

THE ROCK HILL HERALD

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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

INTRODUCTION OF MOSES

The details concerning the reunion of Joseph to his father Jacob (Israel) should confirm to every person that God has a specific plan through which He would perform His will toward men. It confirms the assurance of God to Jacob in **Genesis 28:15**, *"behold I am with thee and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again unto this land (Canaan); for I will not leave thee until I have done all that I have spoken to thee of."* (including the promise of Jesus, by which all nations of the earth would be blessed **Gal. 3:16**)

During their time in Egypt, another prominent Judean figure emerges in the Plan of God. The habitation in Egypt began at approximately 1876 and the departure in 1446 BC. Joseph died in 1804 BC at the age of 110 Years. According to **Exodus 1:8**, a new King arose *"who knew not Joseph"* For fear of their number, the new king orchestrated a proclamation and a new attitude toward the children of Israel. This marked the beginning of "hard bondage with rigor" Not only were the children of Israel burdened with hard labor, the king declared *"all newborn male children would be killed"* in an apparent effort to limit the increase of their numbers.

It was during this time (1526 BC) that the birth of another chosen figure was born. Moses would have been included in the new-born babies who were killed, had it not been for the intervention of God. His mother placed him in a basket and floated him in the river where Pharaoh's daughter found him and claimed him as her own son. **Exodus 2:5-10**.

Moses' natural parents were of the Tribe of Levi, the 3rd son of Jacob (Israel). According to **Exodus 6:16-20**, Moses was the son of *"Am-ram and Joch-a-bed"* descendants of the 4th generation: Moses-Amram-Kohath-Levi. In **Genesis 15:13-17** the Scriptures say to Abram, *"in the 4th generation they shall come hither again"* marking the generation that shall depart from Egypt. The actual departure would have then taken place in approximately 1446, which is noted as date of the "1st Passover". Moses would later do his part in the Plan of God to deliver the children of Israel, and lead them from Egypt to the "Mountain of God" (Horeb) where further instructions would be given.

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

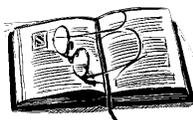
If you are visiting our congregation, welcome! Please fill out a visitor's card and put it in the collection tray as it is passed. If you have questions, we welcome them; please do not hesitate to ask Park Linscomb, our minister (the tall guy) or any other church member.

N . E . W . S .

BIRTHDAY CAKE SUNDAY... Next Sunday evening is our monthly "Birthday Cake Fellowship". It is going to celebrate everyone in the congregation whose birthday falls in the month of June. If you've never been, make an effort to come and enjoy the fun and good food. Nothing to bring but yourself!!

OUR ADULT BIBLE STUDIES...

- Sunday morning at 9AM is on 1 Timothy and we are in chapter 5
- Wednesday evening we are in 1 Corinthians 11.



COME AND BRING YOU KIDS, TOO (they'll have some great Bible classes too.)

Sure, you could watch online, but you'd miss two excellent advantages that come with being here in person: 1) the ability to ask questions for clarification, curiosity, or new thoughts and 2) the opportunity to have fellowship with others. Let's make summer a time to really dig into God's word and develop a new uplifting spiritual habit.



A NEW YOUTUBE PLAYLIST from the church is worth checking out.

- 1) Go to YouTube online. If you have a Google account, most of us do, you'll be recognized
- 2) Do a search for the Rock Hill church of Christ



- 3) Hit the "Subscribe button on the upper right side of the page. If you've already subscribed before you can skip this step.
- 4) On the left side of the page under the Subscriptions heading, look for Rock Hill church of Christ; click on the button, which will take you our channel.
- 5) At the top you'll see links to "Home", "Videos", "Live", "Podcasts", and "Playlists". If you click on "Playlist" you see a number of choices, the most recent of which is "Thoughts from the Rock Hill church of Christ".

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.

ADDRESS UPDATES?? — Please check our online address book and see if your information is correct. If not, please let Nancy Jones know.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS...

- The Myrick's daughter appears to have an infection. Pray for a quick recovery.
- Chris Shotwell's quick recovery from a serious dog bite.
- That doctors will settle on a diagnosis for Doug J.'s heart troubles.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Esther Myrick asks for prayers from us, a very low blood count, especially her white count. Pray that the Lord will heal her.
- Ora H. regarding surgical recovery
- Ken Conklin is now home, but will still need prayers as he gains strength through PT and OT.
- Reiven H — Pray for a quick and complete recovery.
- 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.

