

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"*

SPIRITUAL TIDBITS

THE TEN WHO FAILED

While the Children of Israel were parked in Paran, a significant event took place which had a detrimental effect on their future. According to **Numbers 13: 1-21**, God instructed Moses to *"send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them."* In **verses 4-16**, God went so far as to name the individuals from each tribe whose responsibility it was to be the 'delegate' for each tribe.

Obviously, God knew the outcome before it happened, and used it to 'test' all others and to teach all future candidates of 'the Faith'. We all know the story of the ten who could not trust God to deliver them versus the two who stood firm in their faith and trust. The two who trusted God as their deliverer were Caleb (of the tribe of Judah) and Oshea (grandson of Joseph) whom was called Jehoshua (Joshua) by Moses.

A spiritual tidbit regarding Caleb is this; it is the tribe of Judah through whom Jesus would be born. Furthermore, at the dividing of the kingdoms from the ten northern tribes (Israel) and the two southern tribes who would retain the name of Judah. Although Judah was the larger and more dominant of the two remaining tribes, it was joined by the tribe of Benjamin. These two tribes made up the southern kingdom that remained at Jerusalem, preserved by the name of 'Israel' today and occupying areas named the West Bank, East Jerusalem, The Golan Heights and the Gaza Strip.

The boundaries are largely disputed except for those who wish to maintain the 'Promised Land' to the descendants of Abraham. Under the Old Law, they were required to prove their ancestry throughout the generations. The core of the promise to Abraham was *"in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed"* **Genesis 12:3**. As we consider the prophesies and factual accounts of the Old and New Testaments, we see the promise fulfilled in the coming of the Messiah, Jesus the Christ, **Galatians 3:16**. With the fall of many because of disobedience, came the establishment of the Lord's Church. With this came a new discipline and subsequent plan to forgive us our sins and have our names written in the Lamb's Book of Life...**Acts 4:12**.

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 .

WELCOME BACK KENT AND AVERY, now Cates. They were our youth interns in 2024, were recently married, and they're visiting with us today.

THE LEADERSHIP MEETING that was supposed to be this Sunday has been postponed until August 24.

OUR NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST will be September 13 at 9AM. Come and enjoy the food, the fellowship, and the encouragement.

OUR NEXT FIRST SUNDAY SINGING PRACTICE will be September 7. Mark it on your calendar and join in learning new songs.

PARK WILL BE on “stay-cation” from August 17 through 23.

LADIES CLASS resumes August 19 at 10AM. Come enjoy the coffee, the fellowship, and wonderful study of God's word among your sisters!

IN ADDITION to your ordinary weekly support of Rock Hill's work, here are some other worthy projects you could support...

• **The White Rock Fund** — While the White Rock Fund could always use your contribution, there is a special reporting and fundraising event to be held at the Shawnee Trail church in Frisco on October 25. It's a great and encouraging event

that comes with a free lunch.

- **CHANGE CANS** — Foster's Home for Children left a number “change cans” (they take folding money, too) for any who want to make a contribution to this home and good work it does. They'll be collected very soon.
- **India Mission** — Burley Stinnett will be traveling to India for mission work from Sept. 9 through October 15. If you'd like to make a special contribution toward his work there, you can write checks to “India Mission” and put them in the collection plate (otherwise, hand them to Charles or Burley.
- **Hill Country Relief** — If you would like to contribute toward relief efforts for Kerrville and surrounding area, give your donations to Charles H. who will forward it to the Kerrville church of Christ
- **The Pittsfield MA church** — Those who wish to provide money to the Pittsfield MA church for their monthly benevolence fund can see Trudy R. to contribute.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Emma Cloud's family, since her grandmother passed away.
- Charles H traveling
- The Wallaces' friend Nancy and uncle Jerry, injury.

