

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"*

THE TEMPLE TRANSITION, PART 1

One of God's great Mysteries includes the transition of the Temple (Tabernacle) from the Old Testament to the New and the 'role' of the Holy Spirit in this transition. The original intent of the Temple was expressed in Exodus 25:8, "let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." As a result of the promise made to Abraham, the children of Israel were traveling to the Promised Land, therefore the Temple was in the form of a tent or 'Tabernacle' (by definition, a 'dwelling').

The Spiritual intent was significant. God would occupy the Tabernacle in visible form of smoke by day and fire by night. If God was in the Tabernacle, the Children of Israel were to remain in-place and travel only when God was not in the Tabernacle. If God was in the Tabernacle, it was to communicate with Moses and/or the High Priest (exclusively of the Tribe of Levi). Transporting the Tabernacle also had very unique and specific Laws by which the transport was performed. The Tabernacle was used until the building of a more permanent structure was authorized by God. The Temple was built by Solomon, son of David, in Jerusalem in 939 BC. The commandments of God regarding the function of the Tabernacle were transferred to the Temple once the structure was complete.

A significant Law pertaining to the Temple included the annual blood sacrifices. The inspired writer in the book of Hebrews 10:3-4 recalls the purpose of the animal sacrifices under the Old Law; "there is a remembrance again made of sins every year."

Earlier in Hebrews 9:16-28, a precise explanation is provided under the Law regarding the logic of the blood sacrifice, in essence, "without shedding of blood, there is no remission."

It is made even more clear in Verse 23-26: "It was therefore necessary that the pattern of things in heaven should be purified with these (sacrifices); but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands (Temple), which are figures of the true; but unto heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us...nor yet to offer himself often as the high priest entereth into the holy place (in the Temple) with blood of others ...but now once...hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

More to follow

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 is this Sunday, Dec. 15 at 4PM. If you have something that you'd like the elders, deacons, and preacher to discuss, please tell one of them.

A KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY was given at the Wallace home yesterday. Thanks to the Wallaces and everyone who came and contributed. Great work!

A TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY! — It will be December 22 right after morning worship. It will include lunch at Chili's and when we get back to the church building, a devotional period, desserts, and gift exchange. There is a \$20 gift limit for gifts you would bring. RSVP (please let us know you're coming) to Jessica S. at 972-400-2262. *IT WILL BE SUPER FUN!*

SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO... Kent and Avery our summer interns are planning to visit us the weekend of January 5. Teens (and anyone else), set that date aside; we'll plan something fun. It will be great to see them again!

THE LADIES' GIFT EXCHANGE was a grand success. Thanks to everyone who helped organize and who attended

LADIES' SEWING MINISTRY will continue on Monday the 16th from 10 to 2.



CHILDREN'S HOMES COLLECTION — The Rock Hill church makes an annual donation to the children's homes we support for Christmas. If you'd like to donate toward this gift to the children see Linda S. Connected to this, a young man from High Plains Children's Home, Zach Bol, was tragically killed by a hit and run event a couple of weeks ago. Some of us have been sending cards and gifts to him over the years.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP the Pittsfield MA church? We have an ongoing monthly benevolence program to help the church of Christ in Pittsfield Mass. See Trudy R. to contribute.

WANT TO HELP with the recovery from the disasters in NC and FL? The church of Christ Disaster Relief is recommended by the RH leadership. Here is a link to making a contribution. [HTTPS://WWW.DISASTERRELIEFFORT.ORG/](https://www.disasterrelieffort.org/)

NEW PRAYER REQUEST...

- Zeke R. passed away Monday. Please pray for his family.
- Lynn T. is in the hospital suffering from a lumbar fracture. He will hopefully be going to rehab soon, perhaps Stonemere in Frisco.
- Frieda R. who has been sick lately
- The High Plains Children's Home who recently lost a child to death, Zach Bol

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Ora H home from the hospital, but still not feeling well
- Anna S, a Christian sister who comes with Lynn and Alene T, is getting better, but still needing prayer.
- Elizabeth H's cousin, Tracy, is still in need of prayers for better health.
- The Staffords —