- From Juliana: Pray for Becky B., recovering from tongue cancer surgery.
- Our missionary in Pittsfield MA, the Staffords, now has their granddaughter, 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
- Rosa's friend Isabella, heart lesion
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Ken C.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Jun 22, Psa 38-44
- Jun 23, Psa 45-51
- Jun 24, Psa 52-59
- Jun 25, Psa 60-67
- Jun 26, Psa 68-71
- Jun 27, Psa 72-77
- Jun 28, Psa 78-81
- Jun 29, Psa 82-89

Faith in faith is just positive thinking, but faith in Jesus is salvation

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.

WORK, FOR THE NIGHT IS COMING!

I'm old enough to remember, and so are many of you, that there was a time in our brotherhood when many of our favorite worship hymns included "Work for Night is Coming", "To the Work to the Work", "Each Day I'll Do a Golden Deed", and "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes". The church of that era was a dynamo of activity: evangelism, the emergence of children's homes, mission work, neighborhood literature canvassing, VBS programs, visitation programs, nursing home singings, songleader workshops, bus ministries, and much more. Even the folks who wouldn't necessarily be considered "core members" were involved in a little bit of something.

And then, certain denominational groups began accusing the Lord's churches of being works oriented. "Why, don't you know that we're saved by faith, not by works?" they would chide us. And they said it loud enough and long enough that some of us began to wonder if perhaps we had put too much emphasis on works, that maybe we really were trying to work our way to Heaven. So we didn't sing the above songs so much, and we made sure that our preaching contained plenty of disclaimers about being saved by works, so that no one would misunderstand the Gospel.

But then something started happening among our congregations over the course of years and decades: our attendance began to wane, our good work programs seemed to have fewer and fewer helpers, the "80/20 rule" (80% of the work of the church done by 20% of the membership) became "a thing", we found it necessary to hire "involvement ministers" in some congregations, Sunday evening services slowly became rarer (because fewer people were coming), and "non-core" members became once a week attenders. Our definition of a good Christian began to morph and evolve into a minimal discipleship theology, something like "I don't disobey the thou-shalt-nots — what else is necessary?". Slowly but surely some Christians became virtual "faith alone" believers.

May I be bold for a moment or two? **Let's stop that right now!**

Now, lest you think that I want to or am teaching "salvation by works", let me be as clear and concise about the teaching of Scripture as possible.

1. It is the blood of Jesus alone (His sacrifice on the cross) that has the power save anyone (Romans 5:9).
2. To receive forgiveness of sins we must believe in Jesus as God's Son (John 3:16), repent of sinful living (Acts 2:38), confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9, 10), and be baptized for forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).
3. Thus, salvation is a gift of God, obtained through faith (Ephesians 2:8).

BUT it is not by faith alone (see #2 above). And not just any faith will do. James helps us define it rightly, when he said, "You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone" (James 2:24). The quality of the faith that saves is that it must also include works.

You see, while it is true that there are plenty of "don't"s in the Bible; there are also a ton of "do"s.

Christianity is not just about how many of the "lusts of flesh, and the lusts of the eye, and the boastful pride of life" to which I said no. The NT throughout is full of references to working righteousness and doing good; saving faith is also about the good things you have the opportunity to do. For example...

•Matt. 5:16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

- Matthew 25:31-46 — doing good for the least of Jesus' brothers (disciples).
 - John 9:4 "We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work."
 - Gal. 6:10 "So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith."
 - Eph. 4:12 "for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;"
- ...and many, many more.

Build up your faith, strengthen the church, reach out to the lost, love your brother in tangible ways, help the needy of our community, teach our young, learn more of God's word together with others in worship and Bible study. **Work!** For night is coming, when no one can work! And hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Park Linscomb

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FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JUNE

22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p>Chris & Sue A. ❤️</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship 		<p>Aly H 🙏</p>	<p>Kodie S. 🙏</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 			<p>Eloise I. 🙏</p>

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of Jun 22AM.....PM.....Wed.

AnnouncementsBurley S.....Burley S
 Song LeadingScott WDoug JJim B
 Opening PrayerCharles H.....Reiven H
 CommunionYaw FBurley S
 Closing Prayer.....Doug J.....Charles H
 A/V Control.....John SHunter M.....Charles H
 Greeter.....Yaw F

Week of Jun 15AM.....PM.....Wed.

Announce



Sermon Notes...
