

# 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

### Deacons:

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

### Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

*"We're Here  
and We Care"*

## THE MARKS OF COMMITMENT

I was reading a fortune cookie the other day: "Punctuality is a mark of commitment." Now, I don't take fortune cookie philosophy too seriously, but it did cause me wonder, "Is that true, and what are the marks of commitment?" And perhaps, more importantly, "Am I committed to the Lord?"

First, yeah, I think that punctuality is a mark of commitment. It is what one does, when we love something (or someone). It shows a readiness and an eagerness to get on with the job ahead. I can almost guarantee you that your employer thinks so. Do we demonstrate punctuality in the Lord's work and assemblies?

Volunteerism is another manifestation of commitment. Committed people don't wait around for others to volunteer. Volunteering says, "I believe in this and want to be involved in this!" When the LORD asked, "Who shall we send?"; Isaiah's hand shot up, "Here am I, send me!" (Isa. 6). Do we volunteer readily or do we hang back hoping that others will do what we could?

Committed Christians also are willing to do whatever it takes within God's boundaries to accomplish the mission. It doesn't matter if it is hard, unpleasant, humble, or even strange, as long as it makes a contribution to the larger cause (see 2 Corinthians 11:24-27). Are we willing to do whatever it takes to accomplish the Lord's mission?

Related to the willingness to do whatever it takes is the willingness to sacrifice lesser things to do what needs to be done. Committed people act sacrificially. Paul said, "But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ" (Phil. 3:7). Are we willing sacrifice for the Kingdom?

Endurance and persistence are also marks of commitment. Committed people don't give up easily. Knowing the importance of the cause, committed folks continue to work without giving up. Twenty-four times the New Testament encourages disciples of Jesus to endurance (*hupomene*). Do I persevere in the Lord's business or do I throw in the towel, when the going gets tough?

Commitment also is willing to serve the mission even when others abandon it. Some will abandon the battle, and when they do they give aid to the enemy, because it is discouraging to those who continue on. But the committed do continue on. Do we continue to serve even when others have fallen away?

And finally, commitment doesn't offer half-measures. Commitment is "all in", "no holds barred", and "leaving it all on the field". Jesus in His life and on His cross was clearly committed to you and me. Are we as committed to Him?

So, are you committed. I'll confess I've got some work to do on myself. How about you? Are you really committed to the Lord and His great cause of salvation for all men?

*Park Linscomb*

# 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 well received by everyone who attended. If you'd like to see the presentations again you can find them on YouTube at this address: [www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLaZ0x74X8aE4](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLaZ0x74X8aE4).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** — Our next men's breakfast will be November 7 at 9AM. The theme will be Veterans' Day. The ladies of the congregation will be providing the breakfast.

### THE LEADERSHIP MEETING:

- Our cash on hand diminished slightly due to lower contributions, due to so many traveling
- Park continues to work on our educational curriculum
- We've had some visitors lately that are in need of a cradle roll class, so we need to get on that.
- Some of our teachers still need to learn how to use our TVs and media in our classrooms.
- Sometime soon we'll be seal coating and re-stripping our parking lot
- Gospel meeting attendance was good and would have been even better if we hadn't had so many out of town.
- We will be taking the extra Bible and putting in them a slip of paper with a list of scriptures and their page numbers to give to visitors in a revived "gift bag" program. We

If you judge a worship service based on how well you've been "lifted up and fed" you may have made yourself the object of your worship.

hope to organize our teens to go through and underline them, too.

- Park will make a trip to Sunset's Vision Workshop between Jan 27-29 to advertise The White Rock Fund.

**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 31<sup>st</sup>. This money comes in real handy for the homes to help the children this time 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.

**STARTED THIS PAST WEDNESDAY** — a new study on the book of Galatians!

### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- 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.
- Ralph Rhodes — pray for good results from a biopsy.
- Terry Hill, former member of Rock Hill fell twice and could not get up. Now in a nursing home.

