

# 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"*

## THE SHAME OF NOT SHARING THE TRUTH

God has provided TRUTH that can be easily learned and accepted. **1 John 5:3**, *"For this is the love of God...that we keep His commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."* If we value righteousness it is God's expectation that we base our righteousness upon the truth of His word which is both possible AND reasonable! The world may tell you that "The Bible is not possible to follow." This is the teaching of a lost and dying world who DO NOT wish to be told what they can or cannot do. This is the opinion of those who have no intention of obeying the word of God, have made a conscious decision to follow the ways of the world, and "influence others also".

Perhaps the most dangerous condition is the standard of God has been lowered by "popular opinion" so far that the average person has no idea of what the New Testament teaches; has no idea of what God requires and is perfectly happy in this condition! God's word says, *"Awake to righteousness, and Sin not; for some have NOT the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame."* **1 Corinthians 15:34**. It is the responsibility of Christians to help others by sharing the truth.

In **Hebrews 11:6** we get a glimpse of God's position toward mankind *"without faith (in God) it is impossible to please God for he that cometh to God must believe that He is (God), and that He is a rewarder of those who 'diligently' seek Him."* He does not suggest that we should 'casually seek Him' but that we should diligently seek Him! Our spiritual well being should be the highest priority as expressed in **Matt. 6:33** *"seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these (other things) will be added unto you."*

We have mentioned the conflict between good and evil from the record of **Genesis 3**. Today, I wish to bring to mind the passage in the Letter that the apostle Paul wrote to the Lord's Church in Rome regarding this same topic in the New Testament. He makes a contrast between walking in the Spirit and walking in the flesh. Look at what the inspired writer says in **Rom. 8:5-8** *"They that are after the flesh...do mind the things of the flesh: but they that are after the spirit, the things of the spirit".* He says that, *"the Carnal (fleshly) mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be....So then, they that are in the flesh cannot please God."*

# 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.

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HOUSE TO HOUSE, HEART TO HEART is an evangelistic publication that has been delivered to neighborhoods around us, and 200 have been delivered to the church here for personal distribution. Pick up a few and canvas your own neighborhood.

**LADIES** — there's a meeting right after morning worship. Please come.

MEETING WITH JACK EVANS has been scheduled for August 20-23 — *"In Christ Alone — What Makes Jesus Different?"* It's aim is Gospel outreach, so be thinking about who to invite. **AND** there are now doorhangers to put on a few of the doors in your neighborhood. Grab a few dozen, get some exercise, and evangelize!



THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH benevolent fund is again being collected by Trudi, now that the Ruebushes are back in town.

BIRTHDAY CAKE FELLOWSHIP is next Sunday, July 30, after

evening services. All the July birthdays will be celebrated with a light meal and birthday cake!! Come enjoy the fellowship.

NORMA BAUTISTA had her eye surgery this past week and all went well. She is home resting at this time. John and Norma want to thank everyone for their prayers.

#### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Sandy L's sister, Lisa, in hospice care in Mississippi .
- Freida R, at home now
- Cleve Stafford's grand-daughter Peyton, struggling
- Isela Hughes'
  - sister Griselda Walters
  - friend Jeff, cancer
- Dianne H's...
  - Nephew colon cancer
  - sister-in-law with a brain tumor
- Glenda with a mini stroke
- Sarai Lyons asks for prayers for Tiffany Myers.
- Dianna C's recuperation from chemo
- Bonnie D. broken shoulder
- Julia's friend Wendy with breast cancer
- Sue Carter
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the churches in New England
- brethren in India
- our congregational leaders

#### LONG TERM REQUESTS

- 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
- Dianna C.
- Ken C.

#### READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Jul 23, Isa 13-16
- Jul 24, Isa 17-21
- Jul 25, Isa 22-25
- Jul 26, Isa 26-28
- Jul 27, Isa 29-31
- Jul 28, Isa 32-35
- Jul 29, Isa 36-38
- Jul 30, Isa 39-42

## Must Be Applied

A soap maker, who was a skeptic, said to a minister, with whom he was walking, "The Gospel which you preach has not done much good in the world. I see lots of wickedness and many wicked people."

The minister remained silent until they came upon some children, who were making mud pies. Then he said, "Soap hasn't done much good in the world, for I see there's still much dirt and many dirty people."

"Well," answered the soap maker, "Soap is useful only when it is applied."

"Exactly," was the minister's reply, "so it is with the Gospel we preach."

*author unknown*



# 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.

## SUMMER FINGERPRINTS OF GOD

Summer is a grand time take notice of all of God's great evidences. It starts early in the morning, when it seems all but the human world wakes up. Dew on the grass, rosy pink colors beautifying the sky before the sun comes up (right on time, every single day), there's even a fresh smell to morning, and a melodious chorus of birds welcoming another day of life. Without a countdown or audible command the whole world begins its perfectly choreographed interdependent march through a new day—each specie, and each individual of each specie, doing its part, just as God designed it all. Trees and plants recycling carbon dioxide and waste that the animal kingdom can't use and replacing it with the oxygen, food, and energy that animal life needs.

And once the day has begun the wonders continue on. Grasses and flowers, grains and fruit trees, and every other plant good for food or beauty growing taller, greener, fuller, and more fragrant daily—quietly, steadily, and (with proper moisture) to full fruitfulness. Just as God designed. The animal kingdom, too, fitting into their niche, following their instinctual instructions, gathering food, fattening up for winter, procreating, and sometimes filling their part in the food chain—all part of the Creator's grand plan. Take a moment and quietly watch the grand orchestra of life flourishing all around us, led by the divine Composer and Conductor, God.

And as the evening approaches and descends, a whole new multitude of evidences appear for the careful observer to take in. The sunset gives us additional pause for meditation

and appreciation of God's beautiful aesthetic; painting sky and clouds with reds, yellows, and purples, often brilliantly gilding the western clouds with the last of the day's sunlight, while the evening stars add a tasteful, creative touch of "bling" to His great heavenly canvas.

And then, as the light of the sun fades, the "lesser lights to rule night" make their presence known. You've doubtlessly done it a few times, but never miss an opportunity to take in the awesome Milky Way, the vastness of the night sky, or the luminescence of a full moon flooding the night's landscape with a soft glow. As you absorb the exquisite grace of

the heavens, please be sure to listen for something inaudible but very real: "The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.

Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; Their voice is not heard.

Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their utterances to the end of the world...." Psalms 19:1-4. And then listen to an audible, new, nighttime chorus—of crickets, frogs, and night birds on top of that.

Evidences, evidences, evidences. Everywhere. Every hour of the day. The fingerprints of God! How did they get here? How did they grow so beautiful, so awe inspiring, so powerful, so fascinatingly complex? How did they all manage to mesh so intricately and perfectly so that they work together with more perfect precision than a Swiss watch?

The summer provides thousands of reasons to "be still and know that I am God."

Park Linscomb



*Design demands a designer*

