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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"

Linked to the Spirit

To the faithful Christian, the greatest story ever told includes the entirety of God's Plan from the fall of man until present day. It is made great by the secrecy of the complete Plan, *"as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit…kept secret since the world began"* ***Eph 3:3-11***.

Perhaps the greatest parts of the story is the work of the Holy Spirit and the undeniable 'link' between the Spirit of God and the Son of God. Although the Holy Ghost (Spirit) was active in the earlier part of God's Plan, the role of the Holy Spirit had not fully materialized to the extent He has under Jesus. We understand that the Holy Spirit was there from creation. We understand that miracles were performed with the help of the Holy Spirit, but have we recognized the transition that took place under Christ?

In ***John 7:39***, there is a notation of interest; *"this spake He of the Spirit… which was not yet given, because that Jesus was not yet glorified."* We can see the initial role of the Spirit after Christ was glorified in ***Acts 2:32-33*** where we read,*"this same Jesus hath God raised up…therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He hath shed forth this that you now see and hear."*

What was "shed forth" was when "*the Holy Spirit came as a 'rushing mighty wind' and filled all the house where they were sitting."* This day was the 'coming of the Holy Spirit' in conjunction with the invitation from Peter, *"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of the Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

This was not a promise of miraculous powers for all, but the fulfillment of prophecy. But it was also the announcement of a new role of the Holy Spirit, indwelling each baptized believer, in conjunction with the establishment of the church and the coming of the Kingdom. And we see yet another role in ***Hebrews 8:9*** regarding the Holiest of Holies in the Temple, *"the Holy Ghost this signifying that the way into the holiest of all was not yet manifest (known) while the first tabernacle was yet standing"* clearing the way for full salvation.

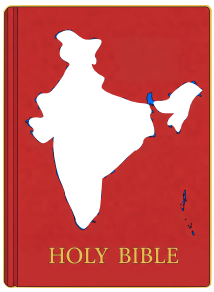
Doug Jones

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 .



Mission Trip to India — Burley will be traveling to India next year between February 9 and March 10 to continue his evangelistic work there. If you'd like to contribute, you can write a check to the Rock Hill church with a note at the bottom for Burley's India mission, or you could go contribute online and mark the contribution as "mission".

The Ladies' Gift Exchange will be Tuesday, Dec. 1, 5:30PM at Rudy's on North Dallas Tollroad — come in the door at the back patio. There are flyers in the back of the auditorium with more information. Please RSVP by signing the sheet on the ladies' table.

Ladies Class

- will not meet on Nov 24
- will be meet Dec. 1 at 10AM in the fellowship hall;
- but then on Dec. 8 at the Haley's house at 11:00 for lunch and class.
- Class will be suspended then until January 12 when class will resume with new books at 10 at the fellowship hall.

Our Prayer List...

- Johnny and Koreen Vaz came back from his mother's funeral very ill
- From Mani Pagidipalli:
  - Pray for the family of my sister-in-law, her father just passed away. he was an elder in the Lord's church
  - Pray for the Hampton family in Jackson MS Ms. Teresa just passed away. She was the wife of Mr. Gary a long time minister there.
- John Walker, diagnosed with prostate cancer, stage 4.
- Doug Jones, fighting cancer
- Thurston Evans. Leigh Hayes father, 90, recovering from neck surgery.
- Dianne's brother Billy Martindale, triple bypass surgery.
- Burley's India mission work.
- Freida is home, but her oxygen levels remain very low.
- Ralph Rhodes — pray for effective treatment for cancer.
- Terry Hill, former member of Rock Hill, now in a nursing home.
- Scott W's friends, Mark and Greg, who both have ALS
- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords and the church in Pittsfield MA

Long Term Prayer Requests

- Eloise Isbell



Happy Thanksgiving to all!

- Travis York, son of the the Yorks former members of this congregation, has had some health complications,
- Elizabeth's cousins Tracy with Lupus
- Dale C in the Ivy in McKinney
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Churches in New England
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

Read-the-Bible-in-a-Year

- ☐ 11/25 .....Ezekiel 5-8
- ☐ 11/26 .....Ezekiel 9-12
- ☐ 11/27 .....Ezekiel 13-15
- ☐ 11/28 .....Ezekiel 16
- ☐ 11/29 .....Ezekiel 17-19
- ☐ 11/30 .....Ezekiel 20-22
- ☐ 12/1 .....Ezekiel 23-26



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.

