

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 9

The Gift(s) of the Holy Spirit have long been debated. There are those who choose to believe that the Holy Spirit's function today is only in the inspired Word, and what it has to teach us. Of course, there are those who believe that the Holy Spirit is still performing miracles that can "*convince the gainsayers.*" **Titus 1:9**. Tells us that "*with sound doctrine*" we should be able to "*exhort and convince*" the gainsayers (doubters). This entire series has been dedicated to the Transition from the earthly Tabernacle to "the heavenly" (not made with hands) **Hebrews 9:11**. In **Hebrews 8:7**, the writer indicates God's intention to renew the covenant, replacing the existing or "first covenant" with a 'NEW, better covenant: "*For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.*"

This is where so many become confused and even lost in the 'mystery' regarding the Holy Spirit. Under the Tabernacle (Temple) the "*Holiest of All signifies the Holy Ghost*" **Hebrews 9:8**. NOTE: this was the place where God would "*meet with the High Priest*" to receive the annual blood sacrifice. Under the New Covenant, the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) would be made available to every believer.

The transition and assignments can best be witnessed in the combined writings: **John 14:16-26** (before crucifixion) **Luke 24:44-49** (after resurrection and before ascension) **Acts 1:1-8** (at His ascension). Each of these examples provide information regarding the 'power' of the Holy Spirit, and evidence of God's Plan to utilize the Holy Spirit to empower the Apostles...a partial fulfillment of **Matthew 16:18-19**.

The culmination of prophecy is recorded in Acts 2. The fulfillment of **Joel 2:28-32** was witnessed by "*devout men of every Nation under heaven*" **Acts 2:5**. On this day, overwhelming proof was given by God through the Holy Spirit. It was concluded as a message directly by God Himself of undeniable substance through miracles and fulfillment of prophecy. So much so that the audience was "*pricked in their hearts*" and asked the Apostles in **verse 37**, "*Men and brethren, what shall we do?*" (having made such a terrible mistake)" Peter's response would forever ring as a testament to all sinners from that day "*Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*" (the earnest of our inheritance **Ephesians 1:13**)

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.

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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL "LOVE PACKS."

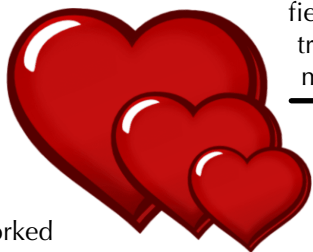
Our youth will be putting together these "love packs" after church this morning. We're proud of our young people who are learning to serve others. Thanks to everyone who contributed to it and especially to those who organized it. This project is an ongoing tribute to Linda Linscomb and her passion to help children and hospitals.

A CONGREGATIONAL VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

— Thanks to everyone who worked so hard at making it a nice evening and thanks to everyone who came.

CRITTER CLEARANCE FUND — Our office / fellowship hall / class building has been invaded by a raccoon, squirrels, bees, and mice and they've done a lot of damage. To evict these "squatters" 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. If you'd like to contribute to their work, see Rachel W



Revive and Thrive in 2025

SUNDAY EVENING SERIES — We've started a new series on the parables of Jesus. This Sunday PM we'll study the parable of the unmerciful servant. Join us and grow.

SEWING MINISTRY The ladies that are doing this every Thursday is taking a break for February.

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. Registration starts soon, if you have questions, ask John S.

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.

NEW REQUEST

- Lynn T will be going in for surgery on Tuesday and he's also battling cancer

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- From Juliana: Pray for Becky B., diagnosed with tongue cancer. She had surgery last Friday to remove the tumor. Pray for her and her family to include her daughters. Pray that her body will accept the transplanted tissue and she will recover quickly.
- From Elizabeth: Pray for cousin Tracy to recover from Lupus, learning to feed herself and walk again. And also pray for her cousin Debbie H who had neck surgery today.
- Burley S has safely arrived in India. Please pray for fruitful work, doors of opportunity, and sus-

tained good health and energy in the work of the Lord.

