

THE ROCK HILL HERALD

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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"*

Does Jesus Live in Me?

"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works." (John 14:10)

You might be familiar with Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." But do we know what it really means?

John 14:10 can help. Here Jesus points out confidently that His words are not really His own. Moreover, His works are really the Father's works, too. The clear implication of these verses and the larger context is that His complete life — words, deeds, attitudes, compassion, love, values, mercy, judgment, anger, and even more were direct reflections of the nature and personality of the Father.

This finds practical application in our own lives, when we realize that letting Christ live in us is not a matter of "a little here and a little there". Discipleship is a whole life commitment. All your old words, old works, old attitudes, old values, etc. are now to be dead. Instead, all of Jesus' words, works, attitudes, values, and more now are lived out in our lives — all the time, every day, everywhere, and under every condition. This is the way that Jesus let the Father live in Him.

But how do we know what Jesus' reactions, responses, words, deeds, etc. would be like in our 21st century lives? We're not as helpless as we might believe.

First, read the Bible. This sounds so simple, but it is so crucial. The Bible is God's word. In the Gospels we see Jesus among friends, social situations, among enemies, and in the midst of thorny problems; we see His values, morals, priorities, and so much more. So, read; come to know him, come to predict how He'd talk, act, think, and feel.

But secondly, we've been given the Spirit to help guide us (Ephesians 3:16). Now, this is not a touchy-feely offshoot of the charismatic world that I'm talking about. This help from the Spirit is preceded by a knowledge of Scripture (which the Spirit would never contradict) and a sensitivity to doing right.

When we become Christians, we are committing to die to ourselves and live to Christ. Will you? Or will you settle for a worldly version of Christianity, in which one may pick and choose the times we'll be like Jesus? Let's choose Jesus' definition of discipleship.

Park Linscomb

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.

ELOISE ISBELL who is at Mustang Creek Estates, an elderly care facility, has a birthday coming up, June 28. Let's all send her a card. Her address is 1200 W. Main St., House F, Room 2, Frisco TX 75033.

CURRENT ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

• Sunday AM — The book of Ephesians. Currently, we're in chapter 5 about to start chapter 6

• Wednesday PM — The book of 2 Corinthians. Currently, we're in chapter 6.

• 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
- Kodie S for successful surgery for a torn ACL
- 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.

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

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- 6/291 Sam 11-13
- 6/301 Sam 14-15
- 7/11 Sam 16-17
- 7/21 Sam 18-20
- 7/31 Sam 21-24
- 7/41 Sam 25-27
- 7/51 Sam 28-31

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.

WHAT COULD GOD DO WITH YOU?

God took some dust from the ground and from it formed a living, breathing man, complete with God's amazing image and a free will. Out of nothing but ordinary dirt!!

God took the rib of a man and made it into a woman, specially fitted as a proper companion for the man and able to bear children.

God took an old man and an old woman (Abram and Sarai), far too old to possess the ability to have children (Romans 4:19 and Hebrews 11:12 says they were "as good as dead"), and made a great physical and spiritual nation out of them by giving them a son from their own bodies.

God took a murderous criminal on the lam, working as a shepherd in the middle of nowhere (Moses), and through him led His people out of slavery to the most powerful nation on earth at the time — among other miracles, leading them through the Red Sea on dry ground.

God took a fearful and shy farm boy, Gideon, and pulled off the rout of 120,000 Midianites with a mere 300 Israelites.

God took a shepherd boy out of the sheep pasture (David) to defeat a giant, defeat every one of Israel's enemies, become king all Israel, and become a type of the Messiah to come.

God took Israelite hostages (Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) and helped shape two pagan empires by showing them the power and superiority of the one true God through their inspired interpretations of dreams and visions and courageous resistance to compromise with the pagan culture.

God took young Jewish orphan (Esther) and made her not only queen of Persia but a savior of her people.

God took fishermen, tax men, and political extremists (the 12 apostles) and turned the world upside down with them as they witnessed to everyone what they had seen and preached a simple message, the Gospel.

God took a misguided enemy of His people (Saul of Tarsus) and turned him into the greatest church planter that we know of in the first century (Paul).

And God has been taking ordinary, otherwise unremarkable men and women down through the centuries to bring others to Christ — over and over again. He has been taking ordinary Christian parents and raising up teachers, preachers, elders, deacons, servants, and missionaries for His Kingdom. He's taken ordinary words, ordinary finances, ordinary talents, ordinary education, and ordinary circumstances and made them something extraordinary for centuries.

God specializes in taking the common and unremarkable and making it into something marvelous. It's His favorite way to work; (2 Corinthians 12:9) "And [God] has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.' Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me."

He even specializes in taking discouraging and tragic circumstances and making something good, significant, and eternal out of them. We are assured (Romans 8:28), "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

The key? Faith, a willingness of the ordinary man or woman to walk through the doors He opens.

Who are you? Nobody? No one special? You might just be the very person God is looking for! Look for the doors He's opening for you; believe and pray that God will help your unbelief (Mark 9:24); and walk through the door.

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