

# 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"*

## SPIRITUAL TIDBITS

### ABIB, A NEW YEAR IN HISTORY

These articles serve a real purpose. The intent is to familiarize the reader with daily applications of God's Word, and perhaps a more real purpose for "walking in the light" because of small details that each person can relate to. We can all be reminded of daily spiritual needs and make the Bible a better roadmap by sharing spiritual tidbits of information...in addition to what we already know.

The names and dates are real, as are many of 'life's challenges and rewards'. For example, when the Children of Israel left Egypt, how many people were there? Not that it mattered, spiritually, but we get an idea of how large an undertaking it was to organize and move. A few dozen families would have been easy, but considering how many people were involved, the task becomes remarkable; actually, it became miraculous!

We find that the Children of Israel had been commanded to come to the "Mountain of God" where Moses saw the burning bush and spoke with God the first time. (loosely defined, the mountain was called Sinai, in the mountain range called Horeb). This can be found specifically in **Exodus 3:1-12** "ye shall serve God upon this mountain."

God declared unto Moses and the children of Israel, that the bondage term would end at 430 Years (**Exodus 12:40-41**) and the newly-formed, all inclusive family of the descendants of Abraham (according to the Promise of **Genesis 12:1-3**) departed out of Egypt. The year of 'exodus' would be 1446 BC, which was 645 years after the Promise was first made.

The dates become more significant to the children of Israel because God declared in **Exodus 12:2**, "This month shall be to you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you." In **Exodus 13:4**, the first month on the Jewish Calendar was given the name of Abib (later Nisan) which is in the Spring of the year...March-April. It is the time of the Passover feast, celebrated today under Jewish tradition.

Of the people who left Egypt, the scriptures only tell us the quantity of men over the age of twenty. In **Numbers 1:1-3**, the 1<sup>st</sup> census was commanded, 13 months after their departure. According to **Numbers 2:32** the number of adult males over 20 was 603,550 not including Levites. Double the number to understand the great mass of those involved in the journey.

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 .

**CHANGE CANS** — Foster's Home for Children left a number “change cans” (they take folding money, too) for any who want to make a contribution to this home and good work it does.

They'll be collected in about 2 weeks.

### LEADERSHIP MEETING NOTES

- Our financial picture is improving due to a 5 week month. The surplus we're realizing now will go toward winter and unexpected expenses.
- Park's videos are now being posted on all the church's FB outlets. We were encouraged to spread the word.
- Hugh has composed an outline of what can be done for a workshop on finances that would include warnings about scams. An interest sign-up sheet has been posted in the back of the auditorium.
- Our lawn in the courtyard of the facilities has now been sodded and after some heavy rain it is working well at preventing excess runoff and erosion.
- It was suggested that we give the congregation a way to help the victims of the Texas hill country floods. It was decided that contributions could be given to Charles, who will forward them to the Kerrville Riverside church of Christ.
- The need for congregational involvement and mentoring was discussed. Various involvement areas were pointed out

- It was determined that we are in need of an improved curriculum for our young people, so that they have a well-rounded knowledge of Scripture from Genesis through Revelation.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** — was originally scheduled for July 19 has been rescheduled for August 2.

**GROUP OUTING??** — Several of us have gone on a group outing to the Rough Riders baseball games in past seasons and if you'd be interested in an outing on August 1 (a Friday evening) there's a sign up sheet in the back that you could sign. The tickets would be \$19 per person.



**THE WHITE ROCK FUND**  
Reporting and Fundraising Day  
**October 25, 2025**  
Shawnee Trail church of Christ



Mission reports  
from all over  
the world!  
Luncheon

**DID YOU KNOW...**...that there are a number of great classes from our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Bible classes that are online that can be view anytime? Go to YouTube and then search for the Rock Hill Church of Christ channel —@rockhillchurchofchrist405.

**THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH** — Those who wish to provide the Pittsfield MA church money for their benevolence fund monthly can see Trudy R. to contribute.

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS...

- Charles H is at home recovering from kidney stone surgery.
- The Wallaces' friend Nancy

### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Ardith has been in Plano Presbyterian since Tuesday.

- A young women in Laurel, Delaware, having her first baby, but with complications.
- Esther Myrick asks for prayers from us, a very low blood count, especially her white count. Pray that the Lord will heal her.
- Reiven and Ora H — Pray for a quick and complete recovery.
- Ken Conklin is now home, but will still need prayers as he gains strength through PT and OT.
- Suzanne asks for strength for her mother Bonnie. She wants so badly to be able to attend services but does not have the physical strength to do so.

