

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 3

The unique Temple configuration has everything to do with 'access to God' for the children of Israel. We should never lose sight of the promise made to Abraham, nor the fulfillment of the promise in the 3rd generation beyond Abraham, that came to Jacob (Israel) repeated unto him in **Genesis 28:10-15**. In Verse 15, God reinforces the promise in a different manner. While in the Land of Canaan, God says, "*And behold, I am with thee and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land: for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.*"

It should also be noted that the promise was to be fulfilled through the descendants of Jacob, and the promise would not be directly repeated beyond the generation of Jacob (Israel). Thus the naming of Jacob's family as "the children of Israel" **Genesis 49**. The direct connection between the promise made to Abraham and the fulfillment of **Galatians 3:16** "*thy seed, which is Christ*" is provided in **Matthew 1:17** with the identification of the number of generations from the Promise to fulfillment in Christ. Provided the historical dates are accurate, the timeline includes a total of 2,087 years from the promise to fulfillment in the birth of Christ.

Although the birth of Christ can be identified, the transition from the Temple configuration, to something more, is less obvious. What we can know is that Jesus lived for 33 years and His death is clearly marked historically in AD33. The establishment of the Lord's Church occurred in the first generation after His birth according to **Acts 2:47**, "*and the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved.*"

The Temple in Jerusalem was still standing, even though the establishment of the Lord's Church is identified as AD33. This date is accepted as Biblical truth regarding the time at which the Church of Christ came into actual existence. It is singular in nature according to **Ephesians 4:4-6**, and the fulfillment of historical prophecy by **Isaiah 2:1-3** and **Joel 2:28-32**. A significant thing happened at the death of Christ. The Temple veil separating the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place was mysteriously "*rent (torn) in twain (two) from top to bottom*" **Matthew 27:51** marking the end of its spiritual significance and the beginning of something new and unique.

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 .

A TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY! — Thanks to everyone who helped and came.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASSES will be cancelled for Jan. 1. Bible classes will resume on Jan. 8.

SEWING MINISTRY The ladies that are interested in this ministry will be meeting every Thursday in January from 10am-2pm. Come join them and develop and use your talents for the Lord.

SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO... Kent and Avery our summer interns are planning to visit us the weekend of January 5 (next Sunday). Everyone's invited to join in a soup and sandwich luncheon after morning services. There's a sign up sheet in the back of the auditorium.

IF YOU WANT TO LEARN how to make cinnamon rolls, Trudi R. is going to teach a class. It will be January 11 at 10:00. Please sign up so supplies can be purchased.

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/)

NEED SUGGESTIONS for resolutions for the new year? Try one or more of these...

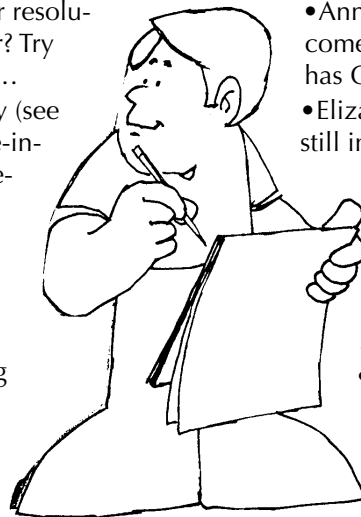
- Read the Bible daily (see the "Read-the-Bible-in-a-Year" schedule below)
- Regularly attend Sunday morning Bible class
- Regularly attend Wednesday evening Bible class
- Apart from meal prayers pray every day
- Visit (phone call or physically visit) our elderly or sick once a week
- Invite at least one person every week to come to church with you
- Join (if you are a sister) the ladies' class
- Volunteer to regularly help with a Bible class
- Give spiritual encouragement to one of our youth at least once every week (e.g., I'm proud of how much you've learned, how you pay attention to worship, I'm praying for you, etc.)
- Find a way to improve your family once a week

NEW PRAYER REQUEST...

- Trooper Bryan Parrot, at Presbyterian Plano on Parker Road, who was hit by a car while helping with a crash on the tollway.
- Cleve S's father died. Please pray for Cleve and his family

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Dianne's brother Billy M has returned home.
- Lynn T. is now home, Alene, his wife has the flu.
- Zeke R.'s family at his passing.
- Ora H home from the hospital, but still not feeling well



• Anna S, a Christian sister who comes with Lynn and Alene T, has COVID.

