

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"*

GOD'S PLAN-27

WHAT ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Issues concerning the Holy Spirit of God have long been 'discussed' by religious people with little or no agreement. The primary issue is...What is the work of Holy Spirit for us today? The debate on either end of the spectrum is; (1) not a factor of direct intervention or influence, and only in the written Word. (2) Provides even miraculous intervention today.

To better understand what the role of the Holy Spirit is, let us consider what we know from Scripture. In the God-head, there are three (3) that can be identified; Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Obviously, the role of the Father and Son have been made clear by scripture. The part of the Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost) has been described well in both the Old and New Testament. I like to think of the Holy Spirit as the Spiritual Facilitator to help carry out the will of God, which in many instances was miraculous in nature. For example in Creation, *"The Spirit of God moved across the face of the waters,"* **Genesis 1:2**. It was the same Holy Spirit in **Acts 2:2-4** that came as a *"rushing mighty wind"* and guided the Inspired writers to write the New Testament, **II Timothy 3:16**, as well as the Old Testament **II Peter 1:20-21**.

The inspired Word tells us the Holy Spirit was instrumental and responsible to (1) do the will of God (2) to do the will of the Christ (**John 12:48-49**) which essentially was the same. Jesus instructed His Apostles to, *"wait in Jerusalem until they be endued with power from on High"*, it was the Holy Spirit they were awaiting **John 14:26**, **Luke 24:49**.

It is important to note this; before a single word of the New Testament was written (in approximately 50AD), spiritual instruction was limited to the Old Testament writings, and the words of the Prophets (**Hebrews 1:1**). After Pentecost, the Gospel was preached by the Inspired men of God and miraculous gifts were used to validate the New Covenant in Christ. Without these miraculous gifts facilitated by the Holy Spirit, the inspired men of God would have only limited success. Further knowledge that was to be provided in written form by the New Testament would not be available for several more years. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us, and we depend upon God to likely use him to deliver our prayers and help provide results.

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 .

TODAY IS OUR SUMMER INTERNS' (KENT AND AVERY) LAST DAY with us after a great summer of good works. Our youth are energized and even our “old-th” have been encouraged and uplifted by their energy and good works for the Lord. Pray for their safe return to school and their impending marriage in the spring — and that maybe they'll think about coming back next summer.

THIS EVENING after evening worship services we'll have a combined birthday cake and going away party for Kent and Avery.

WHAT A GREAT LESSONS were brought last Sunday by Kent and John. We were all blessed by these lessons.

THIS SUNDAY EVENING'S SERMON will continue with part 2 of *Rules for Family Communication*. Come find out what God says about how we should communicate in our marriages and families.

NEXT SUNDAY Cleve and Mel Stafford will be with us; Cleve will be preaching in the AM.

A “TABLE SHOWER” — two of our own, Shawn Wallace and Jacob Kopinski will be or (in Jacob's case) already be married. Their families are placing a shower

table in the back of the auditorium for anyone who'd like to wish them well.

THIS WEDNESDAY we'll continue our study of “Questions that want biblical answers” and study 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...

- Joan Votaw, pray for her recovery. She has been moved to a regular room at the Denton Regional Hospital. You may send her cards to the address that is listed in the church directory.
- Charlotte McKay's son had to be hospitalized with some health issues.
- Elizabeth's sister is doing much better after her car accident. However, her husband was hit and is suffering with major back pain and has been out of work for 2 weeks.
- Elizabeth's step-brother is back in the hospital with shortness of breath from multiple health problems.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Esther Myrick's health.
- Mary Hall had a partial hip replacement.
- Jim Boles family on the loss of his brother.

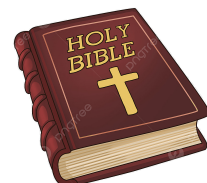
- Emma asks us pray for her grandmother, Karla Rothbauer, early onset dementia.
- Jessica had asked us to pray for one of her classmates' son, Cole Atkins, who was in a terrible vehicle accident.
- Melinda Stafford's mother and brother in S. Africa
- Bonnie Davidson recovering from a minor stroke.
- 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 4, Isa 60-63
- Aug 5, Isa 64-66
- Aug 6, Jer 1-3
- Aug 7, Jer 4-6
- Aug 8, Jer 7-9
- Aug 9, Jer 10-12
- Aug 10, Jer 13-15
- Aug 11, Jer 16-18



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.

WHAT IF?

