

# 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"*

## IT'S JUST THAT SIMPLE

I want us to consider what Paul wrote as a reminder in **Romans 12:19**, "*avenge not yourselves for it is written, vengeance is mine; I will repay sayeth the Lord.*" Please look at what the Apostle Paul writes to members of the Lord's church at Thessalonica. In **2 Thessalonians 1:3**, Paul praises the brethren at the congregation for their great faith, and acknowledges their persecution and tribulation due to their faith in the Lord. In **verse 5** Paul says their tribulation described in **verse 4** is a "*manifest token*" of the righteous judgment of God that they be counted worthy for the kingdom of God for which ye suffer. Let's be sure that we get this; these are not the attributes of a "loving God" that the world likes to think of. The reality is that God has allowed the suffering as a matter of His *righteous judgment*, and adds in **Verse 6**, "It is a RIGHTEOUS thing with God" (A) to exercise our faith and (B) to *recompense (repay) tribulation to them that trouble you!*

Beginning in **verse 7**, he completes the thought, and makes a connection with the bigger plan; Note: *And to you who are troubled, rest with us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints and to be admired in all them that believe."*

Indeed, we believe the Bible to have achieved what it was intended to. That it is current, complete, and the basis of all things that pertain unto life and godliness. It expresses God's willingness to forgive, and His intent to punish those that do not obey Him. Yes, the word of God has set a high moral standard before us. Do we really think that God will accept a low standard of obedience, when the sacrifice was so high? There is no such teaching within the boundaries of the New Testament. *There is none other name given among men whereby we must be saved **Acts 4:12** the name of Jesus the Christ*, and there is no excuse for disobedience in the eyes of God. **John 14:15**, says "*If you Love me, keep my commandments.*" It's just that simple.

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 .

**HOUSE TO HOUSE, HEART TO HEART** is an evangelistic publication produced by brethren, which we are having mailed to several neighborhoods around us, starting in June and going through August. We will also be receiving about 200 directly to the church for distributing in the neighborhoods that we live in. Among other great things in the publication, we'll be publicizing our meeting with Jack Evans. This is an exciting evangelistic outreach; please pray for success.



**MEETING WITH JACK EVANS** has been scheduled for August 20-23 — "In Christ Alone". It will have a definite evangelistic aim, so be looking for more information, but be thinking about who to invite.



**THE REGULAR LADIES' CLASS** has gone into summer season mode and will be meeting on June 13 (this Tuesday), July 18, and August 22. Touch base

with Linda Stinnett for details and topics to be discussed.

**OUR NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST** will be June 17 (this Saturday) at the church building (fellowship hall) at 9AM. We will talk about (among other things) the possibility of a men's retreat in the fall. Tom Roberts will be making a presentation on How to deal with Muslim teachings.

**A CARD FROM MELINDA STAFFORD'S FAMILY** is to be found on the bulletin board thanking the Rock Hill church for making it possible for Melinda to visit her mother.

### PRAYER UPDATE

• Beverly W. has returned from her trip to Alabama safe and sound, and she thanks everyone for their prayers.

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

• Rosa Z. had successful back surgery last week and is recovering at home. Please pray for a speedy recovery.

### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Sandy L's sister, Lisa, will be getting hospice care in Mississippi .
- Folks traveling on vacation or to camp
- Cleve Stafford's grand-daughter Peyton, struggling
- Isela Hughes asks for prayers for her sister Griselda Walters.
- 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

- Dianna Conkling
- Sue Carter
- Isela H.'s friend Jeff, cancer.
- 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.
- Mary H. and daughter Sharon

*God is good all the time!*

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

- Jun 4, Neh 9-10
- Jun 5, Neh 11-13
- Jun 6, Esther 1-3
- Jun 7, Esther 4-7
- Jun 8, Esther 8-10
- Jun 9, Job 1-5
- Jun 10, Job 6-10
- Jun 11, Job 11-15

