

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"*

"Thy Kingdom Come"

If you listen much to "Christian" TV and Radio, it won't be long until you hear a teaching of the "Thousand Year Reign" the "Kingdom on Earth" and several other similar terms. This comes from a popular denominational belief that God was unsuccessful in establishing His kingdom on earth and therefore allowed the Church as a back-up plan until Jesus returns. It is then that the kingdom on earth will be (futuristically) established. This theory cannot be fully explained within this article. To more properly apply scripture, let us consider what the inspired writers say concerning the Kingdom and the Church.

The first thought is a difference between the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God on earth. Obviously, the 1st is in God's realm where Jesus sits 'exalted' at His right hand [Acts 2:33](#).

Notice in [Mark 1:15](#) that Jesus announces, "*the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand.*" This would be in reference to another kingdom, not unlike the 1st, but different in form and place. (the Kingdom of God is without beginning or end) In [Matthew 16:19](#), Jesus references the "*Keys to the Kingdom of heaven*" in conjunction with the establishment of the Church.

In [Ephesians 3:1-11](#) Paul explains "*the mystery...hid in God...revealed by the Spirit...according to the eternal purpose...in Christ Jesus our Lord*". Earlier in [Ephesians 1:10](#) Paul wrote, "*that in the fullness of times, He might gather together in one, all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and on earth.*" The Plan of God clearly included an extension of the heavenly kingdom into an earthly kingdom with Christ as it's head according to [Colossians 1:18](#).

Not only this, but in [Mark 9:1](#), [Luke 9:27](#) Jesus said, "*there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death until they see the kingdom of God come with power.*" There is no secret regarding the Kingdom of God on earth. It is now in the same power as it was then and positioned alongside the Church of Jesus Christ, the Lord's Church of which we are a part. Proved precisely by the statement made by Paul in [Colossians 1: 12-13](#), "*Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet (able) to be partakers ... who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son.*" The Kingdom exists today.

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!** 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 .

WHAT A MEETING! What a great meeting we had last weekend. It was great preaching, great singing, a great potluck, and great inter-congregational fellowship! Thanks to everyone who prayed for it, attended it, brought food for it, and led in it. AND each lesson is available on our YouTube channel on a playlist titled, Spring Meeting 2026. Even if you came to all the meetings, you might benefit from hearing the lessons again!

DID YOU KNOW? While the internet is full of questionable stuff, it also has a lot of good stuff put out by our brethren. For example, *Apologetics Press* has excellent videos and articles on matters of Christian evidences and doctrine. And even more than that, there's a lot of great material (video and articles) for kids. *World Video Bible School* also has a lot of great videos for adults and children. Moreover, our own *YouTube* channel has a lot of “playlists” of adult Bible studies and sermons. And it's all (*Apologetics Press*, *World*

Video Bible School, and our *Rock Hill YouTube channel*) **FREE!** Check it out and perhaps start a home Bible study for the whole family.

AND SPEAKING OF VIDEO RESOURCES, many of our classrooms will be getting video monitors in order to take advantage of the wealth of good video resources that are on the internet.

PGA PARKWAY is in final stages of paving now. We've been assured that we'll continue to have access to the building on Sundays, but there is a **possibility** that we may have to forego one Wednesday night Bible study. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available. Check your emails and texts for updates.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Eloise Isbell for recovery and rehabilitation
- Richard Anderson, recovering from surgery
- Doug Jones, the treatment plan for him and a positive outcome. Peace and comfort for his family
- Dianne's oldest brother-in-law, Earl Lemons, is very ill. Please pray for him and Dianne's family.
- Burley Jr. for cancer tests
- Meghan and Leighton (Linebaugh's granddaughter and great-granddaughter)
- Park, for knee surgery recovery.
- Freida R., health issues
- Charles H., shoulder recovery.
- Continued fruit from Burley's mission work in India.

**“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”
GALATIANS 6:9**

- Lynn Turner is now at home.
- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords, our missionaries in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, granddaughter Peyton living with them.
- Churches in New England
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Elizabeth's cousins Tracy with Lupus, and Debbie
- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness
- Dale C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- 3/221 Peter all
- 3/232 Peter all
- 3/241 John all
- 3/252 /3 John/Jude
- 3/26Revelation 1-3
- 3/27Revelation 4-8
- 3/28Revelation 9-12
- 3/29Revelation 13-16



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.