A few years ago I began a new Bible class on 1 Peter. As we were discussing the general circumstances and purpose of this letter, we naturally started talking about the terrible persecution of Peter's day under the Roman emperor Nero. We compared those times with the much, much milder persecution we face today; and that led us to wonder how we might fare under the kind of pressure (including martyrdom) that early Christians faced, and what it would do to the church.

Of course, how we each might fare in the fire (sometimes literal) of serious persecution would be an individual answer in each case. However, one thing for sure, it would certainly cause us to "count the cost" and get "black and white", "hot or cold", "all in or all out" about faith in a hurry. Gone would be the deceptive "gray areas" in which so many modern Christians live. Priorities in life would be sharpened in stark relief; spiritual things would come first or not at all. Worship of the Savior, because it could cost you your life, would not be taken lightly. Fellowship would be stronger and more dear. Scriptures would be highly valued, devotedly read or not owned at all, because owning a copy could be a capital crime. The confession of Christ would be courageously made, or not made at all — no maybes about it. Which way do you think you'd fall?

Most of the "fringe" folks in the church, who now tend to be sporadic in attendance, would disappear overnight from any assembly (Matthew 13:20, 21). Some might even betray the church's meeting places and the identity of members. The average Christian would have to make some life-changing decisions about confession or denial, commitment or abandonment, loyalty or betrayal. Some would leave, some would try to compromise, and others would try to be "secret disciples"; but others would gather courage, "step across the line", and become much stronger spiritually. Even those in the core of the church (its leadership and most involved members) would be tempted to shrink back (for example, Peter); concerns about their family's safety would test them

(1 Cor. 7:26-35) as they quickly became prime targets for persecution. Most of the church's core would stand strong, but even some of these might leave. The folks who would be left would be the "real deal". Which would you be, if serious persecution broke out?

What would be left of such a "whittled down" form of the church? It would be the "true believers", the committed, the determined, the courageous, and the pious (in the good sense of the word). The fire of persecution, you see, burns away the dross and refines the gold (1 Cor. 3:11-15). Persecution boils away that which waters down the potency of the church, leaving only the virile, distilled essence of real Christian faith. Can you imagine such a church? What would the songs and prayers of their worship be like? How likely would they be to boldly step out on faith, no matter the earthly penalty, no matter the impossibility, no matter the size of the giant? How earnest and convicted would they be about the truth of the Bible? How close and genuine would their fellowship be? How much would they be emphasizing the hope of eternal life? How loving, active, evangelistic, courageous, and focused on the Lord would they be? And paradoxically, how great would their joy be, even as they suffered for the name of Jesus (Acts 5:41; James 1:2; Matthew 5:12). No wonder the church grew so quickly in the early centuries — even under persecution! The certainty of their faith combined with the persecution they endured produced world changers!!

But you know, we needn't wait for persecution to have a world changing church. We can personally stop straddling the fence now, get serious about our faith now, move from lukewarm to hot now — and urgently encourage others to do the same. Starting now, we can all swear-off ever getting seduced again by "good enough", when it comes to the Lord's business; we can set our eyes on the things above and never look back. Consider what it will do for the Lord's church! Even more, consider what it will do for your eternity!

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN AUGUST

<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship ■ 7:00PM Birthday Cake Sunday 			<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 			<p>8</p>		<p>9</p> <div style="background-color: #d9534f; color: white; padding: 2px; border-radius: 5px; display: inline-block;">Koreen V. 🕯️</div>		<p>10</p>
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SERVICE IN WORSHIP

August 4AM.....PM
 AnnouncementsBurley S
 SongleadingScott WDoug J
 Opening PrayerYaw FJim B
 CommunionJohn SDavid J
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerJim BFernando Z
 AV ControlHunter MJohn S
 GreeterHugh R

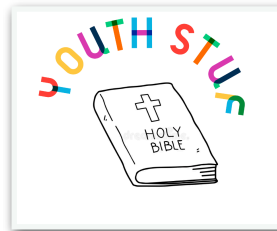
Wed PM, August 7

SongsReiven H
 AVCharles H

August 11AM.....PM
 AnnouncementsJim B
 SongleadingDoug JScott W
 Opening PrayerReiven HCharles H
 CommunionDoug JScott W
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerCharles HDavid J
 AV ControlHunter MJohn S
 GreeterBurley S

Wed PM, August 15

SongsJim B
 AVCharles H



What's Happening!?

▶ Tonight after worship services we will be bidding our summer interns farewell. Be sure to come and be a part of letting them know how much we appreciate all they did all summer long for us!

Sermon Notes...