• Elizabeth H's cousin, Tracy, is still in need of prayers for better health.

• Cleves family at the loss of his father,
• 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 29,Rev 13-16
- Dec 30, Rev 17-19
- Dec 31,Rev 20-22
- Jan 1Genesis 1-3
- Jan 2Genesis 4-7
- Jan 3Genesis 8-11
- Jan 4Genesis 12-15
- Jan 5Genesis 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.

REVIVE AND THRIVE IN 2025

Along with every new year comes an instinctive look back at: where we were, where we went, what we did, who we were, how we wish things had been different, and what we want to do differently in the future. And that's where the annual resolution tradition comes from. Generally speaking, however, new year's resolutions — whether weight loss or growth in godliness — have poor track records; the bad habits prove hard to break, the change is uncomfortable, and before too long the efforts to change just seem like too much trouble for the benefit.

But change is a key component of Christianity. We've not been saved to live the same old life, but to live a new life in Jesus. So, how does a person make their well-intentioned resolutions into well-executed transformations?

Put some revolution into your resolution — Because we are often disappointed in our own ability to keep resolutions, many of us have set our goals pretty low. Convinced that mediocrity is the best we can accomplish, we settle for "better than most folks". Hogwash! God has much higher goals for us than "better than most folks"! Don't be afraid to put a little revolution into your resolutions. That's the whole idea of transformation (Romans 12:1,2)! That's the whole idea behind being a light in the world (Matt. 5:14,15). And it's the whole idea behind your resurrection at your baptism — a new kind of life (Romans 6:1-7). Don't believe the accusations of Satan (the Accuser) that you could never become what God wants you to be! We just need to step out onto the water, in a manner of speaking, and depend on Him for the power to walk on it. And even if we miss, look at how much closer we are than when we began.

Find a set of motivations — One motivation will likely not be enough. Circumstances are so varied and our human hearts are so good at justification that in order to "hold the line" on our resolutions, it will be important to have multiple strong motivations. List them for yourself, prioritize them from the most powerful to the least, and place them before your eyes daily. If one fails, the next may give us the strength we need.

Put some resolve into your resolution — And don't be afraid to list negative motivations like consequences, the displeasure of God, or what my brothers in Christ might think. Negative motivations may not be the highest of inducements to do right, but they can be effective "back-stops", when every other "high" motivation has yielded before temptation. We certainly need to grow beyond fear, to love and idealism, but the Christian mustn't disdain fear of the Lord as a means to strengthen our determination to do right. Such motivations can give us a backbone, some resolve, when other motivations have melted away.

Determine what your life should look like this time next year — Ideals, patterns, and standards are used everywhere in Scripture, because they provide both motivation and a target to aim our spiritual, mental, and physical energies at. "Better" is just not specific enough; God's ideals, patterns, and standards, on the other hand, give us specifics. Look into God's word and find out what God's ideal for you would be. "Better" can be any standard. It is true saying that if you aim at nothing, you hit it every time.

The story is told of a man and his son who were late for a train. As they reached the station and were buying tickets, they heard the public address system announce that the train was leaving the station — "All aboard!" The father and his son ran for the platform only to see the train starting to move out and slowly accelerate out of the station. The son began to melt, but the father ran all the faster dragging his son along with him.

"We'll never make it. We'll miss the train!" the boy protested.

"Maybe so," replied the father, "but we'll miss trying."

The biblical standards are high and holy, because our God is high and holy; but that doesn't mean that we should "dumb down" our attempts at pressing on toward the goal. We may miss the mark of perfection, but let's miss **trying!**

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

29 ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship	30	31	1 New Year's Day 🕒 Bible class cancelled	2	3	4 Margaret T. 🕒
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SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of Dec 29AM.....PM.....Wed.

Announcements Charles H..... Charles H
 Song Leading Doug J..... Scott W
 Opening Prayer Chris S..... Burley S
 Communion John S Yaw F
 Closing Prayer..... Charles H..... Tom R
 A/V Control Hunter M..... John S
 Greeter Yaw F

Week of Jan 5AM.....PM.....Wed.

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



Sermon Notes...
