

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 HIGH PRICE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

The Inspired word of God has purpose! Paul pointed out in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God...that the man of God may be perfect (complete), thoroughly furnished unto all good works." It is not enough to understand that the Bible is inspired of God. It is imperative that we understand that it is inspired for the purpose of spiritual training, thus the significance of Peter's statement in 2 Peter 1:3, "God has furnished all things that pertain unto life and godliness". If God has provided in the Bible everything we need to know to be spiritually complete, why would we NOT KNOW what God expects of us? Why would we ever be satisfied with listening to uninspired men teaching things that cannot be found in the Bible?

For example, one who is satisfied in his/her belief and has "an understanding with God". That understanding is based solely upon what they WANT it to be, and not substantiated by the word of God. The Bible clearly calls this a "false doctrine", therefore, unacceptable to God. I would ask that person to consider Romans 10:2-3 where the Bible says of the Jews who refused the Gospel of Christ, "For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." Many today would say of this, that we all worship the same God, or that we are all going to the same place, and that our belief or spiritual practice matters little. There is no greater mis-statement than this!

If it really matters little and God doesn't care, He would not have provided an "instruction in righteousness". Perhaps if God had not given His only begotten Son, the requirement would not be so great. However, when Paul wrote to the Christians at Corinth in 1 Corinthians 6:20, He told them, "you are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and your Spirit which are God's." The price was a very HIGH price. A price much too high for a LOW moral standard. Grace has its place, but we cannot substitute the graciousness of God for His expectation of obedience. Those who believe that grace means that God will overlook sin that remains in our life with casual reoccurrence has read far too little of God's word, or has listened to poor teaching that is not consistent with this "instruction in righteousness" that God has prepared.

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 .

THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH BENEVOLENT FUND is normally collected by Trudi, but Hugh and Trudi will be out of town a few week, and Linda S. will be the collection point for any contributions you'd like to make.

BIRTHDAY CAKE FELLOWSHIP is next Sunday after evening worship.

THE REGULAR LADIES' CLASS has gone into summer season mode. Their next meeting will be July 18. Touch base with Linda Stinnett for details and topics to be discussed.

HOUSE TO HOUSE, HEART TO HEART is an evangelistic publi-



cation which we are having mailed to several neighborhoods around us. We will also be receiving 200 directly to the church to distribute in our own neighborhoods. We'll be publicizing our meeting with Jack Evans in it. 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.



SEVERAL OF US WILL BE GOING TO A ROUGH RIDERS BASEBALL GAME on

R July 21. If you'd be interested in joining us, talk to Park or sign up on the sign up sheet on the table in the back of the auditorium.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- We have 5 young folks going to Camp Deer Run for a couple of weeks: Kaitlyn, Olivia, Alexandra, Tia, and Ali. Pray for safety, spiritual uplift, and a great fun time.
- Rosa Z. had successful back surgery last week and is recovering nicely. Please continue to pray.
- 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.
- 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

*The sum of
God's word is
truth—not
just some*

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

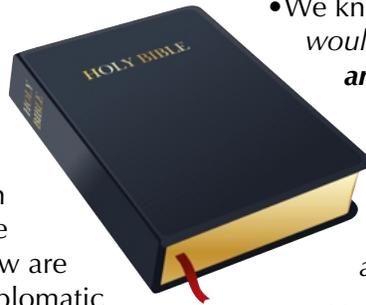
- Jun 26, Psa 68-71
- Jun 27, Psa 72-77
- Jun 28, Psa 78-81
- Jun 29, Psa 82-89
- Jun 30, Psa 90-97
- Jul 1, Psa 98-104
- Jul 2, Psa 105-107

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 SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF BIBLE CLASS

I've been going to Bible class since I was very young; in fact, I don't remember starting Bible class for the first time. In my family there was never really a questions about whether we were going or not, anymore than whether we were going to have dinner or not. I do know, of course, that there are people who don't come and don't bring their children; and while I can't really "identify" with the reasons why they don't attend, I've heard a lot of their justifications. Below are a few with some short, and I hope, diplomatic answers...



- Sunday is the only day we have to sleep in...
First, what happened to sleeping in on Saturday? Second, there truly are things more important than sleep, like our souls.
- The kids always fight me about it...*But they also fight you about school or the doctor; do you give in and let them skip school and doctor appointments, too, or do you make them do what's best for them?*
- It's hard to get everyone up, fed, dressed, in the car, and in class by 9am...*Yet, we manage to get them up and to school even earlier Monday through Friday.*
- I want my kids to be able to make up their own minds about religion...*Do you let them make up their own minds about school, drugs, sex, and other important things without any critical information?*
- There are just so many activities on Sunday, and they always interfere with Bible class (and worship)...*I know, but sometimes Christians need to choose what's important over what's fun.*
- The Bible doesn't say we have to go to a Bible class...*True, but don't you think it might be useful in spiritual growth? Don't you want to offer more than the bare minimum to God?*

- I'm not really sure what benefit I or my kids would get from it...*As a Bible class attendee, I can assure you that there's much to be gained.*
- We know enough of the Bible as it is now...*I would like to humbly challenge that claim for anyone.*
- I don't get enough support from my spouse...*Sometimes we just need to do what's right despite spousal apathy or opposition. Step out on faith and just do what's right.*

And by the way, if you are an adult (most folks reading a bulletin article are) let me share with you some of the things we've covered in the adult Bible classes in the last (almost) three years of Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Bible studies that I've been blessed to work with the Rock Hill church...

- Hosea
- Amos
- Philippians
- 1 and 2 Thessalonians
- Joel
- Titus
- Philemon
- Jude
- Survey of the OT (Gen. through Esther)
- Intertestamental History
- Gospel of Luke
- Revelation
- And that doesn't include the other classes (young adults and new Christians)

There's so much to gain that you deprive yourself and your children of, when you opt to skip Bible classes. Start a new habit this summer (it should be easier in the summer, right?) of coming to study the Bible on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Park Linscomb

