

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"*

Jesus, Thou Son of David

Much of the New Testament is validated through prophecy of the historical events recorded in the early writings of the Old Testament. Both the Old and New writings are 'inspired' by the Holy Spirit, therefore are the basis of all things dealing with Spiritual issues. This is the primary reason that we confirm these articles with quotations from both resources. It is also why we strive to connect the Old and the New writings whenever possible. It is intended to provide a deeper understanding of scripture and historical events leading up to the fulfillment of God's eternal Plan for salvation.

The earliest record of God's intent to provide a means by which salvation can be had is in **Genesis 12:1-3** when God came to Abram and announced the blessing he was to receive because of his deep faith. In **Galatians 3:16**, Paul provides insight that this ultimate blessing was in Christ. The fact that the promise dealt primarily with the Savior is most significant. The blessing for "all Nations" was not Abram's (Abraham) descendants as a whole, but in Christ alone.

The prophet Samuel was sent to the House of Jesse in **I Samuel 16:1** to select a replacement King for Saul "I have provided me a king among his sons." A sacrifice was to be made at the anointing of a new king prospect. Although David was not first included in the feast, he was brought in by order of the Prophet. God instructed Samuel that the younger son, David was His selection because, "man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh at the heart." God told Samuel, in **verse 12**, "anoint him; for this is he." **Verse 13**, "and the Spirit of the Lord was upon him from that day."

David would assume his role as King of Israel in **II Samuel 5:3**. The Prophet Nathan would later announce to King David, that God would bestow to him a very significant blessing. In **II Samuel, 7:1-15**, God would deliver a promise in **Verse 13**, "I will set up thy seed after thee which shall proceed out of thy bowels...and I will establish His kingdom...and I will stablish the throne of His kingdom forever." It was this declaration proclaimed by Nathan in the Old Testament Prophecy that became the title-bearing emblem for all generations that followed; "Jesus, Thou Son of David."

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 .

GREAT NEWS — Nina Easley was baptized into Christ Wednesday evening after our regular Bible class. She had been studying with brethren online and had come to the conclusion that she needed to obey the Lord!! Welcome this new sister to the family of God here at Rock Hill.



LEADERSHIP MEETING NOTES

- Park will be taking a week vacation time from June 11 to 18
- Our finances are in good shape with good contributions and good stewardship of our funds.
- The grass in the courtyard will be replaced as soon as our irrigation system is restored from the construction project on PGA.
- When PGA construction is finished, we'll probably seal our parking lot and re-stripe.



- We intend to have a fall meeting with an evangelistic theme.
- We will look into having a mission trip to Wisconsin this fall or spring.

LADIES' CLASS — Our ladies are not meeting over the summer. They will pick back up Aug. 18. In the meantime, they are trying to find a good summer book to read (we try to do that over the summer to stay engaged). If you have any suggestions or questions, please talk with Jessica S.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Recoveries...
 - Linda S had knee replacement surgery last week and is recovering at home. Please pray for a quick recovery.
 - Park's grandson, Jordan, hip surgery recovery
 - Eloise Isbell
 - The Mericks son, Konrad, had back surgery.
 - Lynn Turner is now at home.
 - Doug Jones, from cancer treatment
- The Turners' friend Judy has a dear friend with a serious foot infection
- The Turners' niece in Arkansas has an unborn baby who will need major surgery at birth and a 3 month recovery in a Houston hospital
- Reiven H. is having a really hard time walking
- Travis York, son of the the Yorks who were members of this congregation years ago, has had some health complications, Please pray for Travis and the Yorks.

When you open your Bible, it is as if God is opening His mouth. Read and let Him speak.

- Dianne H's oldest brother-in-law, Earl Lemons
- 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

- 5/24Num 27-29
- 5/25Num 30-31
- 5/26Num 32-33
- 5/27Num 34-36
- 5/28Deut 1-3
- 5/29Deut 4-7
- 5/30Deut 8-10



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.

ONE DAY CLOSER

Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. (Romans 13:11 NAS95)

It's easy to become complacent, to lose track of who we are and what we're here for. Day after day passes, nothing much seems to change, life goes on as it always has, we get caught up in the normal daily schedule and rhythm of life, and imperceptibly we find ourselves being lulled into spiritual carelessness or sleep.

Certainly this seems to be the reason why Paul pointed out the approaching nearness of the second coming of Christ to the Christians in Rome. Contextually, Paul was in the middle of the practical section of his letter, encouraging them to give themselves as living sacrifices, serving the Lord to the best of their ability, dealing with the evil that comes our way with goodness, and submitting to the governing authorities as good citizens. He was to go on warn about the temptations of the flesh and the need to deal wisely with one another in matters of opinion or conscience. And in the midst of all this, he reminds them to awaken from sleep for salvation was nearer to them than when they had believed. The needed to be alert, awake, and aware .

The word "alert" is found some 15 times in the New Testament. Jesus used it 5 times with regard to the second coming, warning that some disciples would lose focus and forget about his coming. And the apostle Paul used it often to nudge brethren and churches toward diligence and spiritual/mental sharpness. Peter used it to encourage his readers to watch out for a very clever and dangerous foe, Satan, who silently prowls waiting to ambush and surprise the unwary Christian. And that is not even including the

other times in the New Testament, when the call is to "wake up"!

So how do we stay alert? Paul gives us one way, remember that we are one day closer to meeting the Lord — through death or through Christ's coming — than we were yesterday. While it is true that some of us may get ill and be told that we have a limited amount of days or even hours left, many of us will not. We may go to sleep one evening and not awaken. We may be driving in our car and have a fatal accident. We may have a heart attack or a stroke that takes us immediately. We might be collateral damage in an act of violence. We may simply have a fatal accident around the home. It can all happen quickly and unexpectedly. But of course, we may also meet the Lord at His second coming, while we are in the midst of, well, anything. In any of these scenarios, we can and should be asking ourselves the question, "What if I were to meet the Lord right now, through death or His coming?"

The idea that we're closer now to meeting the Lord than when we began is the perfect answer to the observation that "He didn't come today," which can easily lead to the conclusion, He may not come tomorrow or the next day either — or the day or the month or the year after that. No, He didn't, BUT now we are even closer to that day than we were at the beginning of our walk with the Lord or even the beginning of today. The wise Christian must live continually in the realization that we are one heartbeat away or one trumpet away from meeting the Lord — living in the shadow of eternity. Are you ready?

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN APRIL & MAY

24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Yaw F. 🙏 ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship	Nancy R. 🙏 Memorial Day	Chris A. 🙏 Juliana S. 🙏 ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class	■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class			

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of May 24AMPMWed.
 AnnouncementsBurley SBurley S
 Song LeadingDoug JScott WCharles H
 Opening PrayerDavid JReiven H
 CommunionJohn SCharles H
 Scripture.....2 Kings 6:15-17
 Closing PrayerJim BKyle J
 Greeter.....Burley S

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 AnnouncementsJim BJim B
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Sermon Notes...
