

# 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 19

It is said by the Prophet Isaiah that *"in the last days" the "mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains...for out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem"* **Isaiah 2:2-3**. This prophecy is known to introduce the beginning of the Lord's Church, and one of the ways in which it can be identified. It is important to make the connection; Jerusalem was called the City of God, the City of David as well as the term "Zion". It is the location of the Temple built by Solomon which housed the 'Holiest of All' places and housed the "Ark of the covenant" the "Mercy Seat" and the "Cherubim" sitting over top. It was also the place where God would meet the high priest each year to accept the sacrifices to remember the sins of the people **Hebrews 10:3**.

The "Holiest of All" (the innermost portion of the Temple) was the most special place within the Temple of God. **Hebrews 9:8** *"The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest (known)".* Although the final acts of The Plan had not yet been made known, it can be followed by these simple evidences that God gave in His Word. Therefore we can identify when the events occurred by the evidence of inspired writers. For further personal review, look at Hebrews 7—10. The inspired writer does an outstanding job in describing the original temple and the replacement Plan for salvation under the 'New Covenant' in these chapters.

The most significant bit of information is revealed in what Isaiah said, *"the mountain of the Lord's House shall be established in the top of the mountains".... For out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem."* This is not just an errant statement, but a prophecy concerning the Lord's church. The most significant reference for the Identity of the true church and the exclusivity of it. No authority has been given by our Heavenly Father for another time nor place. Furthermore, the significance of **Acts 2:47** wherein the church is added to, proving its existence in AD33. To God be the Glory!

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 .

**GREAT LOCK-IN!** What a great “lock-in” we had Friday evening through Saturday morning! We had over 20 young people playing games, playing ping pong, watching movies, doing crafts, and generally having a great time. Thanks to all who helped make it happen, especially our interns, Kent and Avery!

### THE LEADERSHIP MEETING NOTES

- We spent \$16,000 on the new storage area, yet because of the church's generosity, we are down only \$6000 in our bank account.
- Our insurance on the building will be coming to an end at the end of July; the company is refusing to renew, they will no longer serve Texas. So we will be looking for a new insurance carrier. Preliminary investigation indicates that we will see a significant jump in insurance premiums. It was suggested that we look into a self insurance trust fund.
- Work on getting a more manageable Facebook page continues, but is not resolved yet.
- Our advertisements on local streaming services continues to get many views (47,000+ views per month), but it has resulted in just a few web views. We will continue to advertise this way for the next quarter.

- Audio podcasts are currently available on our website; look on the menu of the website.
- The basketball hoop will be fixed soon by Hugh R.
- Charles is looking into getting a small PA system for the fellowship hall.
- We will be getting an estimate on contouring our landscaping to divert water away from our auditorium and make the muddy area of our between-the-buildings area useable.
- It was suggested that perhaps instead of a Gospel meeting this year we investigate doing a mission trip to Idaho in the fall or the spring. Scott W will pursue this.



**BASEBALL FELLOWSHIP** — A group of us will be attending a Rough Rider game on June 14. Today's the last day to sign up to go.

### THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH —

- The church in Pittsfield has sent us a report. Pick one up in the foyer area of the building and find out what's been going on, what you could be praying for, and what they have planned for the future.
- 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...

- Stahr fell, broke her nose, and hurt her hand.
- Zeke who can not longer join us at worship, due to his medical condition. Pray for an improvement.
- 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.
- Rachel W's friend, Madeline, with Guillain-Barré syndrome
- Dianna C. for cancer treatment
- Sue Carter: digestive problems
- The Stafford's grand-daughter
- 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.

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

- Jun 2, Neh 4-6
- Jun 3, Neh 7-8
- Jun 4, Neh 9-10
- Jun 5, Neh 11-13
- Jun 6, Esther 1-3
- Jun 7, Esther 4-7
- Jun 8, Esther 8-10
- Jun 9, Job 1-5

**The joy of the Lord is  
your strength.  
(Nehemiah 8:10)**

# 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 SONG SERVICE?

We've been thinking about ways to get more out of worship in the last few articles in this part of the bulletin. We've considered how important the assembly is and also how to (in a generic way) to get more out of the assembly. But there are things that we can do to improve our worship toward God and encouragement toward each other in the individual forms of our Sunday worship. Let's start with our song service.

