

# 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

### PAYING THE PRICE

The time that the children of Israel spent at Paran marked a defining moment for them, as well as an example for us. It shows a good example of 'free moral freedom' that remains with us today. In **Numbers 14** is the response of the people to the attitude of the 'Ten who failed' by faith and trust in God to deliver them. As a result of their decision, God required of them two measures of discipline; one was extended over 40 years while the other was immediate.

God was so displeased with their attitudes toward Him that in **Num. 14: 12** He declares, *"I will smite them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and will make of thee (Moses) a greater nation and mightier than they."* Had Moses not appealed to God, the 'promised nation' would have been destroyed, and God would have brought us to Jesus in another way. However, in the following verses **vv. 20 -35**, God outlines his 40 year judgement upon them (**Romans 12:19** *"Vengeance is mine, I will repay"*).

This declaration of God should exemplify His power, patience and authority as well as His ability to exercise judgement to the extent of *unpopular measures!* Certainly, God has the authority to forgive under the New Testament rule of grace, while at the same time hold us responsible for the decisions we make (**Hebrews 10:26, James 4:17**). God has made it clear through the inspired writers that He is *"a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him"* (**Hebrews 11:6**). Do not think it unfair to have a different reward for those who *casually* seek Him.

As far as the immediate reaction of God to the non-believer (the ten spies who failed in their faith), their fate became an obvious physical reaction. In **Numbers 14:36-37**, they are identified and condemned openly for the negative influence on the children of Israel. By their open display, they were held responsible and *"made all the congregation murmur against him (Moses) by bringing slander against the land...died by the plague before the Lord."*

The census included *"men over the age of 20 years" which numbered 603,550* (**Numbers 1:46**). According to the judgement passed by God in **Numbers 14:20-35**, *"they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers...your carcasses shall fall in the wilderness and all that were numbered of you."* What should we learn from the Father's judgement?

# 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 .

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

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

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

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

**PARK WILL BE** on “stay-cation” this week, from August 17 through 23.

**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...

- Steve Silva underwent corneal eye surgery this past week. Please pray for a quick recovery.

- Susie C. had eye surgery. Pray for a quick recovery.
- Ardith now in hospice.
- 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 17, Jer 33-35
- Aug 18, Jer 36-38
- Aug 19, Jer 39-41
- Aug 20, Jer 42-44
- Aug 21, Jer 45-48
- Aug 22, Jer 49-50
- Aug 23, Jer 51-52
- Aug 24, Lam 1-2

# 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.

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## NOAH AROUND THE WORLD

One of the most familiar stories of the Bible is that of Noah and the Flood. It is a story that also finds a lot of skepticism. It's unbelievable, they say because of the number of animals needed on the ark, the improbability of a world-wide flood that covered the mountains, and the lack of technology to build a flood-surviving boat available to men at this time in history.

First, not every single variant of species would be needed to repopulate the earth, just a representative of every species. Within each species is a God-given ability to adapt to various environments and ecosystems. Each species would be able to produce numerous sub-species; thus, the number of animals would be greatly reduced.

Second, calling a world-wide flood improbable doesn't make it impossible. Clearly the Bible describes flooding agents that we don't have around today — windows of the sky which opened and springs under the earth which broke upward. Moreover, it is likely that at least some of the mountain ranges, continents, etc. may have been significantly different in a pre-flood world.

Third, we have no idea what kind of technology was available in a pre-flood world. Archaeology continues to uncover products that even modern technology cannot produce (e.g., the pyramids, crystal skulls, metallurgical products, and batteries found in Babylon).

But is there any positive evidence of Noah's flood? Some look for Noah's actual ark, but that is unlikely to be discovered. Nevertheless, there is something that many have often overlooked, the numerous versions of a world-wide flood found in cultures around the world. Robert Schoch notes that there are at least 500 flood myths.

*"Narratives of a massive inundation are found all over the world...Stories of a great deluge are found on every inhabited continent and among a great many different language and culture groups." (Schoch, Robert M. (2003), Voyages of the Pyramid Builders (New York: Jeremy P. Parcher/Putnam), pp. 103 and 249).*

Noah-like stories are found in Babylon, Syria, Persia, India, Norway, China, Mexico, Egypt, Wales, Ireland, Indonesia, Romania, etc. One tribe of American Indians (the Toltecs) relate a story so similar to the Noahic flood that it even includes a story similar to the Biblical story of Babel and the confusion of the languages of the world.

Among the Nosu in China a man named Dum heeded the warning of God of an impending flood and entered a wooden boat and was saved. The three sons of Dum repopulated the rest of the world. In fact, the Chinese pictogram for boat is composed of figures that may well tell the story of Noah's flood.

舟 + 八 + 口 = 船  
vessel + eight + mouth (or people) = boat

On and on the similar stories could be cited from civilizations and cultures around the world, based on cultural memory of a world-wide catastrophe coming from well before Genesis was written. Such memories will naturally be remembered some details altered and others absent, but once the cultural trappings are eliminated from the kernel of truth there is tremendous agreement...

- There was a world-wide flood that destroyed all but a handful of the human race and all air breathing creatures.
- A great boat saved the survivors
- All of modern mankind and the animal kingdom came from these survivors

The similarities are stunning. Even W. M. Wundt, no friend of the Bible, wrote in *Elements of Folk Psychology*, "Of the combination of all these elements into a whole (the destruction of the earth by water, the rescue of a single man and seed of animals by means of a boat, etc.), however, we may say without hesitation, it could not have arisen twice independently" (1916, p. 392).

The conclusion seems obvious. The world-wide flood of Noah really did occur, and is told in various forms among peoples around the world. Since it did, it strongly implies some other really interesting things...

- ▶ The earth and the universe is much younger than modern science believes
- ▶ The layers of the earth are the marks of the great flood
- ▶ The fossil record is not from millions and billions of years ago, but is further evidence of a great flood
- ▶ Sin does matter to God and He is willing to judge men's deeds
- ▶ The Bible is telling the truth here and elsewhere about its miracles, prophecies, and spiritual reality.

Park Linscomb

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN AUGUST

|   | 17        | 18 | 19 | 20   | 21           | 22                   | 23   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00AM Bible classes</li> <li>■ 10:00AM Worship</li> <li>■ 6:00PM Worship</li> </ul> | Joan V. 🙏 |    |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jim &amp; Carol P. ❤️</li> <li>■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class</li> </ul> | Beverly W. 🙏 | Dale & Lavonia C. ❤️ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stahr T. 🙏</li> <li>Terry H. 🙏</li> </ul> |

## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

### Week of August 17 .....AM .....PM.....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

### Week of August 24 .....AM .....PM.....Wed.

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



Sermon Notes...

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