

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 ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The basis of our Faith is the confidence in God's ability to carry out what He has described within Scripture, **Hebrews 11:6**. The wonderful examples we are provided confirm the power, wisdom and sovereignty of God. It is imperative that we understand that God enlisted certain 'Spiritual' assistants to carry out His Plan. These include, Jesus (in His role as Savior and Son) the Holy Spirit (who has been working with God since creation to *CARRY OUT* His will), the prophets (**Hebrews 1:1**) the apostles (**Matthew 16:19**) and finally the church (**Ephesians 3:10**).

The effectiveness of the Church, relies upon the individuals who collectively represent her (**I Corinthians 4:1**) "*as ministers and stewards of the mysteries of God.*" Although the Apostle Paul is directly speaking of the responsibility of the 'Inspired of God' as apostles, the responsibility has been shifted to those who are members of the Lord's church — **I Timothy 3:15**, "*that thou mayest know how to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.*"

Not only is the effectiveness of the church dependent upon the effectiveness of her members, the strength of the local congregation may be dependent upon the strength of her average member. Paul talks about the "*reasonable sacrifice*" we are to make in **Romans 12:1-2** as well as the way the Hebrew writer puts it "*exhorting one another; and so much the more as we see the day approaching in* **Hebrews 10:24**.

The miraculous 'gifts' of the Holy Spirit were necessary to establish the power and presence of Almighty God while the Plan was in The Transition. It was during The Transition that **John 16:7-13** became important, "*it is expedient that I go away: for if I go NOT away, the Comforter will not come unto you... howbeit, when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you (Apostles) into all truth*", unlocking the "Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven" **Matthew 16:19** thereby, readying the Gospel to be preached, **I Corinthians 1:18-21**.

'The gift' of the Holy Spirit includes the New Covenant in Christ Jesus, the proclamation of the Gospel, **Galatians 1:6-8** as well as the promise of spiritual support to each person who are "*made nigh by the blood of Christ...for through Him, we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.*" **Ephesians 2:11-18**.

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 .

SUNDAY EVENING SERIES — will continue on the parables of Jesus. This Sunday PM: “The Two Debtors”.

BIRTHDAY CAKE SUNDAY — on the last Sunday evening of every month we enjoy a light meal and birthday cake in celebration of every born that particular month. This Sunday evening we'll be celebrating the birthdays of everyone born in February.



THE LOVE BASKET PROJECT was quite a success. Thanks to our young people, Jessica S. who organized, and all the contributors.

MISSION EVANGELISM REPORT.

Brother Burley reports that his sharing of the Gospel has resulted in 145 denominational preachers baptized into Christ (who will bring the Gospel back to their congregations) and 73 non-preachers for a total of 218 baptisms. Praise the Lord!

SEWING MINISTRY The ladies resumes again March 13 and 20.

CRITTER CLEARANCE FUND — Our fellowship / classroom building has been invaded by animals and they've done a lot of attic damage.



Revive and Thrive in 2025

To evict them and fix the damage will cost about \$10K. If you can help with this fund, it would be a great help to our church budget. See Charles to help.

KENT AND AVERY (our summer interns from 2024) are joining a mission team to Cozumel, Mexico this spring. This congregation contributed over \$608 from individuals!

CAMP DEER RUN CAMPSHIPS — If you'd like to help with sending our youth to Camp Deer Run this summer, please give any special donations to any of the elders.

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. We send \$400-\$600 monthly to their benevolent fund.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Lynn T's recovery from back surgery, and he's also battling cancer
- From Juliana: Pray for Becky B., recovering from tongue cancer surgery. Pray for her and her family (especially her daughters).
- From Elizabeth: Pray for cousin Tracy to recover from Lupus. And also pray for her cousin Debbie H who has been recovering from neck surgery, but has had another health setback recently.
- Burley S: Please pray for fruitful work, doors of opportunity, and sustained good health and energy in the work of the Lord.
- Jim B.'s son, Jeff's wife is terminal.

*Faith trumps
panic every time*

- Ora H's health
- Mary H is recovering at home.
- Emma's grandmother, Karla R, dementia and cancer.
- Bonnie D recovering from a minor stroke.
- Sue C: digestive problems
- Ora H, kidney
- 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
- 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

- Feb 23, Num 27-29
- Feb 24, Num 30-31
- Feb 25, Num 32-33
- Feb 26, Num 34-36
- Feb 27, Deut 1-3
- Feb 28, Deut 4-7
- Mar 1, Deut 8-10
- Mar 2, Deut 11-13

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.

THOSE WHO GOD BLESSES ARE BLESSED

After Israel had defeated Egypt, the Amalekites, and Sihon (king of the Amorites) other local nations were starting to get a little nervous. Balak, the king of the Moab, was quaking in his boots (OK, they were probably sandals); but he had also figured out that Israel was unconquerable as long as their God was blessing and helping them. So, Balak wisely tries to "fight fire with fire" (Num. 22-24). Balaam, a prophet of the true God, but not an Israelite, was widely known for being someone who could quite effectively bless or curse; and Balak sends emissaries to buy Balaam's curse on Israel.

By the way, at an excavation site known as Deir 'Alla in Jordan, fragments of a text from the prophet Balaam were found which date back to at least 800 years before Christ. One of the fragments is inscribed with the words "Warnings given by Balaam, the son of Beor. A seer of the gods."

At first Balaam refuses, telling the emissaries that he could speak only what God tells him to say. When they come back with even more money and pressure, Balaam decides to go along with it, with the caveat that he'll only speak what God gives him to say. God is not pleased, however, and Balaam almost gets killed by an angel, had it not been for his donkey, who later speaks to him. How embarrassing it must have been for the great prophet to be upbraided by a donkey?

When Balaam meets with Balak, Balaam makes every effort to bribe God with multiple sacrifices (three times) in hopes of receiving a

curse for Israel. But every time Balaam opens his mouth to prophesy (four times), he blesses Israel rather than cursing them — much to Balak's displeasure! Those who God blesses are blessed, and those who God curses are cursed.

I'm reminded of Paul's famous paean of praise for God's love and faithfulness:

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? Who will bring a charge against

God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." But in

all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:31-39, NAS95.



Lemaire's restoration of the inscription of Deir 'Alla in Jordan mentioning Balaam

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN FEBRUARY

23 ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship ■ 7:00PM Birthday Cake Sunday	24	25 ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class	26 ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class	27	28 Rosa Z.
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SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of Feb 23AM.....PM.....Wed.
 Announcements Charles H..... Charles H
 Song Leading Doug J..... Scott W
 Opening Prayer Yaw F Doug J
 Communion Park L Hugh R
 Closing Prayer..... Scott W Doug J
 A/V Control Hunter M John S
 Greeter John S

Week of March 2AM.....PM.....Wed.
 Announcements Burley S..... Burley S
 Song Leading Scott W Doug J
 Opening Prayer Charles H..... Reiven H
 Communion Reiven H..... Burley S
 Closing Prayer..... Doug J..... Charles H
 A/V Control John S Hunter M
 Greeter Yaw F



Sermon Notes...
