

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 20

To investigate the Lord's church requires much study of the New Testament, as well as the foretelling of the 'coming of the church' in the Old Testament. The primary beginning of the church is linked to Abram's promise in **Genesis 12:1-8**. Remember that **Galatians 3:16** gives clarification to the promise, including that the 'seed promise' is in Christ. Therefore, it can be said that the Plan of God was unique and even mysterious as the Scriptures indicate. The presence of religions was vast with a wide variety of beliefs. The challenge of finalizing a "God sponsored means by which man could be redeemed" could only have been the product of Almighty God Himself.

The Roman government was in power in Jerusalem as early as 63 BC. Their attitude concerning Religion should be considered loose, provided it didn't interfere with the Law or the government hierarchy. The Christian believers were considered "just another religious sect" until it was challenged by the Jewish leaders. The clashes between the Jews and Christians apparently became serious for the Roman leaders. From the beginning of the church in 33 AD until 313 AD, Christianity was "forbidden by Roman Law". Under ruler Constantine was issued the 'Edict of Milan' which granted legal status to virtually all religions.

The Lord's Church remained a religious sect in the mind of the average person. Only those closest to Jesus himself would have imagined otherwise ...and only those lead by the Holy Spirit would recognize the difference! In the year 325 AD, Constantine called a meeting known as the 'Council of Nicea'. The purpose was to determine the "agreed-upon beliefs of the council". This may be the 1st time an effort was made to formalize and solidify religious beliefs by rulers of Governmental authority. In 380 AD, then ruler Theodosius issued the "Edict of Thessalonica" which made Nicene Christianity the 'official religion of the Roman Empire'. Those who were not in compliance would lose their "legal status".

Actually, there was little difference between then and now in terms of Spiritual Truth. It was during this time that the Inspired writers composed the entirety of the New Testament, and True Worshipers (**John 4:24**) continued to follow.

Matthew 7:13 refers to the "strait gate and narrow way, and few there be that find it". There is a reason for that, and we must make every effort to comply. More to follow

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 .

WHAT AN ACTIVE WEEK! — Between last Sunday evening's ice cream fellowship (and game!), the Wednesday evening teen games, and the Rough Rider game on Friday, we've had plenty of time to enjoy some rich fellowship. These fellowship times, along with times for worship and Bible study, help us all to grow in Christ and grow together. Time spent with brethren is always time well spent!

THE LEADERSHIP MEETING for June will be today, June 16, at 4PM. If you have anything that you would like for our elders, deacons, and preacher to discuss, please let them know.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP — Sunday evening's sermons are a series on the book of Philippians. Last week was Philippians 2:29ff; this week we'll be looking at Philippians 3 as Paul contrasts the things that people tend to value in this world vs. the eternal values. If you've missed the first 3 installments of this series, you can pick them up at cancelled due to severe weather concerns, so this Sunday evening we'll continue our sermon series on

Philippians with chapter 3. Come join us!!

CHURCH-WIDE MOVIE NIGHT! June 28th in the auditorium, 6 PM- 8 PM. The whole congregation is invited. We will be watching the Christian movie War Room!

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.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Elizabeth's step brother (Terry Cunningham) was discharged to Baylor's rehab unit on Thursday afternoon! He and E. thank you all for your love, concerns and prayers
- Kirk has some medical heart issues, please pray.
- Esther Myrick rehabbing at home from knee surgery: pray for quick healing.
- 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 congregational

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

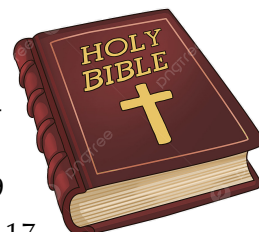
- Isela Hughes' sister Griselda's illness & friend Jeff with cancer (very ill)
- Bonnie B.
- Carol P.
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- The Zapata's friend Isabella with a heart lesion
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Ken C.

**A worldly church
is of no good to
the world.**

— Russell Moore.

READ-THE-BIBLE- IN-A-YEAR

- Jun 16, Job 38-42
- Jun 17, Psa 1-9
- Jun 18, Psa 10-17
- Jun 19, Psa 18-22
- Jun 20, Psa 23-31
- Jun 21, Psa 32-37
- Jun 22, Psa 38-44
- Jun 23, Psa 45-51



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.