One of the first things that we should note is that God is not a music critic. What I mean by that is that the quality of our voice, the level our musical talent, our ability to stay on key, our skills at harmony, or even our capacity to (as my father would put it) "carry a tune in a bucket" is not a concern to the Lord, period. So, join in singing praise to the Lord and encouragement to brethren like you mean it, loud sometimes, pen- sive at other times, and reverent at others. But never let how you think your voice sounds squelch your singing. God isn't interested in a "professional" sound — that's strictly a weak human concern. God evaluates our singing by the heart, not by the sonic waves we are able to produce.

And touching on this topic of God not being a music critic, we shouldn't be music critics either. Don't misunderstand me, we should offer to God the best we can do, but that will always vary from person to person and congregation to congregation. Speaking personally, I've sat on the front row as a preacher for decades and I've heard literally every degree of music ability from opera singers to croakers, but as long as the croakers are doing their best and singing with their heart I will never be concerned about their "ruining" our worship to God. Let us never lose sight of the fact that our time in the worship of the church is not a performance, it is worship to God that all are commanded to participate in — even the croakers.

What God cares about is

much more basic and important, and it mostly has to do with the words we sing. Ephesians 5:19 tells us that our singing should be "speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord." What we are singing should be either glorifying to God and encouraging and instructive to the brothers and sisters around us — or both. So if we want to get more out of our singing worship, let's make sure that we know what our sings are saying. Sadly, we sometimes don't. Not only are there occasional poetic references that are difficult (e.g., "Night with ebon pin- ion, brooded o'er the vale"), but sometimes we focus so much on the music (harmony or tempo) that we lose track of what we're actually singing — let alone those times that we just get distracted.

What can we do? First, sometimes we can just go through the human and read through the lyrics without singing the music and ponder their meaning. This may sound a bit odd, when we study the Psalms we're actually studying Israel's ancient songbook. While our hymnal isn't inspired like the Psalms; we are nevertheless offering their words up to God and the church, and we really should know what they mean. What kind of doctrines are these words teaching me and others? What are these songs praising about God? What encouragement is to be found in these things I am singing? What am I committing myself to through these words? What sorts of things am I confess- ing about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit as I sing?

The outcome of singing from our hearts ("loud and proud"), not being a music critic of others, and really knowing what we're singing is that we will be singing "in spirit and in truth" and will not only glorify God but encourage one another.

Park Linscomb



**"But let all who take refuge in  
You be glad,  
Let them ever sing for joy;  
That those who love Your  
name may exult in You."  
(Psalms 5:11)**

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN MAY AND JUNE

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## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

### June 2

Announcements .....Jim B  
 Songleading .....Doug J.....Scott W  
 Opening Prayer .....Yaw F .....Reiven H  
 Communion .....David J.....Burley S  
 Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Closing Prayer .....Doug J.....Yaw F  
 A/V Control .....John S .....Charles H  
 Greeter .....Hugh R

### Wed PM, June 5

Songs .....Charles H  
 A/V .....Fernando Z

### June 9

Announcements .....Jim B  
 Songleading .....Scott W .....Doug J  
 Opening Prayer .....Charles H.....Fernando Z  
 Communion .....Yaw F .....Scott W  
 Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Closing Prayer .....Scott W .....Ralph L  
 A/V Control .....John S .....Charles H  
 Greeter .....Burley S

### Wed PM, June 12

Songs .....Charles H  
 A/V .....Fernando Z

## Sermon Notes...

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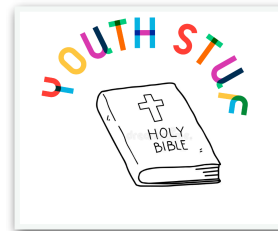
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## What's Happening!?

▶ Wednesday Night Games! Have

you ever played Mao before?

- ▶ Our congregation-wide Trivia and Ice Cream night has been moved to next Sunday (June 9th) after evening worship!
- ▶ Today is the last day to sign up for the church-wide Rough Riders game! The game is this Friday, June 14th, and tickets are \$12 each

