

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"*

QUESTION / ANSWER



Unbeliever's Question...

Since God is infinitely good and all-powerful, why doesn't He do away with all evil and violence?

Bible Answer...

He is going to do precisely that, when Christ returns (2 Peter 3:7).

Unbeliever's Question...

Why is He waiting so long?

Bible Answer...

He is giving you time and opportunity to repent, in order for you not to be among the evil, who He will destroy (2 Peter 3:8).



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A Bible in the hand is
better than two in the
bookcase
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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 LEADERSHIP MEETING is this afternoon, Jan 14. All our elders, deacons, and our preacher will meet at 4PM in the fellowship hall.

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

OUR YOUTH have a special project, find details in the insert to the bulletin

NEW DIRECTORY PICTURES will be taken over the next few weeks. Nancy Jones will be our photographer.

AN EVANGELISM CLASS — Our next class will be at the Ruebushes home at 7PM on Feb. 2. Join us!

SINGING EVENING — once a quarter (the 5th Wednesday of a month) we substitute Bible classes for an hour of singing praises to God. We sing old favorites and learn new ones.

Jan. 31 is a 5th Wednesday, so come prepared to be “filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and



making melody with your heart to the Lord” (Eph. 5:18,19).

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.

AREA WIDE OFFERINGS

- Prestoncrest, Saturday, Feb. 24
Telling the Story: Conference on Evangelism and Church Growth
- Area wide worship, March 1, Greenville Ave

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Esther Myrick as she was admitted to the BSW hospital in McKinney on Wednesday; possibly pleurisy. Now home.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Rachel Wallace's friend,, Madeline, was diagnosed with Guillain-Barré syndrome which has effected her ability to walk
- Whitney Perez, former member of the Rock Hill church is undergoing chemo for her cancer.
- Bev Weldon is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Chris Lyons recovering from a broken vertebrae.
- Zeke R. — PTSD, depression, and issues with the VA.
- Zeke's sister in law Carmen Rodriguez — macular degeneration.
- 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 21, Exo 10-12
- Jan 22, Exo 13-15
- Jan 23, Exo 16-18
- Jan 24, Exo 19-21
- Jan 25, Exo 22-24
- Jan 26, Exo 25-27
- Jan 27, Exo 28-29
- Jan 28, Exo 30-32

**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.

"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD"

You may not be as familiar with Psalm 46 as you might be with Psalm 23, but you might be familiar with one of its verses, "Be still and know that I am God" (v.10, KJV). It is often quoted as a call to calm down in the midst of our hectic and chaotic world and meditate on the presence of the Lord, but the context of this verse out of Psalm 46 is much more.

The world of the psalmist was in constant uproar. The land-bridge of Palestine was continually threatened with both local wars between neighboring kingdoms and invasive wars between the great empires of the east (i.e., Assyria, Babylon, Persia) and Egypt. In such an unstable world a person could be continually in fear for life or the destruction of whatever he might have managed to build up.

But to the faithful believer in the one true and living God, the LORD of hosts, there would be no need to fear, because He is our refuge and strength. Even if, the psalmist writes, the earth should change, the mountains slip into the sea, the oceans roar and foam, and the mountains quake, we've no need to fear. And by the way, the poetry of vv.2,3 could be referring to more than mere changes of the landscape; mountains often refer to kingdoms and empires, the sea is frequently a symbol for the roiling chaos of the Gentile world. All that said, God's faithful people — no matter the circumstances — have no need to fear, because the the LORD is a very present help in trouble.

With that reassurance in mind, the inspired psalmist raises his eyes to view Heaven, the dwelling place of God (see parallels in Ezekiel 47:1 and Revelation 22:1) and reports the LORD in action when nations, kingdoms, and empires make an uproar — the LORD Himself raises His voice (v. 6) and the very earth beneath their feet melts, causing them to totter and fall. Have no fear, the Lord of hosts is with **us** (v. 7), not them. His kingdom, His dwelling place is utterly unshakable, and it is from His unshakable position He can pull the rug out from underneath any power in this world or the next.

But just in case God's people would want more assurance, the psalmist invites them to look into history and remember the works of the LORD, who has caused strong nations to be desolated and fall (see vv. 8,9). Consider what God did on His people's behalf regarding Egypt (in the Exodus), the Amalekites (in the wilderness), the Moabites, the Ammonites, the Canaanites, the Philistines, the Arameans, the Assyrians, and the Babylonians.

It is in considering these things that the psalmist then directs us to "Be still and know that I am God; I will exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth" (v. 10). This is pretty much what Moses told a panicking Israel on the west side of the Red Sea, with Pharaoh at their back, "The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent." And then the Red Sea divided, Israel crossed, and the Egyptian army drowned. God was then and is now in control, and He is the one we must turn to, the "very present help in trouble", because the LORD of hosts is with us.

This is the message of Revelation, too. The inspired apostle John warns of the trials and troubles (political, economic, and even personal) that may come our way as Christians through the agency of Satan and his minions. But the triumphant message of Revelation is that God's faithful people emerge victorious (Rev. 20:9) in an instant by the invincible, overwhelming, and insuperable power of God.

Do we fear what the future may bring in terms of politics, persecution, and more? The same encouragement that is emphasized in Psalm 46 remains valid for us today — be still and know that I am God. Stop fretting and worrying, cease your anxious fears, and realize that God is in ultimate control of everything, and that He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you're able to bear (1 Cor. 10:13).

Paul expressed it powerfully another way in Romans 8:31, "...If God is for us, who is against us?" Be still and know that He is God, and He is our stronghold!

Park Linscomb