- Ardith now in hospice.
- A young women in Laurel, Delaware, having her first baby, but with complications.
- Esther Myrick, a very low blood count
- Reiven and Ora H — Pray for a quick and complete recovery.
- Ken Conklin is now home, but will still need prayers as he gains strength through PT and OT.
- Bonnie Davidson to be able to have physical strength to attend services.
- Our missionaries in Pittsfield MA, the Staffords, Peyton living with them.
- Mary H is recovering at home.
- Bonnie D recovering from a minor stroke.
- Sue C: digestive problems
- Churches in New England
- Brethren in India
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Elizabeth's cousin Tracy with Lupus, and also her cousin Debbie H.
- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Travis Y. feeding tube



THE WHITE ROCK FUND
Reporting and Fundraising Day
October 25, 2025
Shawnee Trail church of Christ



Mission reports
from all over
the world!
Luncheon

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Aug 10, Jer 13-15
- Aug 11, Jer 16-18
- Aug 12, Jer 19-22
- Aug 13, Jer 23-25
- Aug 14, Jer 26-27
- Aug 15, Jer 28-30
- Aug 16, Jer 31-32
- Aug 17, Jer 33-35

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.

ARE WE JUST "DUST IN THE WIND"?

You may or may not have heard of the pop song from the 70's called *Dust in the Wind* by a rock group called Kansas. It considered by many to be as close to a philosophical look at life as rock 'n' roll has ever had, evaluating life and our life's pursuits as vain and empty as the book of Ecclesiastes says — "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, 'Vanity of vanities! All is vanity.' What advantage does man have in all his work Which he does under the sun?" (Ecclesiastes 1:2, 3).



It's actually pretty depressing to think that everything you do, everything you obtain, every thing you may accomplish — from a purely material point of view — is only temporary and so largely pointless..

But good news!!! What we see with the eyes of flesh, with worldly minds that do not factor God into the equation, is not adequate. There is more. We (as we factor God IN) are more than dust in the wind, we are creatures made in God's own image and destined to live eternally. And this physical world isn't all there is; there is a spiritual reality we haven't seen and a new kind of heavens and new kind of earth that is prepared for the saved.

And that is why Jesus and the rest of the Scriptures call for us all to look beyond the material and see with spiritual eyes.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;" (Matt. 6:19)

Then what we do for others has meaning. Loved ones are not lost forever. The good we do has eternal consequences.

This is why Solomon concluded...

The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. 14 For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil. (Eccl. 12:13)

Live with the long view in mind.

Ecclesiastes was written by Solomon as a sort of poetic record of a grand experiment to discover where happiness in this world can really be found. And truth be known, no one could be better qualified to conduct this experiment than Solomon, the richest and wisest king who ever lived. He had access to riches that allowed to buy, build, learn, experience, and do pretty much anything — and according to Ecclesiastes, he did. Now many might think, *That would be pretty great!* But as Solomon found out happiness, meaning, purpose are not found in this world, a world without God. Nothing in this world is permanent; happiness can be and often is taken away just as quickly as it came. Money can't buy the really important things; popularity vaporizes quickly, achievements quickly become mere history; pleasure is fleeting; and there is really nothing new under the sun. And life without God can be observed to be nothing more than a chaotic cycle of absurd opposites without meaning or order (see Eccl. 3:1-8).

And this is similar to Kansas' lyrics...

*Same old song
Just a drop of water in an endless sea
All we do
Crumbles to the ground, though we refuse to see*

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN AUGUST

10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Koreen V.	Hunter M.	Jacob K. Karlei L.	7:00PM Wed. Bible class			
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SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of August 10AMPM.....Wed.

Announcements Charles H..... Charles H
 Song Leading..... Scott W..... Doug J Charles H
 Opening Prayer Burley S Reiven H
 Communion Chris S Doug J
 Closing Prayer Charles H..... Scott W
 A/V Control..... John S John S Scott W
 Greeter..... Burley S

Week of August 17AMPM.....Wed.

Announcements Burley S Burley S
 Song Leading..... Doug J Scott W Charles H
 Opening Prayer Jim B Hugh R
 Communion David J..... Jim B
 Closing Prayer Doug J Reiven H
 A/V Control..... Charles H..... John S Scott W
 Greeter..... Jim B



Sermon Notes...
