

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 5

The transition from the 'earthly' building of the Temple to a 'heavenly' building of something more spiritual was what God had "*purposed in Himself*" ***Ephesians 1:9***. The Apostle Paul proclaims that God had "*made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure.*" This would involve the death, burial and resurrection of His son, and an actual change (transition) from Judean Law (under the Old Testament) to something new under a new covenant...***Hebrews 8:2*** "*of the True Tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man.*"

The first recognizable feature of the new covenant included the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, or as the Hebrew writer would explain, "*But Christ...by a greater and more perfect Tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say not of this building ... neither by the blood of bulls and goats...but by His own blood he entered once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.*" ***Hebrews 9:11-12***. From the very moment that Christ died and the Veil was torn separating the Most Holy Place of the Temple, the New Covenant advanced one-step closer to its very beginning.

There are several important verses that indicate the actual beginning and nature of the New Covenant which includes the Lord's church. The first indicator is in ***John 7:39*** "*for the Holy Ghost had not been given, because that Jesus was not yet glorified.*" This a hint of what was to come and was confirmed by Peter in ***Acts 2:32-33*** on the Day of Pentecost (the first Gospel Sermon) Peter said, "*This Jesus hath God raised up...therefore being by the right hand of God, exalted (glorified) and received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this that ye now see and hear.*"

Another is in ***Hebrews 9:7-8***, saying in part, "*into the second (veil) went the High Priest alone, not without blood, which he offered for his sins and the errors of the people...the Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made known, while as the first Tabernacle was yet standing (in-force).*" The fall of the Old Testament and the rise of the New Covenant in Christ Jesus can be researched, learned and repeated with the help of these verses and others we will explore next week. God Bless the reading of His Word!

Doug Jones

Family

“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 .

DAVID TARBET will be with us today to report on his mission work in New England and preaching God's word for us. Welcome David and Paula!

WHAT A GREAT REUNION with our summer interns, Kent and Avery, we had last Sunday. Thanks to everyone who brought soup, sandwiches, chips, etc. It was a great, uplifting fellowship.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING'S BIBLE CLASS will begin a study of Paul's letters to Timothy. There's a lot of very practical Christian teaching about personal growth and organizing the church in these books. Don't miss out on this important study.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE Bonnie B. will be held on January 18 at 11AM at the church building.

LEADERSHIP MEETING will be held today at 4PM. Elders, deacons, and preacher, put it on your calendars and plan to be there.

FIRST SUNDAY SINGING PRACTICE — last fall we began to meet at 5PM (just before evening services) to learn new songs.



Revive and Thrive in 2025

We skipped a couple of months because of holidays, but we begin again in February (Feb.2) Join us!

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.

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/>

NEW PRAYER REQUEST...

- Jim W., our newest brother in Christ.
- Comfort for Jim B at the passing of Bonnie.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Dianne's brother Billy M has returned home.
- Lynn T. is now home, Alene, his wife has the flu.
- 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.

- 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

- Jan 12,Gen 33-35
- Jan 13,Gen 36-38
- Jan 14,Gen 39-41
- Jan 15,Gen 42-44
- Jan 16,Gen 45-47
- Jan 17,Gen 48-50
- Jan 18,Exo 1-3
- Jan 19,Exo 4-6

Unbelievers don't read the Bible, they read us.

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.

THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF INVOLVEMENT

After the defeat of Ammonites and Moabites, lands east of the Jordan River, the Gad, Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh came to Moses and asked if it were possible for them to settle east of the Jordan. They had large herds of livestock and east of the Jordan had abundant grazing lands. Moses' first response to them was sharp, "... Shall your brothers go to war while you yourselves sit here? Now why are you discouraging the sons of Israel from crossing over into the land which the LORD has given them?" Numbers 32:6, 7. As the story has a happy ending; the tribes explain that they would go to war with the rest of Israel and stay as long as needed (they only wanted to settle their families in the east), and Israel conquered Canaan. But Moses brought up a very good point that applies to the Lord's people in modern times, too: failing to join the work at hand discourages those who are working, but joining in uplifts. And with that in mind, let's do a little soul-searching.

Are you a lifter or a leaner? Have you ever lifted something with a 3 or 4 year old? If you have, you might remember that sometimes you get to lift not only the original load, but the child also. It's not their fault, they don't know how to lift—yet. But we expect more from an adult, right? In the Lord's church there is much to do; be a lifter, not a leaner. When you lift, you encourage others with your involvement!

Are you a server or a customer? Some folks see the church as a place to be served, not unlike a store or a restaurant. When the service is fine, they offer no complaint, but if the service is off—well, that's different. But the Lord's church isn't a store or restaurant, and members are not customers, they are servants. Instead of looking to be served, shouldn't we be rolling up our sleeves and doing what needs to be done? When you serve, you encourage others with your involvement!

Are you an owner or a renter? Owners tend to be more careful with the homes they live in, the cars they drive, and the furniture they use. It's theirs and they take ownership. Renters are usually not as careful; because these things aren't theirs. Owners paint the walls, maintenance the cars, and clean the furniture; renters just call the owner when things get broken. Do you see the church and the work of the church like an "owner" or a renter? We know the church belongs to the Lord, but we are all stewards, charged with the duty of caring for it the way the Master would. And when we have an owner's perspective, things start getting done. When you "own" the work of the church, you encourage others with your involvement!

Are you part of the church's core workers or a peripheral member? Ask any church leader... It's not that the core workers are just that talented; most often it is that the core group is willing to say, "Yes!" It's not that the core group has more time than anyone else (they often have less); most often they are simply the ones who have eyes to see the need and are willing to find the time to get it done. Sometimes they are the ones who are willing to cancel other plans to get the Lord's work done. Become one of the church's core workers, and encourage others with your involvement!

When the church has a high rate of involvement, the whole church gets encouraged. Things get done by God's power. New opportunities arise with God's blessings. Souls are saved by God's message. And the momentum of growth snowballs into great things. Get involved. Get excited. Invite others to get involved. And watch what God will do!

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JANUARY

12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 4:00PM Leadership meeting ■ 6:00PM Worship 		<div style="background-color: #d9534f; color: white; padding: 2px; border-radius: 5px; display: inline-block;">Ben & Gabby K. </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 	<p>Ladies' sewing ministry 10-2</p>		<div style="background-color: #d9534f; color: white; padding: 2px; border-radius: 5px; display: inline-block;">Leah C. </div>

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of Jan 12.....AM.....PM.....Wed.

AnnouncementsJim BJim B
 Song LeadingDoug J.....Scott W.....Charles H
 Opening PrayerReiven H.....Hugh R
 CommunionJim BMarty K
 Closing Prayer.....Doug J.....John S
 A/V Control.....Hunter M.....Charles H.....John S
 Greeter.....Burley S

Week of Jan 19.....AM.....PM.....Wed.

AnnouncementsJohn SJohn S
 Song LeadingScott W.....Doug JJeremy C
 Opening PrayerMarty K.....Hunter M
 CommunionReiven H.....John S
 Closing Prayer.....Scott WJim B
 A/V Control.....Charles H.....John SHunter M
 Greeter.....Hugh R



Sermon Notes...
