

# 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 LIVING SACRIFICE

A great deal of Biblical History is revealed regarding the wandering of the children of Israel after the 12 spies returned. It is important to note that God was ready to *"destroy and disinherit them"* in **Numbers 14;11-12**. Moses intervened and God relented. However, retribution was required of them by God's justice and they were severely punished for their disbelief. The specific 10 who influenced the people against God's ability to deliver them were killed by a plague, while the remainder was declared unfit to occupy the Promised Land. These were all condemned to die in **v. 29** while *"wandering in the wilderness...all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number...who murmured against Me (God)."*

The encampment at the time the spies were dispatched was within the Desert of Paran, near Kadesh Barnea. Obviously, it is near enough to the Land of Canaan to gain a quick look, but would prove to be a detriment to their progress.

In **verses 29-35**, the sentence is written *"Your carcasses shall fall in the wilderness...ye shall not come into the land... your little ones will I bring in...and your children shall wonder in the wilderness...until your carcasses are wasted in the wilderness... after the number of days in which ye searched the land...each day for a year shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years...and ye shall know my breach of promise... unto all this evil congregation that are gathered together against Me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die."*

The sentencing announced by God for those whose faith was insufficient identified them as an *'evil congregation'*. It is worth noting; it was not disobedience to a Law that had been given, but a general lack of belief, faith and trust. Certainly, their good fortune came as a *'Promise'* made to a righteous man, Abraham, but there was also the extension of the promise to this generation (the seed of Abraham).

Their sin should be apparent. The Promise was construed by them to be an automatic entry without further obligation on their part. The popular denominational teaching is no different. The idea that Jesus died to bring us salvation, does not entitle us to salvation because we believe that He died for (automatic) redemption...but that he died to finalize God's ultimate Plan for salvation: revealed unto us in the sum of His word **Romans 12;1-2**.

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 .

**LADIES CLASS** has resumed August 19 and will be meeting regularly 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.

**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** — There will be a special collection for the India work on September 7. If you're interested in contributing this this good work that Burley is involved with, don't miss this opportunity to participate with him in the winning of souls in India.
- **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 recovering for a heart oblation..
- 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

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

- Aug 24, Lam 1-2
- Aug 25, Lam 3-5
- Aug 26, Ezekiel 1-4
- Aug 27, Ezekiel 5-8
- Aug 28, Ezekiel 9-12
- Aug 29, Ezekiel 13-15
- Aug 30, Ezekiel 16
- Aug 31, Ezekiel 17-19



**THE WHITE ROCK FUND**

Reporting and Fundraising Day  
October 25, 2025  
Shawnee Trail church of Christ



Mission reports  
from all over  
the world!  
Luncheon

# 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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## THE MARKS OF MYTH AND HISTORY

**W**e all recognize the way that a fairy tale, myth, or legend begins. "Once upon a time, a long time ago, in a land far away..." or (if you're a Star Wars fan) "A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away..." There are two things to notice here: the time and the place are nebulous, vague, shadowy, and obscure. There are no specifics about place, time references, known historical figures, etc.

History, on the other hand, is different. Anyone who has ever taken a history class or a history test knows, history is chock full of dates, places, events, and people. Specificity of dates, location, events, and people is the very hallmark of history. Without them, the honest inquirer will naturally be skeptical of their reality

And yet, despite the doubt and unbelief of many in the world, what do we find with Bible events? Specificity. And we shouldn't be surprised, since the Bible really is a telling of history following a very specific thread of it — the bringing of the Savior into the world for mankind's redemption. Indeed, the Bible goes out of its way over and over again to provide dates, locations, and cross-referencing historical events and figures. We may find the genealogies of the Bible boring for the same reason we found history class boring, but they are there for a reason — to mark this as verifiable history. The prophets often date their prophecies by the kings who ruled that year, or earthquakes that were recorded, or invasions from foreign powers that occurred. The events (miraculous and otherwise) are meticulously located in places around Israel that can be found today. Gentile nations around Israel will often reference kings and events that the Bible also talks about. The only logical con-

clusion to reach is that the Bible truly is a book of history, and not of myth and legend.

Of course, those who doubt might be willing to agree on some historical truth being in the Bible — until they get to the miraculous stuff. If you don't believe in God, or don't want to believe in God, the record of miraculous events will be your "proof" that the Bible is a myth.

But if you find yourself in this school of doubt, please consider this: in many cases the miraculous things that happened were witnessed by sometimes scores, sometimes hundreds, and sometimes thousands. Even more, sometimes the miraculous things of the Bible are witnessed obliquely by historical evidence (e.g., Sennacherib's inexplicable retreat from Jerusalem or the conquest of Canaan by Israel). Will we really discount all the witnesses, because they tell me things I don't want to believe? I hope not. I hope you're not buying that the witnesses were 1) part of a grand conspiracy, 2) a bunch of unsophisticated and naive rubes, or 3) just flat out duped. But 1) if it were a conspiracy, it spanned hundreds of years, and that's unlikely. If you 2) believe the witnesses to be naive, you are way underestimating them as stupid knuckle-draggers (see 1 Sam. 6:1-9, esp. v. 9). And if you think that 3) all these folks were just duped, reread the miracles again and notice how unlikely that is, too (e.g., crossing the Red Sea and the Jordan River).

There are hallmarks of both myth and history. The Bible, including its miracles, bears the unmistakable marks history, not myth.

*Park Linscomb*

