

# 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 SPIRITUAL WALK

We have only one objective with these short lessons, and that is to represent the word of God in a simple and truthful fashion. We use only Bible references that can indicate the power and truth contained in the *"inspired word of God"*. Verses that add clarity to our Scriptural understanding; the verses and passages that are designed to bring us to salvation and prepare us for a daily walk with the Lord. Spiritual truth can only be determined by the word of the Almighty God, who, in his infinite wisdom has provided for us, *"All things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue:"* **2 Peter 1:3**

As we study and otherwise review these truths, please remember a few fundamental requirements: We are not at liberty to add-to or to take-away from the writings. **Revelation 22:18-19**. The warning is given that should be taken seriously. **ONLY THOSE THINGS THAT ARE DEFINED IN THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD CAN BE USED TO IDENTIFY THE WAY AND THE WILL OF GOD!** There is no place for embellishment or personal opinion. *"No prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation"* **2 Peter 1:2**. The holy and inspired word of God has a meaning that only God has authorized.

*Prophecy came not by the will of man but Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."* **2 Peter 1:21**. God's word was carefully composed, carefully preserved, and carefully protected. By design, it is an outline for all spiritual people for all time. It is (and was intended to be) the ultimate and only resource that spiritual people would need to learn of God; *How to Understand God; How to please God*. Perhaps the most crucial verse that helps to realize the intent of the word, is recorded in **2 Timothy 3:16 & 17**, *"All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect (complete), thoroughly furnished unto all good works."*

The location of different verses within the word of God is significant; God purposely did not provide a 2 page document that lists the do's and don'ts of righteousness. In order to get a clear understanding of the will of God, and the lessons taught the indicators of what God desires **must be discovered**. They are strategically placed (as a part of inspiration) throughout the word. It is by the design of God that every person make the effort to learn what the Bible has to say. When an individual comes to understand the value of righteousness and feels a 'spiritual need' they are drawn into the word to learn of its ways.

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! 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 .

**BIRTHDAY CAKE FELLOWSHIP** is tonight, July 30, after evening services. All the July birthdays will be celebrated with a light meal and birthday cake!! We also meet in our Care Groups for fellowship and planning. It's a wonderful time, come enjoy the fellowship.



### 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 1) canvas your own neighborhood, 2) send by mail to friends or family, or 3) leave them in a doctor's office — be creative.

**MEETING WITH JACK EVANS** has been scheduled for August 20-23 — *"In Christ Alone — What Makes Jesus Different?"*



Its aim is Gospel outreach, so be thinking about who to invite. Some of his topics will include...

- "In the Name of Jesus"
- "He's All I Want"
- "This is That"
- "This Thing Was Not Done in a Corner"
- And more

**AND** there are now door hangers about our meeting to put on a few of the doors in your neighborhood. Grab a few dozen, get some exercise, and evangelize! A "sign up sheet" will be near for you to put your name and where you plan to distribute (so we don't duplicate each other's efforts).

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

**MELINDA STAFFORD** is with us this morning as she brings Peyton and Savannah back home from a visit in Pittsfield.

### NEW PRAYER REQUEST

- Jim Pyburn has prostate cancer and is beginning radiation Tx next week.
- Fernando Z asks for prayers for his father, Ramon Zapata. He will be starting radiation treatment for lung cancer.
- Elizabeth asks for our prayers and God's healing hand for her uncle Felton who recently had hernia surgery.

### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Sandy L's sister, Lisa, in hospice care in Mississippi .
- Freida R, at home now
- Cleve Stafford's grand-daughter Peyton

- Isela Hughes'
  - sister Griselda Walters
  - friend Jeff, cancer
- Dianne H's...
  - Nephew colon cancer
  - Sister-in-law with a brain tumor
  - Sister 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
- Ken C.

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

- Jul 30, Isa 39-42
- Jul 31, Isa 43-47
- Aug 1, Isa 48-51
- Aug 2, Isa 52-56
- Aug 3, Isa 57-59
- Aug 4, Isa 60-63
- Aug 5, Isa 64-66
- Aug 6, Jer 1-3

# A word of Encouragement

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"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.