- 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

- ☐ 10/25 .....Isa 29-31
- ☐ 10/26 .....Isa 32-35
- ☐ 10/27 .....Isa 36-38
- ☐ 10/28 .....Isa 39-42
- ☐ 10/29 .....Isa 43-47
- ☐ 10/30 .....Isa 48-51
- ☐ 10/31 .....Isa 52-56
- ☐ 11/1 .....Isa 57-59



# 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.

## YOU CAN BELIEVE, BECAUSE...

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There's a good reason why the Bible tells us to have an answer for the hope that lies within us (1 Peter 3:15). The first reason that we usually think of is so that the unbeliever will believe. But there's a more personal reason we should have good answers, *we* need good reasons for our own faith. It is not enough to simply say, "It's just what I believe." Faith without a good foundation of evidences will be challenged by Satan and the world with their reasons to disbelieve. When Christians don't have good reasons, we'll see an increase in either atheism (that is to say, "I know God doesn't exist") or agnosticism (that is to say, "I don't know whether God exists"). So, what are a couple of reasons we can confidently believe in God, evidences that God does exist?

First, if God doesn't exist, we have to ask the obvious question, where did we and the universe come from? Many scientists (physicists and cosmologists) have tried to suggest in various ways that the universe is simply eternal. However, to believe that the universe is eternal contradicts a foundational law of nature, the second law of thermodynamics, which says everything, matter and energy, decays with time (also known as entropy). According to these same physicists and cosmologists, *in time*, all matter will be very thinly scattered across the vast universe and all energy will be completely used up to near absolute zero (sometimes termed "heat death" of the universe). And of course, if you're talking about having an *eternal* past, that means that we should already long ago have gotten to "heat death" and not exist anymore. Therefore, logically, the universe had to have had a beginning. And logically speaking: 1) whatever begins to exist has a cause, 2) the universe had a beginning, therefore 3) the universe has a cause. And the Scripture says, "In the beginning, God..."

Secondly, evolution — which says that we are not products of a Creator, but mere highly developed minerals and proteins — depends on something called "spontaneous generation" (also known as "abiogenesis"). Spontaneous generation is the belief that living things can come from non-living things. For example, it used to be believed that decaying meat generated maggots. Today we know that flies lay eggs on the decaying meat and they hatch into maggots — life comes from life. Spontaneous generation was definitively and conclusively disproven by Louis Pasteur in 1861; no credible scientist believes it anymore — except, when it comes to evolution, which *requires* that life comes from non-living things. Evolution *depends* on life randomly and spontaneously springing from non-living "primordial soup". But spontaneous generation is in the same league as a flat earth. Life can only come from life (known as "biogenesis") and that would leave God as the only possibility — "For just as *the Father has life in Himself*, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself" (John 5:26 NAS95). Hubert Yockey, Professor of Theoretical Physics at the University of California Berkley put it this way, "Virtually all biochemists agree that life on earth arose spontaneously from nonliving matter... This belief is simply *a matter of faith* in strict reductionism and *is based entirely on ideology*"

Sometimes science is thought to be the enemy of faith in God. But true science is actually God's strongest ally and witness. It is the materialists, scientists who *want* to believe that the only thing that exists is this material world, who are the enemies of God. There are many true science evidences that God is, that the Bible is His word, and that Jesus is the Son of God and our Savior. Digging out those reasons is sometimes a bit of work, but the rewards to keeping faith strong is very much worth the effort.

Park Linscomb

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN OCTOBER

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| 25                                                                                                                      | 26                | 27                    | 28                                               | 29 | 30          | 31 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00AM Bible classes</li> <li>10:00AM Worship</li> <li>6:00PM Worship</li> </ul> | Virginia Sue C. ♥ | 10:00AM Ladies' Class | Chris & Julianna S. ♥<br>7:00PM Wed. Bible class |    | Jeremy C. 🏰 |    |

## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

**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.....2Peter 1:2-4  
 Closing Prayer .....Doug J .....Ron M  
 Greeter.....Jim B

**Week of November 1** .....AM .....PM .....Wed.

Announcements .....Burley S .....Burley S  
 Song Leading.....Doug J .....Scott W .....Jim B  
 Opening Prayer .....Reiven H.....Kyle J  
 Communion .....David J.....Charles H  
 Scripture  
 Closing Prayer .....Jim B .....Marty K  
 Greeter.....Yaw F



Sermon Notes...

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