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THE ROCK HILL HERALD

Bulletin of the Rock Hill church of Christ

WHAT A WONDERFUL SPRING FLING!



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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"*

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 .

REJOICE! Three were baptized into Christ on Easter Sunday: Brooke Campbell, Jeremy Cloud, and Hunter Mueller!



A GREAT SINGING WORKSHOP

Thanks to everyone who came, participated, and helped to make it a success!

LADIES' SPRING FLING was a tremendous and good event. Thanks for a work that went into it!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES – Sleepover on May 1st in Fellowship Building will start at 7 PM. All ages are invited, but children are young to the third grade, please pick them up by 10



Pickup in the morning will be 9 AM. Sign up sheets are in the back for children's money; also one for we're needing Wallace if you have money.

Updates on the

DIANNA C's doctor a break from Chem 3rd. She is grateful this break.

ELOISE has returned to services; praise the Lord for His answers to our prayers

JOHN B. is likewise at services lately—thanks to the Lord.

RALPH L is at home recuperating from his heart event, much better, but weak

PRAYER LISTS...

- Bonnie D suffered a broken shoulder, at home currently and doing better
- Lori C had some minor skin cancer surgery on her hairline. Pray for a quick recovery
- Nancy I relative Tom: Parkinson's
- friend Wendy with cancer
- Conkling
- 's sister Andrea
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- 's friend Jeff, cancer.

I will praise thee with my whole heart. (Psalm 138:1)

children in India churches in New England congregational leaders

Prayer Requests

B.

avonia C.

nurse friend, Michaela

- The Zapata's friend Isabella with a heart lesion

• Travis Y. feeding

tube

- Dianna C.
- Ken C.
- Mary H. and daughter Sharon

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Apr 23, 1 Kgs 13-14
- Apr 24, 1 Kgs 15-17
- Apr 25, 1 Kgs 18-19
- Apr 26, 1 Kgs 20-22
- Apr 27, 2 Kgs 1
- Apr 28, 2 Kgs 2-4
- Apr 29, 2 Kgs 5-7
- Apr 30, 2 Kgs 8-9

- Ora Holt, kidney

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.

ARE YOU AN ALIEN?

Did you know that the Bible teaches about aliens? No, we're talking about men from Mars, nor about immigrating from another country, nor about Lady Gaga. Instead I'm talking about what Peter said, "Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11); we're talking about you and me—if you're a Christian. We're talking about feeling at home—or not.

When you're at home, you're comfortable, feel loved and accepted, and that things are as they should be. When you're an alien, on the other hand, you aren't especially comfortable; the culture seems strange and sometimes even hostile; and we aren't entirely sure that we're really accepted.

So, do you feel at home in this world—or alien?

How comfortable are you with today's sexual standards? Living together without marriage has become very common and in many cases, expected. Homosexuality seems to be practiced commonly, so that there's not even a hint of blushing even among our politicians and religious leaders. Adultery has become such a comfortable practice that we've lost outrage, when our politicians commit it. It may be worth a moment to stop and evaluate our hearts in comparison with the Bible's teachings: "But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity... because these are improper for God's holy people" (Ephesians 5:3, NIV). Are we at home here, or are we aliens.

How comfortable are you with today's family values and standards? Are you embarrassed to voice support of or practice marriage only of a man and a woman, the father being the head of his house, the wife submitting to her husband, children obeying their parents, the appropriate disciplining of children, or tragedy of divorce? Do we need to reflect a moment or two on where we've been led in belief and practice (especially in view of Ephesians 5:22—6:4)? Are we at home here or are we aliens?

How comfortable have you become with modern language? If you're over the age of 30 you are surely aware of the large number of words that used to be considered inappropriate, which are now used without a second thought. Vulgar references to bodily functions, vulgar references to body parts, and profane usage of God's and His Son's names are no cause for blushing anymore. Gossip, bitterness, and hyper-criticism have likewise become commonplace. The inspired apostle Paul taught, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen" (Ephesians 4:29, NIV). Do we need to stop, evaluate, and consider what words we've allowed ourselves to become accustomed to?

And what do you feel comfortable about watching these days? Granted, these days inappropriate entertainment can be found in surprising places—entertainment that would have had "X" ratings just a few years ago, but now is considered mainstream. Think of the TV situations that people were in (in bed), the subjects the talk shows discussed, or the jokes the comedians told (and you laughed at). Remember, the Scripture teaches us, "...whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things" (Philippians 4:8, NIV). There is truth in the statement, "Garbage in, garbage out."

We cannot completely escape exposure to many of these things; but we can be aliens to them. We can stand against worldly sexual morals, refuse modern family standards, spurn unwholesome language, and decline polluted entertainments. We are citizens of God's kingdom (Php. 3:20). Are we acting like it?

Park Linscomb