# 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.

## How do you see it?

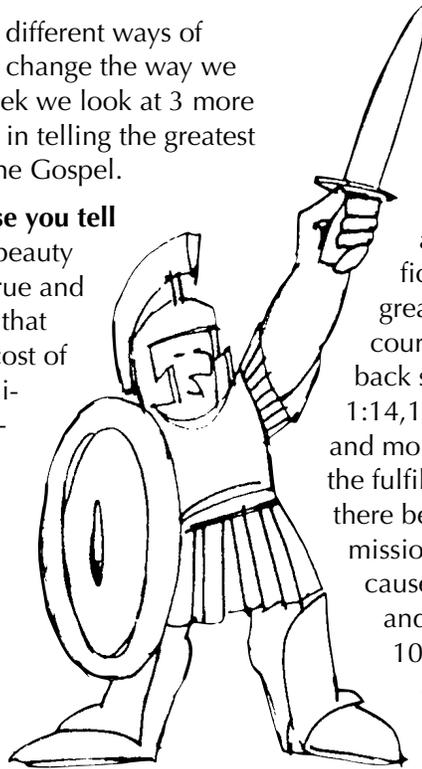
### EVANGELISM: SOMETHING TO FEAR OR ENJOY? PART 2

Last week, we looked at two different ways of looking at things that could change the way we look at evangelism. This week we look at 3 more to help us be joyful and zealous in telling the greatest news the world will ever hear, the Gospel.

#### Accentuate the positive for those you tell and yourself!

Look and see the beauty of the Gospel. While it will be true and necessary to speak of the things that people must stop doing, of the cost of discipleship, and the responsibilities we have to God and one another; it is certainly possible to accentuate the positive matters in Christianity. This is not disingenuous. You must look at the treasure, before you will want go and sell all you have to buy the field (Matthew 13:44); you must see the surpassing beauty and value of the pearl, before you will be able to appreciate its great price (Matthew 13:46,47). Speak of the healing God brings to broken hearts, broken marriages, broken lives, and broken spirits. Talk about how God's purposes and meanings fulfill life's deepest longs. Point to the comfort the Lord gives to the grief stricken, the hope He gives to the despairing, the courage He can give to the fearful, His faithfulness, His wisdom, and His enduring love and grace despite our sins. Speak of the love in the church, the encouragement of God's people in time of need, the helpful teaching for practical living found in the assemblies, and the family atmosphere of the household of God. People will gladly look at the beautiful "pearl".

**Comprehend the greatness and importance of the mission!** When the mission of stopping Hitler became clear almost 75 years ago, young men volunteered for military service by the thousands, still more thou-



sands of women gladly shouldered the heavy work of industrial manufacturing, older Americans planted "Victory Gardens", and everyone "made do" with rations to help the war effort. Why? Because it was pleasant and fun? No, because it was a great and noble cause worthy of our sacrifice! Likewise, when we see evangelism as a great and important mission of the Master, courage and resolve take over while fears take a back seat. Consider Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 1:14,15; Romans 10:14-16; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20; and more. God committed the blood of His Son to the fulfillment of His mission to save the world; could there be a greater mission—ever? A more important mission—ever? If God committed Jesus' life to this cause, how can we not step forward in courage and resolve to join do our part (Romans 10:14-16) to save mankind?

**Those who reject the Gospel are reject God, not you!** It's not hard with "eyes of flesh" to take rejection of the Gospel personally; but the truth of the matter is that they aren't rejecting you, they are rejecting God. It's almost unbelievable how shifting the paradigm this way can make sharing so much easier, but it does! Evangelism isn't about FaceBook likes or Twitter followers; it's not about your fan base. And interestingly enough, even the folks that you might tell the Gospel to will tell you this; it's not you they might reject, it's God. Indeed, there's actually something wrong, if their acceptance of the Gospel is about you. It's supposed to be about Jesus.

.....Are you ready for a revolution that will change the world? Shift your evangelism paradigm!

Park Linscomb

