

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

Deacons:

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

Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

*"We're Here
and We Care"*

A Successful Church

No matter what the undertaking may be, we desire to be successful. That can be no more true than when it comes to the success of the Lord's church. However, in the minds of many people, a successful church is measured in size, numbers, facilities, and reputation within a community. People often point to the mega-churches within our society as examples of successful churches.

While there is nothing wrong with size, numbers, facilities, and reputation within a community, not a single one of these characteristics is essential to having a successful church.

So, just what does make a church successful? Consider some of these qualities:

- Christians who humbly and quietly try to live out the Lordship of Jesus in their lives.
- Christians who unceasingly pray every day for the strength and stability of the Lord's church.
- Christians who love the truth supremely; who will not allow their own personal desires or situations to skew their perception of God's revelation.
- Christians who are committed to moral living and whose goal is not to fit in with society, but whose goal is purity and godliness.
- Christians who love peace more than they do a fight; who love the calmness of unity more than the rhetoric of a fuss; and who love words of edification more than the allure of gossip.
- Christians who support the weak, restore the fallen, and who re-affirm their love and commitment to those who have stumbled.
- Christians who understand the times, and who attempt to reach out to the world in relevant ways, while maintaining the purity of the gospel message.

Now these characteristics would make a successful church! And take note: It's not about numbers, size, or facilities. It's about inward transformation, a renewing of the mind, conforming one's life into the image of Jesus. And here's the best news - it's within the grasp of every one of us.

Steve Higginbotham

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 NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST is July 11. Make a note of it on your calendar and plan on joining us for breakfast, good fellowship, and some spiritual uplift.



LEADERSHIP MEETING has been postponed to July 12. If you have anything for our leadership team to discuss, please bring it to one of the elders, deacons, or Park.

BABY SHOWER — for Savannah K., a diaper and gift card table baby shower. The table is set up in its usual place in the back of the pews. There will be a tub for the diapers and a box for the gift cards. It will start this Sunday through July 19th. All size diapers newborn to toddler pull-ups. Amazon and Visa gift cards, but any kind will be appreciated.

CURRENT ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

- Sunday AM — The book of Ephesians. Currently, we're in chapter 6
- Wednesday PM — The book of 2 Corinthians. Currently, we're in chapter 9.
- Handouts for these classes are online at rhcoc.org/worship

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE... invite a friend to take watch these online resources ...

- Live worship services and Bible studies — rhcoc.org/worship
- Various recorded Bible studies — <https://www.youtube.com/@rockhillchurchofchrist405>

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Doug Jones, is receiving cancer treatment, but now also has pneumonia
- Scott W's friends, Mark and Greg, who both have ALS
- Kodie S for quick healing after surgery for a torn meniscus
- Shelly Dawdy, knee surgery
- Pam Henry's brother passed away last week
- Nina Easley — recently baptized into Christ, for her strength and growth in the Lord.
- Recoveries...
 - Linda S had knee replacement
 - Park's grandson, Jordan, hip surgery recovery
 - Eloise Isbell
 - The Mericks son, Konrad, had back surgery.
 - Lynn Turner, now at home.



- The Turners' great nephew, Baylen born weighing 5 lbs. needing to do necessary surgery of rearranging his internal organs. Please pray that he will be able to survive with a reasonable measure of health.
- Travis York, son of the the Yorks who were members of this congregation years ago, has had some health complications,
- Earl Lemons, Dianne H's oldest brother-in-law,
 - Freida R., health issues
 - Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords' (our missionaries in Pittsfield, Massachusetts) granddaughter Peyton has returned to live in the Dallas area.

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Elizabeth's cousins Tracy with Lupus, and Debbie
- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness
- Dale C in the Ivy in McKinney
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Continued fruit from Burley's mission work in India.
- Churches in New England
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- 7/51 Sam 28-31
- 7/62 Sam 1-3
- 7/72 Sam 4-7
- 7/82 Sam 8-11
- 7/92 Sam 12-13
- 7/102 Sam 14-15
- 7/112 Sam 16-17
- 7/122 Sam 18-19



We'll never be **COURAGEOUS** if our convictions change based on people's opinions of us. — Lisa Victoria

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.