PARENTING GODLY TEENS, #5: TEACH THEM HOPE

Here's a topic for raising teens that isn't raised too often. And yet here's a topic that really must be addressed, because of the alarming rate at which young people seek to deal with temporary problems with serious, long-term, bad solutions like drugs or harm to themselves. Parents worry about these issues, but sometimes do little more than tell their kids just to say no. There is something more that could and should be done. The root of the problem in many cases is despair — a problem encountered that seems intractable, painful, and never-ending. The solution: hope.

Hope is not necessarily obtained naturally. We sometimes are under the impression that you are either born optimistic or pessimistic, that you are either just hopeful and happy, or despairing and depressed; but not so fast, it's not exactly that simple. There are, of course, people we all know who seem to have come forth from the womb smiling and optimistic — and others who seem to have been born Eeyore-like; so they are to some degree inborn attitudes. But hope and optimism are at least as much a learned attitude as an inborn point of view; and as a parent (especially of a teenager) you need to be sure to teach it. Why?

In children and teenagers there is often less a sense of future possibilities (despite all the grand dreams for the future that adults believe they have) and generally much more a sense of "now"; and when "now" stinks, it can be easy for them to conclude that it will never end; it will never get better; I will simply be miserable forever — and with it the temptation to harm themselves or others. And in the world of the teen (as you might remember), there's plenty to be miserable about — peer relations, romantic relations (real or imagined — think Romeo and Juliet), grades, hormones, general confusion, defeats that just come with life, the "unfairness" of authority figures, guilt, occasionally the exaggerated seriousness of "maturity", and more. And then layer on top of that some more serious adult problems that sometimes come their way. They need to learn hope and optimism, even if they are by nature an "Eeyore". So, how do you do that?

First, by what you teach. There is a lot for Christians to share with their children about having hopeful, optimistic attitudes. The whole notion of faith is not so much about coming to church as it is about seeing the unseen, seeing the God who is invisible to the physical eye, seeing a grand future and reward for faithful living, and seeing like Elisha the

ready help that is available in prayer (2 Kings 6:16,17). They need to know that everyone — EVERYONE — has bad days, but that things do get better, if we'll follow the Lord's instructions — a key to improving situations.

Consider...

- Romans 8:28 "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God,..."
- John 16:33 ""...In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.""
- Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."
- 2 Corinthians 4:8,9 "we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;"

And by the way, let me emphasize the obedience to the Lord's will part again. There is no hope in sinful responses. They sometimes look good, but they lead to nothing but further trouble. Problems truly become intractable, when we try to solve them sinfully, dysfunctionally, and dishonorably. I wish I had a nickel for every counseling client I've had, who had problem they were trying to solve with sin and who were completely baffled as to why things weren't getting better. Problems are best solved by following God's will — teens, like adults, need to remember this and have it constantly reinforced in heart.

But second, you teach hope to your teens by how you live. It will do little good to teach without a good example. What we say is validated as true by our children and especially our teens by what we actually practice. Do you live optimistically? Full of faith? Hopefully? Or is your example fearful, pessimistic, "faith-challenged", and full of "gloom and doom"? Do you need to teach yourself so that you can model hope for your own teen. You might be surprised at the results in your own life.

Hope isn't the foolproof firewall against every teenage danger. It's only a single tool in the parental toolbox to equip your teens against the things they're likely to face in their adolescence and early adulthood — but it's a powerful one. Don't neglect it, don't discount it as just fluff. Teach it and model it. Let it insulate your teen from despair and its frequent tragedy.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN MARCH

22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship 		<div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px; border: 1px solid #d9ead3;"> Casey B. </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class 	<div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px; border: 1px solid #d9ead3;"> C.J. A. </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 		<div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px; border: 1px solid #d9ead3;"> Mike/Pam </div>	<div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px; border: 1px solid #d9ead3;"> Karis F. </div>

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of March 22AMPMWed.
 AnnouncementsJohn SJohn S
 Song LeadingScott WDoug JCharles H
 Opening PrayerKyle JJohn S
 CommunionHugh RDavid J
 Scripture
 Closing PrayerDoug JCharles H
 GreeterJim B

Week of March 29AMPMWed.
 AnnouncementsBurley SBurley S
 Song LeadingDoug JScott WJim B
 Opening PrayerJim BReiven H
 CommunionMarty KHugh R
 Scripture
 Closing PrayerJim BBurley S
 GreeterRalph K



Sermon Notes...
