

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

Interns:

- Kent Cates & Avery Nicks

*"We're Here
and We Care"*

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MISSION

The pathway unto salvation is an incredible journey and the study of God's Plan is undeniably the 'greatest story ever told'. It began with the announcement of a "Savior, which is Christ the Lord" **Luke 2:11**. For generations, the anticipation was building toward the actual event of the birth of Jesus. As Jesus grew into a young man, he also grew in favor of His Father. However, the Plan of God included the "sacrifice by death" in order to fulfill the Plan for Salvation by God's own design, but was not complete with the death of Jesus.

The Plan could not have occurred without His sacrifice for sin. Yet the world claims, "salvation through the blood of Jesus" as the determining factor in salvation, forgetting the remainder of the things that God intended. *This is the purpose of the Holy Spirit; to deliver truth and guide the saints.* The average person today sees little spiritual benefit for what the remainder of this great story reveals.

If you recall **John 7:39**, John writes of the living water that Jesus describes. He amplifies the comments of inspiration saying "this spake He of the Holy Ghost, which had not yet been given, because that Jesus was not yet glorified." Jesus points out that the time had not fully come, and there was more to the story. Think back to **Matthew 16:19** in which Jesus informs the disciples, "I will give unto thee the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shalt be bound in heaven..." This is not an idle remark, but a commanding forecast of what was about to transpire!

This becomes even more clear in **Acts 1:3-8** when Jesus commands His Apostles to "not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father...ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence...ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses of me...unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Jesus' crucifixion was prophesied in advance by the will of the Father. The completion of God's plan for salvation came only after the Holy Ghost was sent with commandments that covered the remainder of what God prepared to bring salvation unto the faithful believers. We must teach our children in great detail regarding salvation in Christ Jesus, and the exclusivity of the Lord's Church.

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 .

THE LEADERSHIP MEETING has been postponed 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 WALLACES AND HALEYS are out of town at Shawn Wallace's wedding

LADIES — Elizabeth has generously donated material for ladies to use. We are having an organizational meeting Thursday August 22 at 10AM in the fellowship hall to determine the details of a sewing project and to sort the material. We hope to see you there Any questions, see Trudi.

THERE IS A "TABLE SHOWER" for Jacob and Rachel Kopenski on the back table under the bulletin board.

A BABY SHOWER is planned for Savannah Kissinger August 31 at 11:00AM in the fellowship hall. There is a sign up sheet for bring food in the back of the auditorium. And by the way, it's a boy!

JOAN VOTAW died this past Sunday morning. Viewing will be held on Monday, August 19th 2024 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Garrett Family Funeral Home & Cremation Service (311 SW 2nd St,

Checotah, OK 74426). A graveside service will be held on Monday, August 19th 2024 at 1:00 PM.

IT WAS GREAT TO HAVE Cleve and Mel Stafford are with us last Sunday morning; Cleve really encouraged us in his lesson.

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...

- Please pray for the family of Joan Votaw
- Our summer interns, Kent and Avery, back at school.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Charlotte McKay's family at the death of her son
- Rosa Z for recovery from knee surgery, home now
- Elizabeth's brother-in-law recovering from a car accident, and her step-brother with multiple health problems
- Sue Allen asks for pryers for Ricky Streetman who was in a car wreck with multiple broken bones.



- Melinda Stafford's mother and brother in S. Africa
- Esther Myrick's health.
- Mary Hall recovering from a partial hip replacement.
- Emma's grandmother, Karla Rothbauer, early onset dementia.

- 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.

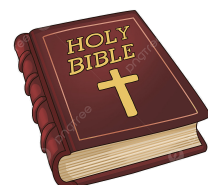
LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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.

Happy indeed, is that church whose members not only desire to reach heaven themselves, but desire also to take others with them. — C.J. Ryle

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- 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.

ABOUT NEGATIVE TEACHING

"Then the LORD stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, 'Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, To pluck up and to break down, To destroy and to overthrow, To build and to plant.'" Jeremiah 1:9, 10, NAS95.

Speaking the Lord's word has its share of thrills and privilege. I love to tell people about the forgiveness found in Jesus. I love talking about the resurrection body, Heaven, the tree of life, and the golden streets. I love talking about the Savior's love for undeserving mankind and about the victory found in Jesus. It's faith-lifting to me to talk of prayer, providence, and the power of God. And I am over-awed in speaking about the holiness and majesty of the only true and living God evidenced in a clear, starry night sky, the power of a storm, the grandeur of the mountains, and the "resurrection" of spring.

On the other hand, there are times when speaking God's word isn't quite as pleasant. Sometimes a preacher needs to talk about sin. Sometimes about error. Sometimes I need to tell people that they should do something that they really don't want to do. Sometimes those conversations or sermons are kind of awkward and uncomfortable. But that's the nature of faithful service to both God and man.

And yes, you read that correctly, "faithful service to both God and man."

"Humph," someone might say, "It doesn't feel like much of a service to me, when you're telling me I'm wrong or you're correcting me."

Yeah, I get that, believe it or not. But I also know that anyone in their right mind would prefer to be corrected by a human being here and now, when there's still opportunity to do a course-correction; rather than be judged by God in the ultimate sense on the last day, without a chance to change things. What sort of favor am I (or any Christian) doing for someone lost in sin by saying nothing and letting them remain in the sin that will damn them in the end? What service am I doing by keeping my peace toward someone who has believed in Jesus, but has never obeyed Him in baptism?

Yes, the message is sometimes negative, but correction, rebuke, reproof, warning, and admonition are all part of the Lord's Gospel and the teachings of the New Testament. Did you notice in the passage quoted above that $\frac{2}{3}$ of the message was going to be negative; only $\frac{1}{3}$ was about building and planting. The inspired apostle Paul speaks of a similar ratio, too...

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;" 2 Timothy 3:16, NAS95.

and

"preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction." 2 Timothy 4:2, NAS95.

Why this ratio? Largely because doing sinful things is just so common and false teachings are everywhere. If you're a math teacher and students are coming up with lots of subtraction errors, you wouldn't dwell on the elegance of a good algebra equation; you'd mainly work on correcting the subtraction errors—even if you also wanted to talk about the beauty of algebra. Similarly, to enjoy the newness of life given at baptism (Romans 6:4), to experience abundant living given by the Lord (John 10:10), and to be certain that the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you (2 Peter 1:9) corrections, rebukes, reproof, etc. will be needed—along with the positive exhortations.

So next time you hear a negative Biblical teaching or sermon or statement, please at least entertain the idea that it's not being offered in ill-humored criticism and judgment, but instead may be offered as a faithful service to both God and yourself. After all...

"Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold is a wise reprovener to a listening ear." Proverbs 25:12, NASB.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN AUGUST

18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Joan V. 🙏 ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship		Jim & Carol P. ❤️	Beverly W. 🙏 ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class	Dale & Lavonia C. ❤️	Stahr T. 🙏 Terry H. 🙏	

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

August 18AM.....PM

AnnouncementsCharles H
 SongleadingDoug J.....Doug J
 Opening PrayerChris SFernando Z
 CommunionBurley SJim B
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerDoug J.....Hugh R
 A/V ControlHunter MJohn S
 GreeterJim B

Wed PM, August 21

SongsReiven H
 A/VCharles H

August 25AM.....PM

AnnouncementsBurley S
 SongleadingScott WDoug J
 Opening PrayerDavid JScott W
 CommunionCharles HFernando Z
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerScott WJim B
 A/V ControlHunter MJohn S
 GreeterJohn S

Wed PM, August 28

SongsJim B
 A/VCharles H



Sermon Notes...
