

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"*

What Does it Matter?

One of the great spiritual leaders ever to have been involved in the early days of the Church was the Apostle Peter. There are a few reasons he is identified as 'great', even after having denied the Christ or any association with Him. Perhaps it is a consistent fault of human nature to remember the worst rather than the best. It is also the nature of human beings to develop a certain skepticism toward, well, just about everything.

There is a tremendous 'value' that should be placed upon our spiritual well-being. Compared to our eternal (spiritual) condition, we have a very short period of time to measure the life we lead by the moral standard exemplified by Scripture. Shortly after our opportunity has ended, we will get a chance to stand before the author of the Book and be measured by it's standard. At that time, we will more accurately discern why it mattered so much. We can understand the urgency placed upon the inspired writers by the words of instruction and encouragement they sacrificed their very lives to teach and to preach.

Perhaps Peter was the best example of, "what does it matter". He had denied Jesus at a most important moment. On the other hand, by his denial he gained what could be considered the most impressionable change and example for us to follow. Of all people, he had learned his mistake and his mission as an Apostle. He would write in **I Peter 1:2** "*as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow thereby.*" He would then add in **Verse 9**, "*ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people*"

His writing would reflect a new-found commitment that would eventually lead to his death...it mattered a great deal to him. He remains the only person beside Jesus who ever walked upon water, and his warning throughout his 2nd letter should inspire us all to closely follow the Inspired Word. His final piece of instruction concludes in **II Peter 3:17-18**, "*beware lest ye also being lead away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness... but grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.*" It should matter to us all, and motivate every person to prepare for the inevitable meeting with God.

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 .

WELCOME EASTER VISITORS! — We're thankful you've come to worship the Lord with us this morning and hope that you'll be back regularly.

DID YOU KNOW? While the internet is full of questionable stuff, it also has a lot of good stuff put out by our brethren. For example, *Apologetics Press* has excellent videos and articles on matters of Christian evidences and doctrine. And even more than that, there's a lot of great material (video and articles) for kids. *World Video Bible School* also has a lot of great videos for adults and children. Moreover, our own *YouTube* channel has a lot of "playlists" of adult Bible studies and sermons. And it's all (*Apologetics Press*, *World Video Bible School*, and our *Rock Hill YouTube* channel) **FREE!** Check it out and perhaps start a home Bible study for the whole family.

THE NEXT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE meeting will be next Sunday at the church office at 4PM. If you have something you'd like the leadership to discuss, please bring it to one of the elders, deacons, or the preacher.

ARDITH SUMPTER died this past week and her funeral will be April

7 in Ada OK at the SW church of Christ.

THIS SUNDAY EVENING'S SERVICES have been cancelled for this week only to allow us all to spend time with family. Happy Easter everyone!

A BUSY APRIL...

The Next Men's Breakfast is April 18 at 9am at the fellowship hall. John S. is in charge. Come and bring a friend.

The Ladies' Spring Fling is scheduled for April 25. For more information, touch base with Dianne H. or Nancy J. It'll be a wonderful time of fellowship

- Richard Anderson, recovering from surgery
- Park, for knee surgery recovery.
- Charles H., shoulder recovery.
- Lynn Turner is now at home.
- Doug Jones, the treatment plan for him and a positive outcome. Peace and comfort for his family
- Dianne's oldest brother-in-law, Earl Lemons, is very ill. Please pray for him and Dianne's family.
- Meghan and Leighton (Linebaugh's granddaughter and great-granddaughter)
- Freida R., health issues
- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords, our missionaries in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, granddaughter Peyton living with them.

**“Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead;”
(Matthew 28:7 NAS95)**

PGA PARKWAY is in final stages of paving now. We've been assured that we'll continue to have access to the building on Sundays, but there is a **possibility** that we may have to forego one Wednesday night Bible study. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available. Check your emails and texts for updates.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Recoveries...
 - Eloise Isbell for recovery and rehabilitation

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Elizabeth's cousins Tracy with Lupus, and Debbie
- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness
- Dale C.
- 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

- 4/5 Gen 16-18
- 4/6 Gen 19-20
- 4/7 Gen 21-23
- 4/8 Gen 24-25
- 4/9 Gen 26-28
- 4/10 Gen 29-30
- 4/11 Gen 31-32
- 4/12 Gen 33-35

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.

