

# 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"*

## Remains of the Promise

Not everyone has a 'warped' sense of logic or perhaps an unconventional method of thinking about things. Perhaps the normal (relatively speaking) person hasn't thought much about the conflict between Israel and adjoining nations of the Middle East. Perhaps it is unusual to consider the promise made to Abraham in **Genesis 12:1-3**, and the status of it today. It remains one of the greatest events ever recorded in scripture and secular history as well. Is it not fair to consider whether the entire prophecy has been completed already, or are there items yet to be fulfilled?

The conclusion of the matter is not necessarily for us to know, it is interesting to consider what we do know. Obviously, it is not possible to cover much in this article, we will cover some vital details. A time line is first: History tells us that Abram was born in 2166 BC. He was 75 years old when he left Haran as God instructed him (**Gen 12:4**). The Promise began to materialize including wealth, family, property and the greater promise of our Savior in his descendents **Galatians 3:16**.

**Matthew 1:17** tells us that it would take a total of 42 generations to get us to Christ according to God's plan and promise. This means a minimum of 1,991 years in order to reach the birth of Christ, at which time dates would be noted as AD in the first century of the modern age. The birth-death-resurrection of Christ would mark the fulfillment of "*in thy seed, all Nations of the earth would be blessed.*"

The remainder of the promise becomes much less definable. It was repeated to son Isaac and grandson Jacob, and can easily be traced as it was transferred in the book of Genesis. Under Joseph, the children of Israel moved to Egypt, and left there "*with great substance*" **Genesis 15:14**. If we follow the history provided in **Joshua 21:43-45** we find, "*the Lord gave unto Israel all the land which He swore to give...and the Lord gave them rest round about...there failed not ought of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel: all came to pass.*" At this time, the Tribes were 12, and the land was divided into parcels. Disobedience destroyed the relationship with God and left only remnants of the promise. What lessons can we learn from their example?

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 .

**OUR NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST** is July 11. Make a note of it on your calendar and plan on joining us for breakfast, good fellowship, and some spiritual uplift.



**LEADERSHIP MEETING** has been postponed to July 12. If you have anything for our leadership team to discuss, please bring it to one of the elders, deacons, or Park.

**ELOISE ISBELL** who is at Mustang Creek Estates, an elderly care facility, has a birthday coming up, June 28. Let's all send her a card. Her address is 1200 W. Main St., House F, Room 2, Frisco TX 75033.

### CURRENT ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

- Sunday AM — The book of Ephesians. Currently, we're in chapter 5 about to start chapter 6
- Wednesday PM — The book of 2 Corinthians. Currently, we're in chapter 6.
- Handouts for these classes are online at [rhcoc.org/worship](http://rhcoc.org/worship)

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE...** invite a friend to take watch these online resources ...

- Live worship services and Bible studies — [rhcoc.org/worship](http://rhcoc.org/worship)

- Various recorded Bible studies — <https://www.youtube.com/@rockhillchurchofchrist405>

### OUR PRAYER LIST...



- Kodie Stelzer, Jessica's daughter, tore the ACL in her knee in soccer tryouts
- Shelly Dawdy, knee surgery this week
- Pam Henry's brother passed away last week
- Nina Easley — recently baptized into Christ, for her strength and growth in the Lord.
- Recoveries...
  - Linda S had knee replacement recovery at home.
  - Park's grandson, Jordan, hip surgery recovery
  - Eloise Isbell
  - The Mericks son, Konrad, had back surgery.
  - Lynn Turner is now at home.
  - Doug Jones, from cancer treatment
- The Turners' friend Judy has a dear friend with a serious foot infection

- The Turners' great nephew, Baylen born weighing 5 lbs. needing to do necessary surgery of rearranging his internal organs. Please pray that he will be able to survive with a reasonable measure of health.
- Travis York, son of the the Yorks who were members of this congregation years ago, has had some health complications, Please pray for Travis & the Yorks.
- Dianne H's oldest brother-in-law, Earl Lemons
- Freida R., health issues
- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords' (our missionaries in Pittsfield, Massachusetts) granddaughter Peyton has returned to live in the Dallas area.

### LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Elizabeth's cousins Tracy with Lupus, and Debbie
- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness
- Dale C in the Ivy in McKinney
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Continued fruit from Burley's mission work in India.
- Churches in New England
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

If Heaven is above and Hell is below, keep in mind that you can't coast uphill — you can coast down.

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

- 6/21 ..... Judges 11-13
- 6/22 .....Judges 14-16
- 6/23 .....Judges 17-19
- 6/24 .....Judges 20-21
- 6/25 .....Ruth 1-4
- 6/26 .....1 Sam 1-3
- 6/27 .....1 Sam 4-7
- 6/28 .....1 Sam 8-10



# 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.

## TO OUR FATHERS

There is no more powerful position in a child's life than his or her father. Peer pressure, as powerful as we think it is, is only a poor substitute for the influence of a father-relationship. As unbelievable as you may find it, even rock stars pale in comparison. You may be thinking, "Really?" And more, you may be wondering, "How?" Let me share a couple of things.