HOW CAN I GET MORE OUT OF COMMUNION IN WORSHIP? (PART 1)

One of the potentially richest and most meaningful acts of worship each first day of the week is the Lord's Supper. I say "potentially", because we can sometimes lose proper focus on it and thus partake of it in an unworthy fashion. This is not just a modern problem, of course; even Christians in Corinth needed a reminder to avoid taking it in a ho-hum fashion (1 Cor. 11:17ff). So, as a part of our series of articles how to get more out of worship, let's take a look at a few things to remember, so that we partake of it in a way that glorifies the Lord and builds us up individually and as a congregation.

First, we need to recall Jesus' own words about the elements of the Supper, the bread and the wine. The bread, Jesus said, is a token of His body, which was given in sacrifice to be physically punished and put to death to pay for the rightful punishment for our sins. Every lash of the scourge belongs to us, every punch landed belonged to us, every wound, every nail, every bruise belonged to us, but He stood in our place and accepted them all in His body, which the bread represents. To partake of it should remind us that we are sinners, who have been infinitely benefited from His gracious standing in our place (Isaiah 53:4-6), which should provoke renewed love and gratitude in our hearts.

The cup, Jesus said, is to the Christian a token of His "blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins". Covenants in the Bible are often sealed with the blood of an animal sacrifice (Abram and Moses for example). And the new is also established with the blood of a sacrifice, although in this case, not with an animal's blood, but with Jesus' blood. No wonder, then, that the Hebrew writer wrote,

...even Christians in Corinth needed a reminder to avoid taking it in a ho-hum fashion (1 Cor. 11:17ff).

"Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?" (Heb. 10:29).

Being in covenant with God means becoming His adopted children, the reason why we may call the God of the universe our Father, an honor of beyond our ability to completely comprehend!

But beyond the covenant aspect, we are told that Jesus' blood was poured out for forgiveness of sins. The Old Testament explained it, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for

it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement" (Lev. 17:11). As we partake of the wine, we are to remember that the forgiveness of our sins came at the price of the life of the Son of God.

This facet of divine remembrance for all that the Lord has done, while we partake of the Lord's Supper is a crucial one. I tend to call it the vertical dimension, between God and us. If we focus on getting this right, every first day of the week, we will surely walk away renewed and spiritually nourished.

But there's also an horizontal dimension to the Lord's Supper that shouldn't be neglected, if we want to get the most out of worship. Let's talk about that next time.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JUNE

| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 4:00PM Leadership meeting ■ 6:00PM Worship | Javier & Maria P ❤️ | Norma B 🕯️ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class ■ 8:00PM Games for the youth | Kim & Ryan B. ❤️ Maria P 🕯️ ■ 6:00PM Youth "Reel Faith", Luca | | Chris & Sue A. ❤️ |

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

June 16

AnnouncementsBurley S
 SongleadingDoug J.....Scott W
 Opening PrayerChris SDavid J
 CommunionCharles H.....Doug J
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerJim BFernando Z
 A/V ControlJohn SCharles H
 GreeterJim b

Wed PM, June 19

SongsReiven H
 A/VFernando Z

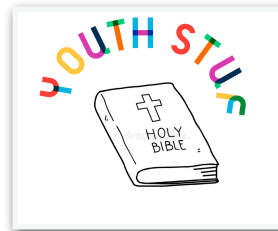
June 23

AnnouncementsBurley S
 SongleadingScott WDoug J
 Opening PrayerMarty KTom R
 CommunionFernando Z.....Jim B
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerCharles H.....John S
 A/V ControlJohn SCharles
 GreeterYaw F

Wed PM, June 19

SongsCharles H
 A/VFernando Z

Sermon Notes...



What's Happening!?

- ▶ Don't forget Wednesday night games.
- ▶ June 20, "Reel Faith", Luca
- ▶ Thanks to everyone who came to the car wash service project!
- ▶ Wasn't the Rough Riders' game fun?
- ▶ Middle Sunday Singing
 - ▶ June 30th
 - ▶ Meet at the church building