PARENTING GODLY TEENS #7: HAVE SPIRITUAL TALKS WITH YOU KIDS

Many of us have heard this passage many times — I quoted it last week — but it still bears repeating: “These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.” Deuteronomy 6:6, 7, NAS95. In this article I want to talk about having spiritual conversations with your teens.

You may consider this suggestion to be the hardest of them all, and it is often the case that teens are hard to talk with. But consider — maybe even remember — some of the reasons why...

- Conversations with parents often turn into parental lectures
- Sometimes “thinking out loud” is a quick route to criticism in a teen’s mind
- Sometimes parents who get “cornered” by their teens’ questions get defensive and dictatorial
- Sometimes teens are under the impression that parents aren’t really interested in what they think about spiritual matters (that’s one among other things that we’re trying to correct here)
- Sometimes teens haven’t really thought through many spiritual issues (having been spoon fed what to believe)

Such communication breakdowns and misunderstandings need to be repaired first before any real spiritual conversation can happen. But in many cases, this can be as easy as acknowledging and apologizing for your part of the communication problems and offer to start anew. Teens — like the rest of us — are often quite responsive to offers to renew conversation and relationship. So, if there is a conversational freeze going on between you and your teen, consider your conversational style, your conversational attitudes, your response to challenging questions, your tendency to criticize (not that certain kinds of criticism aren’t crucial sometimes), or any other barrier you might be responsible for and change things.

Beyond that, however, let me encourage to start the conversations with open-ended questions. For example, “I was reading Isaiah the other day and I ran across a verse that kind of made me think. What do you think it means?” Or here’s one that’s a little dangerous, but will probably

get a pretty good response, “What do you think is the best way for me [or “our family”] to put today’s sermon into practice?” Or, “Why do you think that [place the name of a pop star — there’s always one in self-destruct mode] does those sorts of things? How could the Lord improve [X’s] life?” Or anything else that you know your teen might respond to in a spiritual vein. Help them — again, by means of questions — learn to think critically (not in the sense of being critical, but in sense of the careful examination of things to discover the truth) about things they’re tempted by, what they see others doing, about faith and life and truth. It is the uncritical group-think of peer pressure that you want to inoculate them against. Starting points could be sermons, Bible classes, personal study questions, website material (we have a lot on our church website), everyday situations, or headlines. Interestingly enough, sometimes a shared prayer with your teen can be a great point of departure for a wonderful spiritual conversation.

But let me also warn you that you’ll probably need to do some heavier spiritual thinking too — maybe even a little research. Your teens will probably ask questions that you’ve never thought about, or at least haven’t thought about in a long time. They tend to “think outside the box” a lot; so, don’t expect to have “the answer” every time. And sometimes such questions might not be a welcome challenge in a busy life; but you’re a parent — it will be necessary not only for the spiritual welfare of your teens, but it’s also good for YOU.

If this is the first time you’ve tried doing this, it may start off slow; but take courage, with increased frequency, it will grow into better and deeper conversations. Before too long both you and your teen will engage in it as naturally as breathing and you’ll both look forward to opportunities to talk about the deeper things of life — by the way, those are often the things that kids are interested in more than video games, pop culture, and the opposite sex. You are your teen’s best chance at a solid, devout, well-thought-through life of discipleship to Jesus. God requires it of your discipleship as a parent to teach them His way. Help them to think, to grow in Christian commitment through becoming sure of what they believe. Have lots of spiritual conversations with your teen.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN APRIL

5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandy L. ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ken C. 		

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of April 5.....AMPMWed.

AnnouncementsJim BJim B
 Song LeadingScott WDoug J
 Opening PrayerDavid JTom R
 CommunionJohn SMarty K
 ScriptureJohn 20:24-29
 Closing PrayerCharles HRalph K
 GreeterYaw F

Week of April 12.....AMPMWed.

AnnouncementsCharles HCharles H
 Song LeadingDoug JScott WCharles H
 Opening PrayerChris SRalph K
 CommunionBurley SJohn S
 Scripture
 Closing PrayerScott WTom R
 GreeterHugh R



Sermon Notes...