### Cultivate real relationships

Psychological study after sociological study comes up with the same conclusion: nothing compares to good parenting relationships as a the foundation for beliefs, values, and behavior—and fathers in particular are especially important.

- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes (US Dept. Of Health/Census) – 5 times the average.
- 90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes – 32 times the average.
- 85% of all children who show behavior disorders come from fatherless homes – 20 times the average. (Center for Disease Control)
- 80% of rapists with anger problems come from fatherless homes –14 times the average. (Justice & Behavior, Vol 14, p. 403- 26)
- 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes – 9 times the average. (National Principals Association Report)

But let me emphasize, it is not just a two parent family structure alone that is important here; it is the two-parent family structure in which the parent-child—and especially the father-child—relationship is strong. Relationship is the key element — not "buddies" (a huge mistake); we're talking about a relationship! Rules without relationships results in rebellion and rejection. You can be the world's best teacher, but if love is missing, your children will walk away without your values. It sounds an awful lot like 1 Corinthians 13:1, 2, doesn't it? "If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love,... I am nothing."

### Be at the dinner table

One way of cultivating a relationship is at the dinner table. It's at shared meals that humans bond. It is where we humans share, talk, tell our stories, laugh, discuss, and make connections. It's where you'll find out about the events of your children's day—their friends, their activities, their victories, their disappointments. You'll get the chance to discuss things and set the direction for your family. You'll get the chance to tell about your own day, which kids need to know. It's a key place and event where relationships are cultivated

and maintained. It may be hard to get home in time, but the pay off is worth every effort made.

### Be a conscious, deliberate teacher

There are several things your children need to learn from you: your skills, interests, hobbies, your family's history, memories from your own past, values, etc. —but most importantly, Scripture. Many fathers grope in the dark regarding spiritual leadership, and so sadly they neglect this part of their duty to lead their family in spiritual matters. Sadder still, sometimes moms aren't as supportive as they could be about it arguing that we all go to church on Sundays and Wednesday night—isn't that enough? But God didn't think so: Deuteronomy 6:6, 7 says it must happen in the midst of everyday activities. It doesn't have to be long or formal. Your kids want and need to learn from you—so, teach them!

### Be an example

The saying goes, "I'd rather see a sermon any day, than hear one." If you don't practice what you preach, what you say will lose credibility. Never fall for the foolish self-deception of believing that you can effectively say, "Do as I say do, not as I do." Not only will children resent such a command, it will break your relationship with them. Bad examples will negate and nullify your words. Conversely, a good example is truly powerful and will inscribe your words on the memory of your children's hearts forever. I'm 73 years old as I write this, yet my father's words, because they were coupled with his example, are just as vivid to me today as they were when I was 11. So, model morality, courage, perseverance, truth, manhood, husbandhood (for girls and boys), and fatherhood.

### Discipline

Be a disciplinarian, not a coward. I'm not talking about being harsh, grim, and picky. But fatherhood requires corrective talks and sometimes corrective measures. Biblical discipline includes 1) strengthening measures in things like hard work, responsibility, the proper handling of emotions, etc. and 2) correction. And speaking of correction, it is important to 1) make any punishment fit the "crime", 2) make it clear what might be wrong, 3) be clear about what should be done in the future, 4) pointing to your own practice, and 5) assure your child before-during-and-after of your love. Your children will actually thank you for it—later.

Be the father that the Lord requires, the father your children need, the father that will pass down a legacy of more than genes or perhaps money. Pass down a legacy of real "family" and an eternity in Heaven to your children, grandchildren, and more

Park Linscomb

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JUNE

	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00AM Bible classes</li> <li>■ 10:00AM Worship</li> <li>■ 6:00PM Worship</li> </ul>		Chris & Sue A. ❤️		Aly H 🎂	Kodie S. 🎂		
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class</li> </ul>			

## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

**Week of June 21.....AM .....PM .....Wed.**  
 Announcements .....Burley S .....Burley S  
 Song Leading .....Doug J .....Scott W .....Jim B  
 Opening Prayer .....Chris S .....Tom R  
 Communion .....David J.....Burley S  
 Scripture.....Colossians 3:18-21  
 Closing Prayer .....Jim B.....Hugh R  
 Greeter.....Yaw F

**Week of June 28.....AM .....PM .....Wed.**  
 Announcements .....Jim B.....Jim B  
 Song Leading .....Scott W .....Doug J.....Reiven H  
 Opening Prayer .....Jim B .....Ralph K  
 Communion .....Hugh R.....Charles H  
 Scripture  
 Closing Prayer .....Charles H.....Ron M  
 Greeter.....John V



Sermon Notes...

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