- Cleves family as his dad is nearing the end,
- their son struggling in his freshman year at college,
- the Pittsfield church.
- Mary H is recovering at home.
- Emma's grandmother, Karla R, dementia and cancer.
- Esther M health.
- Bonnie D recovering from a minor stroke.
- Lynn T: cancer
- Sue C: digestive problems
- Ora H, kidney
- the churches in New England
- brethren in India
- our elders, deacons, preacher, teachers, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness & friend Jeff
- Bonnie B.
- Carol P.
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Rosa's friend Isabella, heart lesion
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Ken C.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Dec 15, 2 Timothy all
- Dec 16, Titus/Philemon all
- Dec 17, Hebrews 1-4
- Dec 18, Hebrews 5-8
- Dec 19, Hebrews 9-11
- Dec 20, Hebrews 12-13
- Dec 21, James all
- Dec 22, 1 Peter all

GOD'S PROMISES ARE LONGER THAN LIFE, BROADER THAN SIN, DEEPER THAN THE GRAVE, AND HIGHER THAN THE CLOUDS.

C.H. SPURGEON

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.

EVERY TIME THE DOORS ARE OPEN?

Many of us grew up like that—attending church every time the doors were open. This was the standard practice of our parents and grandparents. Whenever the church met for whatever purpose, we were there if, indeed, the doors were open. It reflected the prioritized commitment of those generations to support their local church. In my generation, that level of commitment has faded. Sure, being at church that often sometimes got old—especially for kids. Sure, there is no biblical precedent for every one of the church meeting times. (Did the first-century churches meet on Wednesday nights?) Sure, things have changed. It is a busier time now. Schedules have to be managed to include other activities that perhaps were not an option back then. Every time the doors are open? Is it really doable anymore? If, on occasion, I ever even hear that phrase, it is typically accompanied by a chuckle and eye-roll—a relic of another time and place.

Those who study church trends now tell us that the new standard for defining regular church attendance is twice a month. So, from every time the doors are open to twice a month. That is the generational change. It makes me wonder about the next generation. What will those who study church trends say about them?

In case you haven't figured it out, this is a lament. While the every-time-the-doors-are-open practice may have seemed very stringent—more of a connection to a

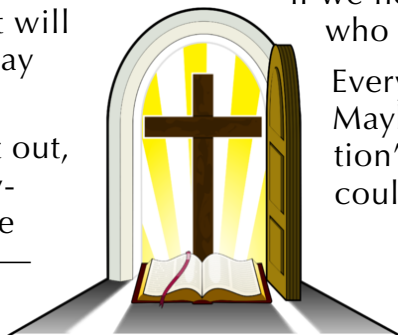
church tradition than to the Lord—twice a month seems somewhat of a low bar. What kind of connection does it build or support? Has attending the local church become reduced to just another item to select from the vast array of choices on our scheduling menu? Is there any chance now that church could again be elevated to the main menu item, with everything else becoming the side dishes?

Yes, a preacher is writing this. Yes, there is more—much more actually—to our relationship with God than attending church. Yes, I am thrilled to see folks in worship anytime, including twice a month. Yes, I know worship happens outside of a building.

But there is a biblical emphasis on regularly going through the church's doors when it meets (Hebrews 10:25). There is the God-designed and irreplaceable element of fellowship (1 John 1:7) that accompanies spending time together at church. How can we speak to one another in songs and hymns and pray together as directed by God (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; James 5:16) if we are not here? How do we stay firmly connected to God's community and be supported in our efforts to remain firmly connected to God if we neglect meeting with the people who desire to offer that support?

Every time the doors are open? Maybe something in that generation's commitment to this standard could still inform us.

Danny Dodd
Levy Church of Christ
North Little Rock, AR



FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN DECEMBER

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<div style="background-color: #c0392b; color: white; padding: 2px;">Lavonia C. 🙏</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship 		Ladies' class 10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 		<div style="background-color: #c0392b; color: white; padding: 2px;">Mike H. 🙏</div>	

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of December 15AM.....PM.....Wed.

AnnouncementsBurley S.....Burley S
 Song LeadingScott WDoug JCharles H
 Opening PrayerJim BTom R
 CommunionDavid JBurley S
 Closing Prayer.....Doug J.....Charles H
 A/V Control.....Charles H.....John SHunter M
 Greeter.....Yaw F

Week of December 22AM.....PM.....Wed.

AnnouncementsJim BJim B
 Song LeadingDoug J.....Scott W.....Jim B
 Opening PrayerYaw FBurley S
 CommunionMarty KCharles H
 Closing Prayer.....Doug J.....Reiven H
 A/V Control.....Hunter M.....Hunter M.....John S
 Greeter.....Hugh R



Sermon Notes...