- Jim B.'s son, Jeff's wife is terminal.
- Lynn T. is now home and hopes to come to worship soon
- Ora H home from the hospital, but still not always feeling well
- Elizabeth H's cousin, Tracy, is still in need of prayers for better 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
- 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
- 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 9, Lev 22-23
- Feb 10, Lev 24-25
- Feb 11, Lev 26-27
- Feb 12, Num 1-2
- Feb 13, Num 3-4
- Feb 14, Num 5-6
- Feb 15, Num 7
- Feb 16, Num 8-10

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.

DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN THE HOLY AND THE PROFANE

The book of Leviticus spends a lot of time distinguishing between the holy and the profane. Under the old covenant there was a clear definition of the sacred and common, the clean and the unclean that Israel was obligated to observe. In chapter 10, a jolting example of its importance. Yes, this is "old news" in the sense that it is from the Mosaic covenant, but there are still things that apply in principle and should cause us to think.

Nadab and Abihu, the older sons of Aaron, went to offer incense to the Lord, but failed to offer it properly by simply failing to use the right fire — a coal from the altar of sacrifice. It was a small thing by human reckoning, but an offense worthy of death by God's reckoning. Yes, God had specifically commanded that the fire must come from the sacrificial altar, and Nadab and Abihu had disobeyed; but was it a mistake worthy of death?

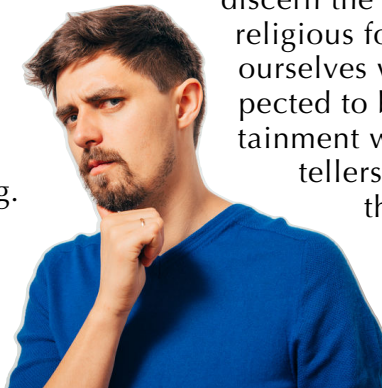
Knowing that men would not necessarily see the offense plainly, God explained that He must be treated as holy, especially by those who were serving Him in front of the people. If they failed to treat God holy, if they failed to discern the difference between the holy and profane, what would the rest of the people do? It's a common problem still today.

We fail to discern the holy from the profane in our words. Not only does "God", "Jesus", and (ironically) "holy" come up in many unholy conversations among the worldly, but sometimes unholy words pop out from the mouths of God's holy people!

It was, in principle, the problem of the church in Corinth (1 Corinthians. 11) in their unworthy practice of the Lord's Supper. They were treating this meal of communion as if it were just another meal shared among a common club meeting. Jesus' body wasn't being discerned; early arrivers (some believe them to be the rich, who could arrive at their leisure, as opposed to the slave who must work until no longer required by his master) were not waiting on others and leaving little or nothing for others, begging the question, "Where's the communion?" It was a failure to discern the holy from the profane. And don't religious folks still fail to discern holy things ourselves when times of worship are expected to be little more than common entertainment with rocking bands, great storytellers, and virtual pyrotechnics; rather than the pattern given for New Testament worship?

We even fail to discern common contracts and agreements from holy covenants. Somehow we've merge the two, the chief difference in most people's minds being the more archaic word "covenant". All, according to common understanding, are disposable, terms dictated by men, and open to modification afterward — just like any other contract. But God's covenants are not disposable, not crafted by men, and not open for modification; we've misunderstood to a shocking degree, because we've failed to discern between the profane and the holy.

What ways do you think we confuse the two?



Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN FEBRUARY

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 11:30AM Youth Children's Hosp. project ■ 6:00PM Worship 	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Terry & Haide H ❤️ ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 			

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of Feb 9AM.....PM.....Wed.
 AnnouncementsJim BJim B
 Song LeadingDoug J.....Scott W
 Opening PrayerTom RJohn S
 CommunionCharles H.....Burley S
 Closing Prayer.....Scott WCharles H
 A/V ControlJohn SHunter M
 GreeterBurley S

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 AnnouncementsJohn SJohn S
 Song LeadingScott WDoug J
 Opening PrayerDavid JReiven H
 CommunionDoug JYaw F
 Closing Prayer.....Jim BReiven H
 A/V ControlHunter MCharles H
 GreeterJim B



Sermon Notes...
