

# 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

### Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

### Deacons:

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

### Interns:

- Kent Cates & Avery Nicks

*"We're Here  
and We Care"*

## WHAT ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit was always the 3<sup>rd</sup> person of the 'Godhead', and was instrumental in carrying out the wishes of God. One of the greatest assignments of the Holy Spirit pertained to God's Plan for salvation. The Holy Spirit was active in creation, and also active with the Prophets according to ***II Peter 1:21***, "*For the prophesy came not in Old Time by the will of man, but Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost*". This was to be a pattern of how God would work with the apostles. We know from scripture that a change would occur in the role that the Holy Spirit would be commanded to work.

On the day of Pentecost in ***Acts 2:38***, Peter mentions "*ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit*." We know from ***Ephesians 1:13-14*** that those who were baptized were "*sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise...which is the earnest (deposit) of our inheritance*" (salvation in Christ Jesus). Please notice that this is not a promise to believers to have miraculous powers, but an attribute of the Holy Spirit under the New Covenant.

A simple key to understanding the New Covenant was written by Paul in ***Galatians 3:19-27***. Note the transition: "*Where then serveth the Law...it was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made (Gal 3:16)...if there had been a Law given that could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law...but the scripture hath concluded (included) all under sin, that the promise of faith in Christ Jesus might be given to them that believe...wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith...for as many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*"

The apostle Paul explained this to the Galatians; the Old Law was given with purpose; it prepared mankind by prophesy of the New Covenant; it helped to show the importance of obedience, and further indicated the power and authority of God. It also drew a virtual 'line in the sand' for all future generations. All are included in sin which leaves mankind in a pitiful state. However, there is a wonderful Plan of Salvation for everyone who accepts the truth in Christ. ***II Peter 3:9***. "*God is not willing that anyone should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*"

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 .

**THIS MORNING** Cleve and Mel Stafford are with us; Cleve will be preaching in the AM.

**THE LEADERSHIP MEETING** has been postponed from today to August 25, due to various leaders being out of town. Mark it on your calendar, leaders.

**THIS WEDNESDAY** we'll continue our study of "Questions that want biblical answers" on the meaning of Romans 9-11. Come join us and understand better what Paul meant in this section of Scripture.

**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...

- Charlotte McKay's family at the death of her son
- Joan Votaw, pray for her
- Rosa Z for recovery from knee surgery, home now
- Thanksgiving for John B. successful stint procedure
- Sue Allen asks for prayers for Ricky Streetman who was in a

car wreck with multiple broken bones.

### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Elizabeth's brother-in-law recovering from a car accident, and her step-brother with multiple health problems
- Melinda Stafford's mother and brother in S. Africa

## What's Going On?

- Esther Myrick's health.
- Mary Hall had a partial hip replacement.
- Emma asks us pray for her grandmother, Karla Rothbauer, early onset dementia.

*The Bible is none other than the voice of Him that sitteth upon the throne. Every book of it, every chapter of it, every syllable of it, every letter of it, is the direct utterance of the Most High.*  
John William Burgon

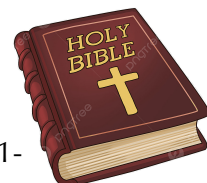
- Jessica had asked us to pray for one of her classmates' son, Cole Atkins, who was in a terrible vehicle accident.
- Bonnie Davidson recovering from a minor stroke.
- Lynn Turner: cancer
- Dianna C. for cancer treatment
- Sue Carter: digestive problems
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the churches in New England
- brethren in India
- our elders, deacons, preacher, teachers, interns, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

### LONG TERM PRAYER 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

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



# 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.*

## THE ILLUMINATION THAT LEADS TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

*"I know, O LORD, that a man's way is not in himself, Nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps." (Jeremiah 10:23)*

Since the beginning of time, at the sin of Adam and Eve, it has been pretty plain that mankind — all of us — are pretty terrible at figuring things out on our own. Oh sure, we discovered fire, wheels, sliced bread, and have put a man on the moon; but we struggle with right and wrong. We always seem so cock-sure that we know what's right; but in truth, without God in the driver's seat, our notion of right inevitably turns out to be wrong. Just survey the centuries' of philosophers and man-made religions for all the proof you'll need. Each new generation gets a few things right, but they also get a lot of things wrong and fall short of God's perfect will. And this is why Jeremiah 10:23 is oftentimes called "The illumination that leads to righteousness" — we will never figure out right and wrong on our own; we must look to the Lord.

