

# 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

### Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

### Deacons:

- Reiven Holt
- Hugh Ruebush
- John Smetzer
- Burley Stinnett
- Fernando Zapata

### Interns:

- Kent Cates & Avery Nicks

*"We're Here  
and We Care"*

## GOD'S PLAN — PART 25

The redemption from our sin is in Christ Jesus, and available only through the Plan that God Himself has prepared. The world teaches that salvation comes to us because of the shed blood of Christ, when in reality, it is the shed blood of Jesus Christ that purchased the Plan that God prepared. Salvation came not when Christ died upon the cross, but without His sacrifice, the Plan could not have been completed! The mis-representation that belief in Christ alone brings us to salvation is Satan's greatest lie since the Garden.

'The Faith' exemplified in **Hebrews 11** does not stress "faith only" but the acceptance of God's Plan without exception. Obviously, the abbreviated version is Hear-Believe-Repent-Confess and Baptism. This is predicated by **Hebrews 11:6**, "without faith, it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." **2 Timothy 2:15** must enter into the equation which says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

It is a requirement to study the Scriptures. We must know HOW to please Him. This is the importance of understanding well what the intended Plan is by virtue of the inspired word that was provided for this purpose. From **Matthew 4:17**, Jesus began to preach regarding the "Kingdom to come". Mark wrote **Mark 9:1**, "there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste death until they have seen the Kingdom of God come with Power." The days of fulfillment of prophecy concerning the Church and the Kingdom were eminent. The actual record is included in **Acts 2**.

Jesus revealed the next significant part of the Plan in **Matthew 16:18-19**. Although the Apostles would not comprehend the total implication of what they wrote. It was not necessary at the time. **John 7:39** gives a partial explanation why it was not important yet, and then confirmed by Jesus in **Acts 2:33**. John wrote, "this spake He of the Holy Ghost... which was not yet given; because that Jesus had not yet been glorified." Peter wrote (of Jesus) in **Acts 2:33**, "being by the right hand of God, exalted, and having received the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear." More on this next week...

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 WORSHIP** — Sunday evening's sermons are a series on the book of Philippians. Last week was Philippians 4:1-9 this week we'll be looking at Philippians 4:10ff. Come join us!!

**THE WOMEN'S SEWING MINISTRY** will be this Wednesday at 10:00 at Beverly Weldon's house

**THE LEADERSHIP MEETING** will be, today, July 14 at 4PM. If you have something that you would like the elders, deacons, and preacher to discuss, please let one of them know before the meeting.

**BIRTHDAY CAKE FELLOWSHIP** usually falls on the last Sunday evening of the month (July 28); but because the last day of our wonderful interns is the Sunday of August 4, we thought we'd combine the July Birthday Cake celebration with a "thanks-for-all-you-did-and-come-back-next-summer" celebration.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** Burley will be preaching this morning, while Park visits Camp Deer Run's Middle Sunday. Doug J. will teach the adult Bible class

**YOUTH GROUP SIX FLAGS TRIP!** The youth will be taking a trip to Six Flags on Tuesday July 16th, and more details will be sent out soon. Please let Kent and Avery know if your kid can make it!

**A "TABLE SHOWER"** — two of our own, Shawn Wallace and Jacob Kopinski will be or (in Jacob's case)

already be married. Their families are placing a shower table in the back of the auditorium for anyone who'd like to wish them well.

**THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH** — We have an ongoing monthly benevolence program to help the Berkshire County church of Christ in Pittsfield Mass. See Trudy R. to contribute.

**It's easy to be a guy, but it takes courage, integrity, character, honor, strength, discipline, and humility to be a man. — Burke Parsons.**

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS...

- Esther Myrick asks us to pray for her health. Her blood count has been being very low and today the doctors are doing a biopsy on her bones to try to determine the cause. Pray for her and her doctors.
- Jim Boles is asking for prayers as his older brother, Charles, died yesterday. The arrangements are not known at this time. Pray for Jim and his family at this time of loss.
- Joan Votaw has been admitted to the hospital. She is suffering with AFIB and blood clots in both of her lungs. Joan cannot have phone calls or visitors at this time. Pray for her recovery.

### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Elizabeth asks for prayers for her sister, Rebecca, who was involved in a car accident.
- Mary Hall broke her hip. She had a partial hip replacement.

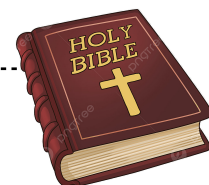
- Emma asks us pray for her grandmother, Karla Rothbauer, who was recently diagnosed with early onset Dementia.
- Jessica had asked us to pray for one of her classmates' son, Cole Atkins, who was in a terrible vehicle accident.
- Melinda Stafford's mother and brother in S. Africa
- Bonnie Davidson recovering from a minor stroke.
- Lynn Turner: cancer
- Burley Stinnett Jr.
- Dianna C. for cancer treatment
- Sue Carter: digestive problems
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the churches in New England
- brethren in India
- our elders, deacons, preacher, teachers, interns, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

### LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Isela Hughes' sister Griselda's illness & friend Jeff with cancer (very ill)
- Bonnie B.
- Carol P.
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- The Zapata's friend Isabella with a heart lesion
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Ken C.

### READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Jul 14, Pro 22-24
- Jul 15, Pro 25-28
- Jul 16, Pro 29-31
- Jul 17, Eccl 1-6
- Jul 18, Eccl 7-12
- Jul 19, S. of Sol 1-8
- Jul 20, Isa 1-4
- Jul 21, Isa 5-8



# A word of Encouragement

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"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.

## NOT JUST ANY ASSEMBLY WILL DO

Ours is a time in which religious differences are usually met with indifference (pun intended). People may be adamant about politics, sports teams, music, fashion and any number of other things; but frequently not about religion. This has produced a "whatever" kind of attitude toward doctrine, truth, morality, and even the divinely drawn line between lost and saved. And it is this last matter, the "whatever" attitude toward the line between the lost and the saved, that has led many to believe that indiscriminate attendance to any assembly that wears the name "church" is OK. It's not, and here are some of the reasons why.

In Ezra 4 the Samaritans came to Jerusalem to offer help rebuilding the Lord's destroyed temple, saying "...we, like you, seek your God; and we have been sacrificing to Him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us here." Perhaps surprising to us, Zerubbabel, Jeshua, and the rest of the fathers' household of Israel **rightly** told them, "You have nothing in common with us in building a house to our God..." They may have been trying worship the right God; but first of all, they weren't in covenant with God, two, they weren't worshipping the right way, and three, they were also worshipping their former gods (1 Kings 17:25-36). God's people would have sinned to worship with those who were not His people and were not worshipping Him the right way; and it would not be right for us today.

It does matter who you worship with. Many assemblies that claim to be a church are not churches by God's definition. As you sit in such an assembly you may partake in a bread and fruit of the vine ceremony, you may pray, give, listen to a lesson from the Bible, and may (rarely) even sing a cappella; but if the general assembly have not been baptized, they are not saved, not Christians and not the church —

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and the Hebrews 10:25 command to assemble is a call to worship with the **Lord's** church.

When I say that they are not Christians and are not the church, I am not trying to insult anyone; rather, I am humbly trying to point out an important truth, that many religious groups who post a sign that reads "church" out front are not the Bible's definition of a church. Many (many) have come up short of the Lord's command to be baptized in Christ's name for forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38), opting for "faith alone" or "the sinners prayer"; and have therefore come up short of the biblical definition of being saved (1 Peter 3:21); and have therefore come short of God's definition of the Lord's church (Acts 2:47).

200 years ago there was a standard definition for being a "gentleman". You needed to have financial resources, you needed to own land, and you needed to have some political clout. If you did not meet those standards, there was no insult or offense taken to hear some say, "Sir, you are not a gentleman." But the definition of "gentleman" has evolved to the point that today the same sentence would be saying that the man was simply rude and unmannered — an insult. Similarly the definition of church and Christian has changed and broadened to include any person or group of people who believe in Jesus (and oddly enough, even a few who don't). But God's definition (to be a Christian you must be baptized) stands **unchanged** and it is God's **unchanged** definition that will count on the Last Day.

So, when you worship on Sunday, worship with God's definition of the church, with God's definition of your brothers and sisters in Christ, with God's definition of worship in truth (God's commanded worship) and God's definition of worship in spirit (in God's commanded way). That's the way to get the very most out of worship, and leaving the assembly uplifted and filled and ready for the week ahead.

Park Linscomb

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JULY

14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<p>Wedding shower table</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00AM Bible classes</li> <li>■ 10:00AM Worship</li> <li>■ 4:00PM Leadership meeting</li> <li>■ 6:00PM Worship</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class</li> <li>■ 8:00PM Games for the youth</li> </ul>			<p>Victoria A. </p>

## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

**July 14** .....AM.....PM  
 Announcements .....John S  
 Songleading .....Doug J.....Scott W  
 Opening Prayer .....Chris S .....David J  
 Communion .....Scott W .....burley S  
 Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Closing Prayer .....Jim B .....Jim B  
 A/V Control .....CharlesH.....Fernando Z  
 Greeter .....Burley S

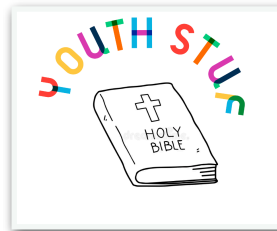
### Wed PM, July 17

Songs .....Charles H  
 A/V.....John S

**July 21** .....AM.....PM  
 Announcements .....John S  
 Songleading .....Scott W .....Doug J  
 Opening Prayer .....Marty K .....Scott W  
 Communion .....Doug J.....Charles H  
 Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Closing Prayer .....Charles H.....Yaw F  
 A/V Control .....Charles H.....Fernando Z  
 Greeter .....Jim B

### Wed PM, July 17

Songs .....Jim B  
 A/V.....John S



## What's Happening!?

- ▶ 7/16 Youth Six Flags Trip: The youth will be going to Six Flags this Tuesday! A huge THANK YOU to Juliana Shotwell for making the matching T-shirts for the kids!
- ▶ 7/17 Wednesday Night Games
- ▶ 7/24 Kids VBS Night: On Wednesday July 24th, all kids from babies-3rd grade are invited to join us for a VBS night from 7-8 during evening service. There will be singing, crafts, stories, games, and more! Any kids older than 3rd grade are encouraged to come and help.

## Sermon Notes...

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