unexpectedly last week. Pray for his family
- Ralph Rhodes — pray for good results from a biopsy.
- Johnny Vaz's Aunt Avis died and her son Brian also died.
- Terry Hill, former member of Rock Hill fell twice and could not get up. Now in a nursing home.

Share.



- Meredith Naquin, Rachel's friend, has undergone brain surgery; pray for a full recovery
- A friend of Rachel W., Dan, has a 3 month old granddaughter who will be undergoing a second open heart surgery later this month
- Scott W's friends, Mark and Greg, who both have ALS
- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords and the church in Pittsfield MA
- Doug Jones, fighting cancer

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Eloise Isbell
- Travis York, son of the the Yorks who were members of this congregation years ago, has had some health complications,
- Elizabeth's cousins Tracy with Lupus
- Dale C in the Ivy in McKinney
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Continued fruit from Burley's mission work in India.
- Churches in New England
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- ☐ 10/18 Isa 1-4
- ☐ 10/19 Isa 5-8
- ☐ 10/20 Isa 9-12
- ☐ 10/21 Isa 13-16
- ☐ 10/22 Isa 17-21
- ☐ 10/23 Isa 22-25
- ☐ 10/24 Isa 26-28
- ☐ 10/25 Isa 29-31



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.

WILL YOU TRUST GOD?

I recently read a news article about a famous comedian who doesn't trust God anymore. He had suffered the destruction of his home in the great Palisades wildfires in California last year and then lost a close comedian friend and his wife through a murder. In an interview, when he was asked if he prayed anymore, his tragic answer was, "No, 'cause I don't trust Him." He went on to cite how the world was in bad shape and we were in a weird, scary time. So tragic.

While on the one hand we can all sympathize with his losses, the truth is that God can still be trusted. There are a lot of things that he should have learned — things we too should learn — from the book of Job. Among them is the truth that it is Satan that is behind all the trouble of this world — wildfires and murders included.

And do you recall the accusation that Satan made against Job? Essentially it was that "Of course Job worships You, God. You've given him everything. But just take away all this stuff and he will curse You to Your face." I guess the comedian failed the test and instead lived up to Satan's accusation that must have been something like this, "Of course, he will pray to You, God, until you take away his house and his friend. Then he'll turn his back on You and not trust You anymore."

There's many an atheist who will tell a similar story, that they prayed to God and God let them down. As a result they turn their back on Him, distrust Him, and deny Him.

But you know, there's also many a discouraged believer, who has likewise prayed and not received the answer from God that they sought and began to doubt, began to miss worship services or Bible classes, and allowed their trust in God to be diminished, because "Christianity just doesn't seem to be working for me." So tragic.

Tragic because God can always be trusted — always. The proof of His immeasurable love is the fact that He was willing to send His Son to this world to die as punishment for things that we have done, so that we won't have to suffer Hell. Such a love always has our best interests at heart, just like a good parent, good shepherd, or good king would. Just because God has not put a hedge around us to protect us from everything doesn't mean He doesn't love us or is untrustworthy. When bad things happen, they can happen to us for a number of reasons...

- We live in a fallen world, consequences of Adam's and Eve's sin
- Everyone has free will
- Satan is alive and well (see Job)
- We are not always innocent and sometimes we suffer because of our own sin
- Sometimes God is trying wake us up and turn to Him
- Persecution
- Suffering sometimes refines us like gold

Instead of pushing us away from the Lord, away from prayer, away from the assembly, and away from salvation; suffering ought to draw to be more urgent and faithful in prayer.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN OCTOBER

11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Gospel meeting with Ken D., "How to Study the Bible"			Collins C.		Dan & Renita C.	
Linda M.		Mercie F.	Doug J.		Johnny V.	
■ 9:00AM Bible classes		Renita C.				
■ 10:00AM Worship		■ 10:00AM Ladies' Class	■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class			
■ 6:00PM Worship						

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of October 18 AM PM Wed.

Announcements Charles H.....Charles H
 Song Leading.....Doug J Scott W Reiven H
 Opening Prayer Chris S Tom R
 Communion Burley S John S
 Scripture
 Closing Prayer Scott W Steve S
 Greeter.....Burley S

Week of October 25 AM PM Wed.

Announcements John S John S
 Song Leading.....Scott W Doug J Charles H
 Opening Prayer Charles H.....Ralph K
 Communion Kyle J.....Burley S
 Scripture
 Closing Prayer Doug J Ron M
 Greeter.....Jim B



Sermon Notes...
