

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"*

WHAT WILL YOUR PRIORITIES BE?

A few years ago USA Today ran a report on time management. They asked various experts to list all the things that we're "supposed to do" and then how much time it would take to do them. They calculated the amount of time that is needed to take care of *essential* things—sleep, cook, eat, work, house keep, grooming and hygiene, and shopping. Then they added up the time it would take to do all the other things that we're told we *need* to do, taking the time suggested time to do them—time with children, time with spouse, commuting, reading, exercising, etc. What they discovered is that we'd need 42 hours every day to accomplish 1) the things we *must* do, 2) the things we're told we *ought* to do (the way we ought to do them), and 3) the things we *want* to do. No wonder we sometimes feel like "our lives are running us"!

No one has that sort of day, of course; but somehow we get most things done. How? We prioritize. You may put them in slightly different order, but I've noticed that it often goes like this...

1. Most of put the things that we HAVE to do at the top (work, sleep, kids, bathroom breaks, etc.).
2. Then we put things things that are urgent, or SAY they're urgent (e.g., our email, texts, or Facebook).
3. Then perhaps relationships,
4. And then the things that we like (TV, hobbies, social groups, etc.).
5. And then there's the other stuff...that we get around to, when we get around to them.

Tragically, the Lord and spiritual things often gets thrown into category 5. Tragic especially because Jesus said, "...seek first His kingdom and His righteousness..." (Mt. 6:33).

A well-lived life has well-defined, God-ordered priorities that it keeps, putting God at the top of the list. God does not pull at your sleeve all day every day to pay attention, but He is supremely important.

How are you prioritizing your life regarding prayer, Bible study, church attendance, and Christian activity? Make the Lord important, make Him first, above all else. Let the rest of the world's activities work around Him, not the other way around.

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 .

ROCK HILL RETROSPECTIVE 2023 is available on the back foyer table. If you'd like to reflect on what God has done among us this past year, pick up a copy and then thank and praise God for all He has done. Correction to Retrospective, add Brooke Campbell to those baptized in 2023.

BURIED WITH CHRIST — Natasha King was baptized into Christ December 27. She has come with her grandparents from Florida and wanted to obey the Gospel. Please welcome and encourage this young new sister.

OUR LEADERSHIP MEETING is next week, Jan 14. All our elders, deacons, and our preacher will meet at 4PM in the fellowship hall.

LADIES PLANNING MEETING this coming Monday, January 8th at 6:30. This is when we put events on the calendar for the year.

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.

AN EVANGELISM CLASS — there's a sign up sheet in the back of the auditorium. We'll be meeting at the Ruebush's home starting Thursday, Jan 18 at 7PM. Learn how to share the greatest news ever told!

THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH — We have an ongoing monthly benevo-

lence program to help the Berkshire County church of Christ in Pittsfield Mass. See Trudy R. to contribute.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Whitney Perez who grew up in Frisco and was a faithful member of the church has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Colon Cancer.
- Thanksgiving for Ralph, who had a device implanted on his heart that will eliminate his AFIB. The surgery was successful and Ralph returned home Friday afternoon.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Sue Carter's brother, Bonnie Davidson's nephew, and Suzanne's cousin, Ted Jackson funeral was yesterday.
- Bev Weldon is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Chris Lyons (the Zapata's son-in-law) was in a serious car accident last week. Please pray for him, his young family, and the Zapatas.
- Zeke Rodriguez 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 8, Gen 24-25
- Jan 9, Gen 26-28
- Jan 10, Gen 29-30
- Jan 11, Gen 31-32
- Jan 12, Gen 33-35
- Jan 13, Gen 36-38
- Jan 14, Gen 39-41
- Jan 15, Gen 42-44

Growing more in '24

How will you grow in Christ this year?

- Read-the-Bible-through-in-a-year brochures are in the back. Pick one up and do it.
- Or make a resolution to come to all our worship services and Bible studies, if you haven't already.
- Begin praying for someone you want to share the Gospel with, set a date for taking the first step in asking to study with them or invite them to church.
- Determine to overcome your most tempting sin. Find the biblical substitute and apply it consistently (Eph 4:22-24) and grow in righteousness this year. Get answer to some of your most nagging Bible questions (that's what our Wednesday class is about)

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.

A TURNING POINT

We get the name of our first month of each year from the Roman god Janus. This was the god of gates, transitions, doorways, and endings; as a result he is pictured as having two faces, one looking backward and one looking forward — which makes for a pretty good metaphor for a new year, the traditional time for evaluating the past and making resolutions for the future.

Although in Ephesians 4:22-24 Paul was talking about the Christian life as a whole, the idea of looking backward and forward just as truly applies to smaller chunks of our life...

"that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth."

And it is as useful for Christians as for those who are still living in their sins.

So, looking at the year 2023, what things do you see as mistakes, weaknesses, and sins? And what things do you want to improve, change, or start doing? Use this page as a worksheet, put it in your Bible, or on your bedside table, or your refrigerator, or someplace else you see regularly.

What could you have done better

...as a member of the Rock Hill church?

...as Christian in the community?

...as a better Christian parent, spouse, or child?

...as a better Christian student?

...as a better Christian employee or employer?

...as a better Christian influence among friends, neighbors, or family members?

And now what do you intend to do differently this year?

...as a member of the Rock Hill church?

...as a Christian in the community?

...as a better family member?

...as a better Christian student?

...as a better Christian at the workplace

...as a better Christian influence

Make 2024 a real turning point. Now, get to it! :)

Park Linscomb

