

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

Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

Deacons:

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

*"We're Here
and We Care"*

HEARING THE MESSAGE

Let us look more closely at the Bible as a reference book for God's moral standard. It should be noted that the Word of Truth is purposely distributed throughout the books of the New Testament in such a way as to draw the reader further and further into the text. This is done to differentiate the casual reader from the person who desires to "*diligently seek God*", as described in **Hebrews 11:6**. During his time of teaching, Jesus repeatedly pointed out that not everyone would readily see the value of righteousness, nor recognize the message that it brings. He said in **Mathew 11:15** "*He that hath ears, let him hear.*" We can be assured that the people to whom Jesus spoke were CAPABLE of hearing what was said, but not necessarily inclined to receive the message that was taught.

The average person has probably been made aware of the verses that are frequently quoted such as **John 3:16**, or **Ephesians 2:8** about the role of faith in salvation. For those who do not recall these verses, you may wish to take some time to look them up. Although these words are certainly true, they do not reveal the entirety of what God intended, when he set out to give us the inspired word. I am afraid we have become a culture that enjoys short cuts! This is especially true of God's word if we accept "SELECTED" verses without gaining the complete perspective from the remainder of the Bible. (not SOME of the word, but the SUM of it)

Remember, according to **2 Timothy 3:16**, "*all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for instruction in righteousness*" It does not mean "scripture in partiality"; rather it truly means that if we want the truth, and if we hope to be pleasing in the sight of God, we must follow the instruction of God. Christianity is a way of life. It is the pattern created by God to show us the spiritual way that is designed by Him FOR US!

The Bible says, **1 Peter 2:2** "*As newborn babes, Desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby.*" This is an active desire to learn what the will of the Lord is for our lives. **II Timothy 2:15**, "*Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.*" We must know what is expected of us and develop understanding regarding God's Word. This morning, I trust you see the great value of God's Word, and the Need to adopt it for spiritual guidance.

Douglas 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 .

TODAY IS NEW YEAR'S EVE and the elders have decided to cancel evening services to allow us all to enjoy family time.

BURIED WITH CHRIST — Natasha King was baptized into Christ this Wednesday evening. She has come with her grandparents from Florida and wanted to obey the Gospel. Welcome this new sister.

A NEW BIBLE CLASS has begun for Wednesdays. It is a topical study featuring your questions or those of friends. Submit a question and come study with us on Wednesday evenings.

AN EVANGELISM CLASS — there's a sign up sheet in the back of the auditorium. Learn how to share the greatest news ever told!

THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH — We have an ongoing monthly benevolence program to help the Berkshire County church of Christ in Pittsfield Mass. See Trudy R. to contribute.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS...

- The Jones family in Doug's brother's died this past week, the services were yesterday.

- Bev Weldon is recovering from knee replacement surgery from last Wednesday.
- Chris Lyons (the Zapata's son-in-law) was in a serious car accident last week and is recovering from a broken back and some internal injuries. Please pray for him, his young family, and the Zapatas.
- Ted Jackson, Sue Carter's brother, Bonnie Davidson's nephew, and Suzanne's cousin, passed away this past week.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Sandy L's sister, passed away on Monday. Pleases pray for the family.
- Zeke Rodriquez for his PTSD, depression, and issues with the VA.
- Zeke's sister in law Carmen Rodriguez, macular degeneration.
- John Smetzer asks for prayers for Rose Smetzer, pneumonia.
- Alene Turner asks prayers for husband Lynn (cancer).
- Dianna C. for cancer treatment changes
- Sue Carter: digestive problems
- Freida R. at home
- Bonnie D. broken shoulder and, struggling; Suzanne as she cares for her mother
- Fernando Z's father, Ramon
- The Stafford's grand-daughter
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the churches in New England

- brethren in India
- our congregational leaders

LONG TERM REQUESTS

- Isela Hughes' sister Griselda's illness & friend Jeff with cancer
- Bonnie B.
- Carol P.
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- The Zapata's friend Isabella with a heart lesion
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Ken C.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Jan 1Gen 1-3
- Jan 2Gen 4-7
- Jan 3Gen 8-11
- Jan 4Gen 12-15
- Jan 5Gen 16-18
- Jan 6Gen 19-20
- Jan 7Gen 21-23
- Jan 8Gen 24-25

Growing more in '24

How will you grow in Christ this year?

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.

GROWING MORE IN '24

When a child doesn't hit certain growth standards, parents usually begin to rightly worry — height, weight, walking, potty training, talking, etc. — because growth is expected of a healthy child. We look for growth in size, physical strength, mental abilities, vocabulary, socialization skills, and more.

Similarly, the writers of the New Testament were concerned with the growth of the church and individual Christians. The writer of Hebrews rather famously worried about the people to whom he was writing:

"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil. Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment." (Heb. 5:12—6:2).

And as Peter wrote to brethren who presumably were well established disciples, he encouraged them to obtain diligence, faith, moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love; and then added, "For if these qualities are yours **and are increasing**, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:8).

So, growth needs to be a goal for every Christian and every congregation of the Lord's people.

But in what areas should we be concentrating on growth?

In the physical realm every individual is different, and the same will be true in the spiritual realm. While Peter's list of growth areas (diligence, faith, moral excellence, etc.) applies to us all, there may be some areas that you might be aware of having a weakness in. The Lord would expect you to apply diligence to strengthening the weakness. Do some personal reflection, consult with the Scriptures about how you might change for the better, and then make the changes and grow!

But how does a congregation grow? The first thing most of think about is growth in numbers of disciples, and certainly seeking and saving the lost must be an important priority to us; but that is not necessarily always in our control. We sow the seed of the everlasting and unchanging Gospel, but the choices other make about; it is beyond our control. God gives the growth.

But there are other ways the church should grow. We should be growing in love for the Lord (Rev. 2:4), in love for one another (1 Cor. 13:1ff), in knowledge of God's word and doctrinal stability (Eph. 4:13,14), in hope (Eph. 1:18), in unity (1 Cor. 1:10), in worship (1 Cor. 11-14), in service to one another and the community (Gal. 6:9,10), in involvement (1 Cor. 12:1ff), in our teaching and equipping (Eph. 4:11,12).

The elders of the congregation, whose job is to see to the spiritual health of both individual Christians and of the congregation, have been doing some reflection of ways we might grow, but each of us ought to be in thought also of ways in which each of us can contribute to the growth of the Rock Hill church of the Lord this year.

In all things, let's grow more in '24!

Park Linscomb



FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JANUARY

31 ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship	1 New Year's Day 🎉	2 ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class	3	4 Margaret T. 🕯️	5 Burley S. 🕯️ Kaitlyn S. 🕯️	6
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SERVICE IN WORSHIP

December 31

AnnouncementsBurley S
SongleadingDoug J
Opening PrayerChris S
CommunionCharles H
Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
Closing PrayerScott W
AV ControlJohn S
GreeterHugh R

Wed PM, January 3

SongsCharles H
AVFernando Z

January 7

AnnouncementsJohn S
SongleadingScott W.Doug J
Opening PrayerDavid J.....Scott W
CommunionDoug J.....Reiven H
Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
Closing PrayerJim B.....Charles H
AV ControlCharles H.....Fernando Z
GreeterHugh R.

Wed PM, January 10

SongsJim B
AVJohn S

Shortcuts to good info...

To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...



Sermon Notes...