The Scripture tells us that God has given to us a basic conscience about what's right and wrong and what's fair; but in our lustful, greedy, jealous, and hateful hearts we look for and usually come up with reasons why the basics of honor, purity, contentment, and love just don't apply to us or to our "advanced" age (whatever that age might be). And we foolishly construct our own set of morals that conveniently allow us to do what we want to do. But in fairly short order the new system fails and we grope around for something new — something other than God's way, because surely that's so old-fashioned that it wouldn't work for us. Except that it does work for those who choose to obey it. Lives are better, marriages are better, families are better, society itself is better. In fact the only ones who aren't better are the ones whose consciences have been pricked by seeing the practice and beneficial outcome of those who are obedient.

But more than mere morality, we must look to the Lord for salvation, too. There is a universal

understanding of being in trouble with God (or the gods). Some religious institutions teach trying to do enough good to counter-balance the bad in our lives; others will just teach a universal forgiveness for all, because God would never judge us; others tell us that salvation and forgiveness is by faith alone...in something; and still others call upon men to continue to make animal sacrifices for their sins. Philosophies, influenced by scientism, try to soothe our consciences by trying to convince us that there is no right or wrong and there won't be any accountability in the end. But those salvation solutions are all man-made solutions — none are from God Himself, who is the offended Party in the matter of salvation. Wouldn't you expect that the most authoritative source for salvation would be the One who has been offended by our sin? And yes, it does include faith in Jesus (specifically), repentance, confession of faith, and baptism in Jesus' name for forgiveness of sins.

And in addition to these two, we must also look to the Lord for the way to serve and worship Him. This is one of those areas, again, where mankind has made the attempt to make up his own rules, patterns, etc. with everything from ecstatic utterances, to instrumental music, to interpretative dance, to a leadership hierarchy, to man-made books of discipline and catechism. But are we humans really the ones with the authority and wisdom to know what pleases God in worship? Cain, Nadab and Abihu, and Jeroboam all found out the hard way that man-made innovations and novelties in worship aren't acceptable to God. Here's an idea: let's ask God what is acceptable, what is pleasing to Him, how His church should be organized. and what it should teach — otherwise known as "the illumination that leads to righteousness".

We'd like to think we know what we're doing in the spiritual world, but sober reflection makes it clear that in all things spiritual "a man's way is not in himself, Nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps."

Park Linscomb

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN AUGUST

18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Joan V. 🎂		Jim & Carol P. ❤️	Beverly W. 🎂	Dale & Lavonia C. ❤️	Stahr T. 🎂	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00AM Bible classes</li> <li>■ 10:00AM Worship</li> <li>■ 6:00PM Worship</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class</li> </ul>		Terry H. 🎂	

## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

**August 11 .....AM.....PM**  
 Announcements .....Jim B  
 Songleading .....Doug J.....Scott W  
 Opening Prayer .....Reiven H.....Charles H  
 Communion .....Doug J.....Scott W  
 Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Closing Prayer .....Charles H.....David J  
 A/V Control .....Hunter M .....John S  
 Greeter .....Burley S

**Wed PM, August 14**

Songs .....Jim B  
 A/V .....Charles H

**August 18 .....AM.....PM**  
 Announcements .....Charles H  
 Songleading .....Scott W .....Doug J  
 Opening Prayer .....Chris S .....Fernando Z  
 Communion .....Burley S .....Jim B  
 Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Closing Prayer .....Doug J.....Hugh R  
 A/V Control .....Hunter M .....John S  
 Greeter .....Jim B

**Wed PM, August 21**

Songs .....Reiven H  
 A/V .....Charles H



Sermon Notes...

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