CURRENT QUESTIONS — IS THERE A HELL?

A few years ago, the Pope seemed to have done something quite unexpected, he seemed to have denied Hell. Exactly what he said and what he actually believed still seems to be a little uncertain, but he's not the only denier among spiritual leaders and especially non-church goers. It's pretty popular to believe in a Heaven, but deny Hell. But regardless of what men may say about it, what the Bible has to say about Hell is really quite clear.

Of the subjects that I'll write about in this series, the topic of Hell is among the most frightening and sensitive. It is the proverbial "elephant in the living room" — a topic people want to know about, but nobody wants to mention, because the answer may be unpleasant. Hell, however, is a prominent Biblical doctrine that mustn't be overlooked, whitewashed, or candy-coated. Doing so benefits absolutely no one. And waiting until we die to find anything out will be forever too late to do anything about it one way or another.

Many modern religions have persistently tried to explain away or eliminate Hell from the afterlife. The argument goes that it simply doesn't make sense that an all-loving God could send anyone to a place of eternal punishment. Of course, it is no surprise that people would want to try to wish Hell away. It is terrible beyond words; and even worse, truth be known, we all deserve it, because of our sins. We'd prefer to believe in either a Heaven for everybody, or at worst a painless extinction — that way we can sin pretty much with impunity without too much terror in our hearts.

However, when they argue that an all-loving God would never send anyone to a place like Hell, they forget that God is not simply a God of love; there is much more to His nature and character. He is also a God of justice and righteousness (2 Thessalonians 1:6; Hebrews 2:2; etc.). And think about it, if God did not exercise justice, He would cease to be a good God.

And like it or not, the truth is that there is as much or more biblical proof for Hell as there is of Heaven. Gehenna is used 12 times in the NT, and Hell is referred either directly or indirectly numerous other times, for example…

> Isaiah 66:24 *"Then they will go forth and look On the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm will not die And their fire will not be quenched; And they will be an abhorrence to all mankind."*
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> Matthew 3:11, 12 *"As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."*

The essence of Hell is separation from God for all eternity. It is called eternal death, but it is not eternal extinction. As physical death is the separation of the physical body from the spirit, so spiritual death is separation of our spirit (soul) from God — the source of life, blessing, and all that is good and right. It is described as a fire that cannot be quenched and as a deep darkness (Matt. 8:12). Suffice it to say that, contrary to the popular swaggering boasts and hollow bravado about Hell being a party place, and despite the fact that it may be where the "in crowd" is, you won't want to be there. If Jesus said that it would be better to lose hands, feet, and even eyes rather than enter Hell (Matthew 9:43-47), it must be pretty bad.

Who will be there? Satan and his angels will be there (Rev. 20:10), as well as death itself and Hades (Rev. 20:14). But the sinful of all the ages will be there, too (for example: 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Romans 1:28-32; and Rev. 21:8). Tragically, Hell will be a pretty full place, because (Matthew 7:13) "… the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it."

Whether the Pope or any other religious authority believe it or not, Hell does exist, and God (Who cannot lie) has promised that many will enter it. Where will you be, when you get where you're going? God has provided one way to escape the punishment our sins deserve, the cross of Jesus Christ. Believe and obey Him, make Heaven (not Hell) your eternal home.

Park Linscomb

Family Calendar for this Week in November

22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:00AM Bible classes 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Worship	Trelitha B.	Ladies' class at 10AM	Adalae S. 7:00PM Wed. Bible class	Thanksgiving Day		

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of November 22	***AM***	***PM***	***Wed.***
Announcements	*John S*	*John S*	
Song Leading	*Scott W*	*Doug J*	*Charles H*
Opening Prayer	*Ralph K*	*Charles H*	
Communion	*Reiven H*	*John V*	
Scripture	*Luke 11:34,35*		
Closing Prayer	*Doug J*	*Jim B*	
Greeter	*Jim B*		

Week of November 29	***AM***	***PM***	***Wed.***
Announcements	*Burley S*	*Burley S*	
Song Leading	*Doug J*	*Scott W*	*Jim B*
Opening Prayer	*Chris S*	*Yaw F*	
Communion	*Steve S*	*Reiven H*	
Scripture			
Closing Prayer	*Jim B*	*Steve S*	
Greeter	*Yaw F*		

Sermon Notes…