## THEY HAVE NO DAWN

The people of Judah during Isaiah's day had lived through the reigns of the good kings Uzziah and Jotham, men who revered the Lord and His word — even if the people of Judah themselves were less than faithful. But king Ahaz followed them, and he was anything but an Uzziah or Jotham. He brought paganism and occult practices into Jerusalem and Judah, which the people adopted all too quickly and gladly.

Isaiah, God's prophet, rebuked the faithless king and people...

*"When they say to you, 'Consult the mediums and the spiritists who whisper and mutter,' should not a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn."*  
(Isaiah 8:19, 20)

The people of Judah were looking for wisdom, for reliable predictions about the future, and counsel. Of course, they were; mankind intuitively realizes that they need it — sometimes because they realize that they can't reliably know the future and sometimes because they realize that there are too many X-factors, too many variables and unknowns. But instead of looking to the Lord, they were consulting with the mediums, necromancers, spiritists, and other false or pagan prophets of their day. This was in direct disobedience to Moses' command in Deuteronomy 18:9-15.

So, Isaiah corrects their error by trying to use a little logic: "Should they consult the dead (what mediums and necromancers do) on behalf of the living?" It was, of course, a rhetorical question, demanding a firm "No!" and an enthusiastic

charge, "Back to the Bible!" — AKA, "To the law and to the testimony!"

People are still looking for wisdom, insight, and counsel, of course — and like Judah of old, looking for it in all the wrong places. It's probably no breaking news to you that people still look for such things from mediums, palm readers, and other occultists believing that they have the real answers about finance, romance, and more. But even more folks take guidance from celebrities (fame apparently bestows greater wisdom!), political

platforms, TV or radio pundits, pseudo-science, half-baked psychology, religious leaders (the less Christian, the better), social media influencers, ivory tower specialists, neighbors, and basically any one but the Lord. But somehow (aren't you surprised?) all such guidance becomes one wrong turn after another, all such wisdom

proves itself in the end to be folly, and all such insights turn out to be the blind leading the blind — they have no dawn.

Isaiah's words ring so true, "To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn." There is one truth, God's truth. The rest of it is just darkness, blindness, and deception. The only time the world finds itself in the light is when it finally agrees with the LORD.

It is when men seek wisdom from God that the dawn breaks! In the same context as Isaiah 9:19, 20 (see above) Isaiah says, "The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them" (Isaiah 9:2); and he's talking about Jesus (see Isaiah 9:6,7).

Let dawn break over the gloom! Turn to the Lord.

Park Linscomb



# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JULY AND AUGUST

30	31	1	2	3	4	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00 AM Bible classes</li> <li>■ 10:00 AM Worship</li> <li>■ 6:00 PM Worship</li> <li>■ 7:00 PM Birthday Cake Sunday</li> </ul>	<div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px; border: 1px solid #d9ead3;">                     Park L. 🍷                 </div>	<div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px; border: 1px solid #d9ead3;">                     Hugh and Trudi R ❤️                 </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 7:00 PM Wed. Bible class</li> </ul>			

## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

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### July 30

Greeter ..... Fernando Z  
 Announcements ..... Burley S  
 Songleading ..... Scott W ..... Doug J  
 Opening Prayer ..... Marty K ..... Tom R  
 Communion ..... Jim B ..... Yaw F  
 Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Closing Prayer ..... Charles H ..... John S  
 A/V Control ..... Charles H

### Wed PM August 2

Songs ..... Charles H  
 A/V ..... John S

### August 6

Greeter ..... Fernando Z  
 Announcements ..... Charles H  
 Songleading ..... Doug J ..... Scott W  
 Opening Prayer ..... Jim B ..... Yaw F  
 Communion ..... John S ..... Scott W  
 Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Closing Prayer ..... Doug J ..... David J  
 A/V Control ..... Fernando Z ..... John S

### Wed PM August 9

Songs ..... jim B  
 A/V ..... Charles H

## Shortcuts to good info...

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To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...




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## Sermon Notes...

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