

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 7

The average person on the street wants to believe that the death burial and resurrection of Jesus has provided salvation, and the Old Testament writings of prosperity and good fortune apply to us today. Actually, the promises of prosperity and 'good luck' were promised to the children of Israel...IF they were obedient. They were NOT obedient and received devastation because of their dis-obedience. It is largely due to their failure to obey, that they were separated into two (2) groups and under bondage to their captors. The sustained relationship with Judah was maintained because of the promised Messiah through the tribe of Judah.

Furthermore, the prophet Jeremiah leaves us a prophesy regarding the change to come in **Jeremiah 3:16-17**, "*And it shall come to pass...in those days, saith the Lord, they shall say no more, the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it: neither shall they visit it: neither shall that be done anymore. At that time, they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem.*"

A similar reference is mentioned in **Isaiah 2:1-3**, "*The word that Isaiah, son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's House shall be established in the top of the mountains, and...all nations shall flow into it. And many people shall go and say, 'Come ye, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob (Israel)...and He will teach us His ways,' for out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.*"

The Temple Transition needs to be clear in the minds of all Christians, especially those of the household of faith. The spiritual ramifications of the Temple were done away with by God Himself, and replaced with His unique Plan of Salvation. The blood sacrifice of Christ and the prototype of redemption through the shedding of blood was used to accomplish the will of God. Included in the Plan was the establishment of the Church, the Kingdom of God and a new process for salvation. Access to God was to be made directly through Christ in conjunction with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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 .

THIS 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.

BURLEY STINNETT will take the pulpit this morning to tell us about his mission work in India, which is due to begin in a couple of weeks.

SPEAKING OF MISSIONS, most of us received an email recently about Kent and Avery going on a mission trip to Cozumel, Mexico. If you'd like to contribute to their mission work, see Rachel W.

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

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL "LOVE PACKS." We're starting to collect items for the Children's Hospital "Love Packs." We will have baskets available to put stuff in. Last year we delivered 16 large laundry baskets full of goodies. Let's try to beat that this year! The last day to bring items is Feb. 8. Our youth will meet after church on the 9th for lunch and to fill all the baskets. See Jessica Stelzer for more details. This project is an ongoing tribute to Linda Linscomb and her passion to help children and hospitals.



NEW REQUEST

- Jeff, son of Jim B., got news from their family's doctor that his wife is terminal and there is nothing more that they can do for her.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Comfort for Jim B at the passing of Bonnie, Doug J. at the passing of his sister.
- Jim W., our newest brother in Christ.
- Lynn T. is now home, Alene, his wife has the flu.
- Ora H home from the hospital, but still not always 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.
- 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
- 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 26, Exo 25-27
- Jan 27, Exo 28-29
- Jan 28, Exo 30-32
- Jan 29, Exo 33-35
- Jan 30, Exo 36-38
- Jan 31, Exo 39-40
- Feb 1, Lev 1-4
- Feb 2, Lev 5-7

The Bible is none other than the voice of him that sitteth upon the throne. Every book of it, every chapter of it, every syllable of it, every letter of it, is the direct utterance of the Most High. — John W Burgon

Revive and Thrive in 2025

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.

MOSES HAD HELP

In Exodus 17 we read of an attack by the nation of Amalek against an only-recently freed Israel. It was a criminal act that brought down God's condemnation on them, executed in king Saul's day, because Israel was not trained in war and were virtually defenseless — except, of course, for God. It was an attack of opportunity to kill, re-enslave, and plunder Israel.

Moses instructed his "righthand man" Joshua to hastily assemble capable men to fight the better armed, battle experienced, and greedy Amalekites. Joshua did so and led his newly formed army against the enemy, while Moses was instructed by God to take his staff with him to the local hilltop and hold it up over his head. As the armies engaged, Israel prevailed in battle as long as Moses held up the staff, but when his arms grew weary, Amalek prevailed. To win the battle, Aaron, Moses' brother, and man name Hur set a stone for Moses to sit on while they (Aaron and Hur) stood by Moses to help hold his staff over his head. Because of their help to Moses, God defeated the Amalekites through the inexperienced army of Israel, and Israel proceeded on their journey to Mt. Sinai and eventually the Promised Land.

It's an interesting story but what does it have to say to us? Perhaps more than you might think.

The most obvious lesson in this story is that victory comes from the Lord. The army of the Israelites were poorly armed, untrained, and inexperienced in war. The Egyptians might have given them a very few weapons as Israel left (see Exodus 12:35,36), but most likely Israel was armed only with homemade spears and shields. And beyond that, the Egyptians would have not trained their slaves how to fight in battle. Yet they won. Thus, this story is yet another example of how even the weak will win, if God is on their side.

But even more than this, it's an example of how every one of us can and should contribute to the success and victory in the Lord's kingdom, the church. Moses had been commanded to go the hilltop and hold his staff over his head, but this probably didn't last too long — your arms can get

pretty tired pretty quickly holding something over your head like that. But fortunately Moses didn't have to do it all by himself; he had Aaron and Hur to provide the support he needed. And leaders today often have a similar challenges. They may not be fighting Amalekites; but leaders can find it wearing sometimes to defend the flock against the wolves of sin and false teachers, bind up the wounded, seek the straying, teach the lost, teach the saved, tend to the physical needs of the church, counsel the broken-hearted and confused, and more. And you could be an Aaron or Hur to them supporting their arms, as it were, with help and encouragement. Sometimes small gestures have big effects. Support the arms of our leaders.

But, of course, it was not just Moses and his staff who defeated the Amalekites, it was also Joshua and the Israelite "minute men" who went to battle. Leaders are usually pretty hard workers and are always ready to pitch in to achieve success in things they have planned for the church, but they shouldn't be expected to do alone. The church's plans for evangelism, teaching our children and our adults, outreach to mission spots, contributing to fellowship meals, visiting the sick, visiting the absent, helping with benevolent projects, helping with building maintenance, and more should be something for all of us to do. We **all** have talents that God has given to us and which we should be finding a place to use.

Now, of course, God could have simply opened the earth to swallow the Amalekites for Israel without Moses, Aaron, Hur, Joshua, or the Israelite army lifting a finger, but He wanted Israel to exercise their obedience to Him, learn how to cooperate and support each other, participate in in their own rescue, and give them some experience in battle. And God certainly could do everything for us, too, but He wants the same sorts of things for us today.

Our leaders are praying and planning for spiritual and numerical growth in our congregation, but they, like Moses, will need help. Will you help?

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JANUARY

26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship ■ 7:00PM Birthday Cake Sunday 	27	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies' Bible class 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Singing ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 	30 <p style="text-align: center;">Ladies' sewing ministry 10-2</p>	31 <div style="background-color: #d9534f; color: white; padding: 2px; border-radius: 5px; display: inline-block;">Chris S. 🎂</div>
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SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of Jan 26.....AM.....PM.....Wed.

Announcements Charles H..... Charles H
 Song Leading Doug J..... Scott W..... Jim B
 Opening Prayer John S Jim B
 Communion Yaw F Hugh R
 Closing Prayer..... Charles H..... Jeremy C
 A/V Control..... John S Hunter M..... Charles H
 Greeter..... Yaw F

Week of Feb 2AM.....PM.....Wed.

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



Sermon Notes...
