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# 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

### Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

### Deacons:

- Reiven Holt
- Hugh Ruebush
- John Smetzer
- Burley Stinnett
- Fernando Zapata

*"We're Here  
and We Care"*

## GOD'S PLAN, PART 8

Why does the Apostle Paul refer so often to the Plan of God as a mystery? In **I Corinthians 2:7-14**, Paul says it in this way; *"we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the world...but God revealed them to us by His Spirit...the things of God knoweth no man... but the Spirit of God... Now we have received...the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."* According to the plan, the word of God would be provided by inspiration to and through the chosen "inspired" men of God in miraculous fashion. (**II Timothy 3:16** and **II Peter 1:19-21**) God never intended to provide the word in any other way. It was always a part of His Plan.

In order to confirm this, consider what Jesus told us in **Matthew 16:18-19**, *"I will give to you the keys to the kingdom of heaven and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth would be bound in heaven and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."* This is a directive from Jesus in regard to how the Word would be Inspired. To further validate this, look at **John 14:26**: *"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all thing to your remembrance, whatsoever I have told you."* In **John 16:7** "it is expedient (advantageous) that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter (Holy Spirit) will not come. **Verse 13**, *"Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of Truth is come, he will guide you into all truth for he shall not speak of himself but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak and he will show you things to come."*

To further understand this, Look at **John 12:48-49**. Jesus said, *"the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself, but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak".* Finally, **Acts 1:4-8** Jesus commanded them to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father, and receive *"power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses of me both in Jerusalem ...and the uttermost part of the earth."*

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 .

**HAPPY DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!** — is that really possible??

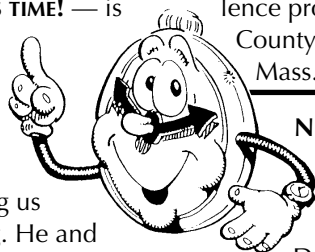
**SPECIAL SPEAKER THIS MORNING** — Cleve

Stafford, our missionary in Berkshire County in Massachusetts, will bring us the sermon this morning. He and Melinda are in town to be with their son and family for a few days, while their son recovers from an accident.

**EASTER IS NOT FAR AWAY** — Lots of people think about going to church twice a year, Christmas and Easter. Invite friends to come with you to church Easter Sunday (Mar. 31).

**LEADERSHIP MEETING** — All elders, deacons, and preacher: the monthly leadership meeting was supposed to be this Sunday afternoon, but it has been postponed to next Sunday at 4PM.

**A NEW CAMP DEER RUN CAMPERSHIP FUND.** Camp is a great experience for our young people, and the elders want to support every young person who wants to go. So, our congregation's elders, deacons, and preacher decided that we would inform all our young people (and families) that we will provide camper fees for this summer for those who'd like to go, 2 weeks costs \$895. To underwrite that we'll be inviting the congregation to contribute to a campership fund. If the fund would be short of the goal of \$4500, then we subsidize the re-



mainder with congregational funds. If you'd like to contribute to this fund by check, give it to Charles, but you can also give online in the same way you might give to support the church's general fund. A thermometer chart in the auditorium will help you track our progress.

**AN EVANGELISM CLASS** — Our next class will be at the Ruebushes home at 7PM on March 21. Join us!

**THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH** — We have an ongoing monthly benevolence program to help the Berkshire County church of Christ in Pittsfield Mass. See Trudy R. to contribute.

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS...

- Doug Jones' niece passed away last Wednesday evening. Please pray for Doug and his family as they grieve her loss.
- Joan Votaw is having bad back pain. She had surgery last week; pray for successful.

### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Bonnie Davidson has had a minor stroke. The doctors do not think she will have any long lasting effects from the stroke. Nevertheless, please pray for Suzanne and Alice as they take care of their mother and for Bonnie to improve.
- Lynn Turner recovering from a broken leg, now in PT. Lynn also has cancer
- Burley Stinnett Jr. — various health issues
- Rachel W's friend, Madeline, with Guillain-Barré syndrome
- Whitney Perez, cancer chemo
- Bev W., recovery, knee surgery.
- Zeke R. — PTSD, depression, a VA issues. Also, Zeke's sister-in-law Carmen R., eye sight
- Dianna C. for cancer treatment
- Sue Carter: digestive problems
- Freida R. recovering