- Our missionary in Pittsfield MA, the Staffords, now has their granddaughter, Peyton living with them. Please pray for them.

- Mary H is recovering at home.

- Ralph L. suffering from double vision.

- Bonnie D recovering from a minor stroke.

- Sue C: digestive problems

- Churches in New England

- Brethren in India

- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

### LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Emma's grandmother, Karla R, dementia and cancer.
- Elizabeth's cousin Tracy with Lupus, and also her cousin Debbie H.
- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Travis Y. feeding tube

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

- Jul 20, Isa 1-4
- Jul 21, Isa 5-8
- Jul 22, Isa 9-12
- Jul 23, Isa 13-16
- Jul 24, Isa 17-21
- Jul 25, Isa 22-25
- Jul 26, Isa 26-28
- Jul 27, Isa 29-31

# 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.

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## FROM THE MOUTHS OF THE "UNCHURCHED"

**G**rowing the church and sharing the Gospel as we should begins with something we often ignore — going. It is the first word of the Great Commission and is the reason we often are stagnated in evangelism. We cannot expect the lost to come; we must go.

But beyond "going", what else might we find out about how to reach the lost? Well, it might be helpful to know what they say they're looking for, what helps them to connect, and what might keep them connected and active. Fortunately, there are a number of polling organizations that have asked such questions recently. I think you'll find the results interesting.

The top reasons why people attend church (research conducted by Gallup)

- 23%- for spiritual growth and guidance
- 20%- keeps me grounded/guided
- 15%- it's my faith
- 15%- to worship God
- 13%- the fellowship of other members (the community)
- 12%- believe in God/religion
- 12%- brought up that way (tradition)

The top 13 reasons why unchurched people chose a church (Research conducted by Thom Ranier)

1. 90% – Pastor/Preaching
2. 88% – Doctrines
3. 49% – Friendliness of Members
4. 42% – Other Issues
5. 41% – Someone at Church Witnessed to Me
6. 38% – Family Member
7. 37% – Sensed God's Presence/Atmosphere of Church
8. 25% – Relationship Other than Family Member
9. 25% – Sunday School Class
10. 25% – Children's/Youth Ministry

11. 12% – Other Groups/Ministries
12. 11% – Worship Style/Music
13. 7% – Location

Top 6 Things that Keep the Formerly Unchurched Active in the Church (research conducted by Thom Ranier)

- 62% – Ministry Involvement
- 55% – Sunday School
- 54% – Obedience to God
- 49% – Fellowship of Members
- 38% – Pastor/Preaching
- 14% – Worship Services

Top 4 Reasons Given By Youth that Choose to Continue Attending Church (research conducted by Lifeway Research)

- 65% say church was a vital part of their relationship with God
- 58% say they wanted the church to guide their decisions in everyday life
- 50% say they felt that church was helping them become a better person
- 42% were committed to the purpose and work of the church

The statistics speak for themselves. Overall, doctrine, the minister and his preaching, and the active fellowship of the congregation are the most influential qualities. We shouldn't be amazed; they are the very things that the New Testament writers and Jesus Himself said would be important to emphasize. People, lost and saved, young or old, will **always** be interested in solid, decisive Bible preaching (2 Tim. 4:1ff) and a warm, active fellowship (John 13:35)!

So, now that we know these things, let's emphasize them as we go and invite friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues to church; they are usually the very things which many of them will be looking for.

Park Linscomb

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JULY

20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Victoria A. 🎂			Ian K. 🎂	Marie Wallace 🎂		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00AM Bible classes</li> <li>■ 10:00AM Worship</li> <li>■ 6:00PM Worship</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class</li> </ul>			

## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

**Week of July 20** .....AM .....PM.....Wed.  
 Announcements .....Burley S .....Burley S  
 Song Leading.....Scott W .....Doug J .....Jim B  
 Opening Prayer .....John S .....Hunter M  
 Communion .....Marty K.....Scott W  
 Closing Prayer .....Doug J .....Charles H  
 A/V Control.....Hunter M.....Charles H.....John S  
 Greeter.....John S

**Week of July 27** .....AM .....PM.....Wed.  
 Announcements .....Jim B .....Jim B  
 Song Leading.....Doug J .....Scott W .....Reiven H  
 Opening Prayer .....David J.....Jim B  
 Communion .....John S .....Burley S  
 Closing Prayer .....Scott W .....?  
 A/V Control.....Charles H.....John S .....?  
 Greeter.....Yaw F



Sermon Notes...

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