

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

A WITNESS AGAINST THEE

While still at Mt. Sinai, the children of Israel received direct instructions *"by the voice of God...direct from heaven"* **Exodus 20:22**. These would be the Words of God provided directly by the mouth of God; giving instructions to the children of Israel, whose place would be as a *"peculiar treasure unto me above all people...and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation"* **Exodus 19:5-8**. The people responded with a pledge in **verse 8**, *"All that the Lord hath spoken we will do."*

Although the people may have fully intended to be obedient, the Scriptures record the many ways that the people failed to keep the pledge and suffered accordingly. When Peter mentioned in **2 Peter 1:16-19**, *"we have a more-sure word of prophesy"*, he is referencing the New Covenant, put in place with the blood of Christ. He reinforces that *"all scripture was given by holy men of God as they were moved by the Holy Ghost"* **2 Peter 1:20-21**, **2 Timothy 3:16**.

Not only were these 'holy men of God' guided by the Holy Ghost, they were commanded to "write it in a book" according to **Exodus 34:27**, *"write thou these words, for after the tenor of these words, I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel."*

It was by this command that the precedent was set for all generations to make a record of what God commands of His people. In **Deuteronomy 31:9** Moses writes, *"Moses wrote this law and delivered to the priests the sons of Levi...**V24-26** when Moses made an end of writing this law in a book until they were finished, that Moses commanded the Levites...take this book of the law and put in the side of the ark of the covenant...that it might be there for a witness against thee."*

The pattern of the written commandment was therefore set, as was the intent, to measure the attitudes and acts of the people against the standard which God provided; **Romans 15:4**, *"things written aforetime were written for our learning"*, and should be to us a warning of things to come! **1 Corinthians 10:11-12** completes this thought; *"Now all these things happened unto them as ensamples (examples): and they are written for our admonition (instruction)...Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth (safe in righteousness) take heed lest he fall."* Great counsel indeed...Blessed be the name of the Lord!

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 .

PARK WILL BE SPEAKING at McDermott Road's Summer Series on July 9 (Wednesday). He'll be speaking on "Deeper Submission" (2 Kings 5).

SINGING PRACTICE is today at 5PM in the fellowship hall. Come and learn new songs with us for our larger assembly of worship

WEDDING SHOWER TABLE for Ben and Charley Kopenski will be in back of the auditorium on July 6th.

JULY 13 BIBLE CLASS — Craig Deputy from Foster's Home for Children will be coming to our congregation and report about the good work being done by this children's home.

MEN'S BREAKFAST — July 19 at 9am the men of the congregation will meet at the fellowship hall for some breakfast, fellowship, and spiritual encouragement. Join us and be uplifted.

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...

- **FREIDA** is in Medical City Dallas for fluid around her heart and lungs. She'll probably be there until at least Sunday afternoon.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- The safe, fun, and spiritual time for many of our youth at Camp Deer Run (and the several adults who may join them on middle Sunday this Sunday.)
- The Myrick's daughter appears to have an infection. Pray for a quick recovery.
- Esther Myrick asks for prayers from us, a very low blood count, especially her white count. Pray that the Lord will heal her.
- A quick and successful recovery for Doug J.'s heart procedures.
- Ora H. regarding surgical recovery
- Reiven 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 grand-daughter, Peyton living with. Please pray for them in this transition.

- Please pray for Eloise's recovery for a broken bone from a fall.
- 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 6, Psa 120-135
- Jul 7, Psa 136-142
- Jul 8, Psa 143-150
- Jul 9, Pro 1-4
- Jul 10, Pro 5-8
- Jul 11, Pro 9-13
- Jul 12, Pro 14-17
- Jul 13, Pro 18-21



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



Mission reports
from all over
the world!
Luncheon

*When you abandon
the absolute author-
ity of God's Word,
anything goes. — Ken
Ham*

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.

FINISHING WELL, RUNNING THROUGH THE TAPE

The newly appointed manager of a chain of hotels was on his first inspection trip. In the kitchen of one of the hotels observed a particularly unhappy looking dishwasher.

"Cheer up, my good man," the new manager said, giving the gloomy fellow a friendly pat on the shoulder, "I started as a dishwasher, and now I am the general manager."

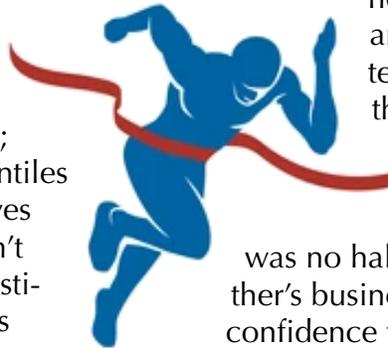
"I know," came the startling reply, "but I started as general manager and now I'm the dishwasher."

In Romans 11:19-23 Paul teaches this important spiritual point for all to hear and heed: it's not how you start, it's how you finish. The Jews mistakenly thought that being born (starting off) Jewish was enough to save, but God's salvation was through faith in Jesus; they needed to believe in Him. Gentiles had lived abominable, shameful lives as pagans, but their sinful start didn't have to determine their spiritual destination; faith and obedience to Jesus had the power to change everything. And some Gentiles who had just been saved seemed to have mistakenly thought that once that they had believed in Jesus that they could live as they pleased; but God expected newness of life, led by the Spirit.

Starting poorly doesn't mean that we have to finish poorly. Hell is not a foregone conclusion for even the worst of sinners; faith and obedience to Jesus still has the power to change everything. In fact, personal observation has been that those who have quite the "past" are often all the more zealous for good than many of us who may have had the advantages of being raised in a religious home.

Knowing how bad sinful living is, they want no more part of it and pursue righteousness with urgency.

But just as true, starting well doesn't mean that we will finish well. It's not enough to have simply been baptized, we must live as and remain a faithful disciple. How does one finish strong. Consider Paul's statement in 2Tim. 4:6,7: "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith..." Paul was writing this from a Roman prison cell that he had apparently "earned" by preaching the Gospel; and even



here Paul was seeking to encourage and give last instructions to his protegee about continuing the work of the Lord. Paul wasn't slowing down; he was running through the tape with good works done zealously for the Lord. There was no half-effort or retirement from his Father's business. That is what gave Paul the confidence to say that there was laid up for him a crown of righteousness in Heaven. Paul wasn't earning his salvation, but he was letting his faith continue to push and urge and motivate the deeds of his life right up to the end.

And our own eternity is not based on how we start either, but on how we finish.

Jesus' promise to the church in Smyrna was "...Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." Revelation 2:10, NAS95. Are you "running through the tape" for a strong finish, or are you "funning through the tape" (terrible pun, I know), jogging or walking toward a weak one?

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JULY

6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 5:00PM First Sunday singing practice ■ 6:00PM Worship 	Jennifer K.		■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class	John B.	Linda S.	

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of July 6AM.....PM.....Wed.

AnnouncementsJohn SJohn S
 Song LeadingScott WDoug JCharles H
 Opening PrayerDoug JTom R
 CommunionDavid JYaw F
 Closing PrayerJim BHunter M
 A/V ControlCharles HJohn SHunter M
 GreeterBurley S

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Sermon Notes...