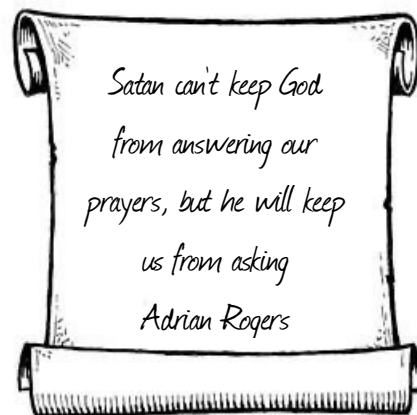
- Bonnie D. broken shoulder and, struggling; Suzanne as she cares for her mother
- The Stafford's grand-daughter
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the churches in New England
- brethren in India
- our elders, deacons, preacher, teachers, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregational

### LONG TERM REQUESTS

- Isela Hughes' sister Griselda's illness & friend Jeff with cancer (very ill)
- 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
- Ken C.

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

- Mar 10, Josh 1-4
- Mar 11, Josh 5-7
- Mar 12, Josh 8-9
- Mar 13, Josh 10-11
- Mar 14, Josh 12-14
- Mar 15, Josh 15-17
- Mar 16, Josh 18-20
- Mar 17, Josh 21-22



# 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.

## SOME IMPORTANT MARRIAGE PRINCIPLES

**Y**ou don't have to be a researcher to figure out that marriages in our culture are in trouble. Divorce rates are high and dissatisfaction among those who stay together is relatively high as well. The reason for this is undoubtedly the negative cultural changes that have inundated us over the last several decades — social experiments trying to tweak or even radically change what was working reasonably well for centuries. If I may be so bold, let me offer a few things that should be restored to (or kept sacred in) modern marriages to keep them alive and thriving.

**KEEP AND HONOR GOD'S ORDER** — One of the great points of friction in many a marriage is essentially, "Who's gonna be the boss?" Somehow humility, service, and genuine concern for one another has been often forgotten and replaced with concerns for pecking order and who gets to call the shots. God's way (Ephesians 5:22-33) teaches God's perfect order: the husband is the head of the wife, but he leads with the kind of love and concern with which Christ loves and cares for the church. And the wife trusts and follows her husband's lead as the church trusts and submits to Christ. When everyone is doing what they're supposed to do, nobody becomes a doormat for the other and marriage becomes the loving and nurturing environment it was meant to be.

**LOVE IS A DEED BEFORE IT BECOMES A FEELING** — Love isn't really such a mysteriously capricious emotion that you just fall into or out of — despite what pop songs and romance novels may say. To fall in love, you do loving things for the other person; to fall out of love, you stop doing loving things for the other person. Note, it is not doing loving deeds so the other person will fall in love with you; you do the loving deeds so that you will fall in love with the other person — it's usually not their fault that you've fallen out of love, it's usually yours. When couples get so wrapped up in themselves and stop doing the things that engendered love in the first place, love begins to wane and ultimately vanish. Be a loving partner and you will continue to experience the loving feeling

we all get married for, hoping to sustain til death do us part (John 15:12,13).

**GIVE YOUR MATE THE HIGHEST FAMILY PRIORITY** — An early source of unnecessary honeymoon disagreements is parents. Moreover, it's not unusual for people these days, in an effort to be the best parent possible, to sink every moment, effort, and energy into their kids. On the surface, loyalties to parents and children sounds like something you should do, and they should have some priority; but **first** you must also be a good spouse. Your husband or wife needs to have highest priority. A child's worst nightmare is mom's and dad's divorce; and a good parent would never want their child's marriage to fail. Marriage needs continual maintenance and care — even if it means putting the kids aside for an evening or two or ignoring your parent's phone calls for a short time. Your spouse, needs higher priority than your parents and your kids (Gen. 2:24).

**SOFT ANSWERS TURNS AWAY WRATH** — Loud arguments often settle nothing. When the volume rises, reason tends to fly out the window. You will doubtlessly disagree in marriage, but when you do, do so with a soft voice, because soft answers keep the "temperature" down and keep reason in the room, so that problems can be really solved (Prov. 15:1).

**MEET YOUR MATE'S NEEDS** — Yes, your mate has needs and they won't necessarily be yours, or ones that you understand, or in the same priority as yours; but ignoring your husband's or wife's needs is pretty much asking for trouble. If you do not, you are opening up your spouse to the temptation of having *someone else* meet those needs. Be wise, pay attention, and be concerned about one another's needs, whether you "get it" or not.

God said that it is not good for the man to be alone. He gave us marriage in the perfect Garden of Eden to help complete and fulfill us. Give attention to marriage God's way.

Park Linscomb