IN GOD WE TRUST

Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.
(Proverbs 3:5 NAS95)

Did you know that "In God We Trust" is our national motto and that it took the place of the original motto *E Pluribus Unum*? It first appeared on US coins during the Civil War, but it was adopted as our national motto in 1957. Because it is our national motto, it appears on all our physical coins and paper money and even above the Speaker's rostrum in the U.S. House of Representatives.

It is praiseworthy in that it should remind everyone who uses physical money that it is not finances, wealth, or money in which we should trust. Such a trust has always been too easy for mankind to fall into; it is the reason that men bank way more money than they expect to spend — just in case. However, we can trust in other things over God, too.

For example, Psalms remind us "Some boast in chariots and some in horses, But we will boast in the name of the LORD, our God" (Psalm 20:7 NAS95). While advanced weapons may bring us as a nation and individuals a feeling of security, a nation without the Lord's protection is as vulnerable as the Canaanites, who had horses, chariots, and trained armies, were against Israel. Moses told Israel that they would be overwhelming conquerors: "Only do not rebel against the LORD; and do not fear the people of the land, for they will be our prey. Their protection has been removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them" (Numbers 14:9 NAS95); but Israel despaired of their lack of weapons and refused to invade — and wandered 40 years in the wilderness as a punishment. Trust in the Lord is not just a good religious slogan, it is actually a matter of national security.

Sometimes we over-trust in our medical science. It is wonderful to live in a land with such excellent health care in terms of doctors, advanced medicines, facilities, advanced therapies, etc., but we must never forget that God is the great Giver of life,

Giver of good health, and Great Physician. Medical doctors of every discipline will acknowledge that prayer in a patient's life is extremely effective, and that they sometimes have no other explanation for a patient's recovery than God. When we pray for our sick, we are going to the One who can help beyond modern medicine. Sadly, we sometimes thank the doctors and nurses and medicines profusely and don't give appropriate thanks and glory to God for the return of someone's good health, so that others to will trust in God.

Have you ever prayed for safe travel or safety in general and then credited your good driving or your pilot's flying skills — forgetting to thank the Lord for a safe arrival. I sometimes wonder how many times the Lord has rescued me from danger. Occasionally, I get behind a slow driver, when I am in a hurry. It is frustrating to me, until I consider that maybe the Lord put the slow driver in front of me to keep me from danger in the road ahead. I guess I'll never know the full answer to that question, until I get to Heaven; but I am convinced that there have been times in my life, when the Lord has indeed rescued me by putting someone near me to providentially pull me back from what could have been a fatal situation.

To the eye of flesh the only thing that can really be trusted is what can be seen, touched, tasted smelled or heard. The eye of the flesh trusts only in this world. But the eye of the spirit sees and knows that it is the Lord, working in the background, that has rescued us time and again. It's great to have financial resources, armies and weapons to protect us, medical science to help heal us, and safety measures all around us in case of accidents, but let us always confess first and foremost, "In God We Trust."

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JULY

	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship 			Jennifer K.	■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class		John B.	Linda S. ■ 9:00AM Mens breakfast

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of July 5.....AMPMWed.
 AnnouncementsCharles H.....Charles H
 Song LeadingDoug JScott WCharles H
 Opening PrayerTom RKyle J
 CommunionMarty K.....Reiven H
 Scripture.....John 8:31-36
 Closing PrayerScott WMarty K
 Greeter.....Hugh R

Week of July 12.....AMPMWed.
 AnnouncementsBurley SBurley S
 Song LeadingDoug JScott WReiven H
 Opening PrayerChris SMarty K
 CommunionDavid J.....John S
 Scripture
 Closing PrayerJim BCharles H
 Greeter.....Ralph K



Sermon Notes...
