

# 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 21

The many articles and historical facts that we have been taking into consideration is much more than idle discussion. The effort made by our Heavenly Father has taken us through the Old Testament with a purpose, and provided details we must recognize as biblical truth. Unfortunately for those who suffered loss and sacrifice, it was all collected and reported by the Prophets and in turn, "written for our learning" **Romans 15:4**. The underlying fact remains, that God is looking for "true worshippers... that worship Him in Spirit and in Truth" **John 4:24**. In order to qualify as a 'true worshipper', an individual must know that God is concerned with more than belief, but with "obedient faith" **Romans 1:5**.

We looked earlier at ancient dates and circumstances only to shed light on what happened to the Lord's church during the first few centuries. Furthermore, it is important to be impressed by the apparent decision God made to locate His "true worshippers". It is very easy for the identity of the Lord's church to be lost, unless we are very interested in keeping it alive and strong. It has long been God's idea to separate the "wheat from the chaff" by the "Instruction in Righteousness" He has provided!

God had no apparent intention of fighting all our daily battles for us, nor to make salvation so easy that it has no real value to us. King David said it well in **2 Samuel 24:24**, "neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which cost me nothing." Araunah had offered the sacrificial items to king David at no cost, to which David replied correctly: the sacrifices we make to serve our God will cost us something, though nowhere near what the Lord Himself paid...

A new creature in Christ Jesus...Yes. Bought with a price...Yes.

A very large part of our Faith is to realize that the Plan of God was expressed to mankind through men who were later led by the Spirit of God to write His Word of Truth. In the separation of time between the resurrection of Christ and the writing of the New Testament, perhaps we see the separation that God intended....*that the decision to serve God in Spirit and Truth would require a breaking away from the ways of the World, and "fervently seek the obedient Faith of the True Worshipper."*

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 .

### THE LEADERSHIP MEETING NOTES

- Our financial report showed slightly lower contributions, but it is expected that some of it had to do with the advent of vacation season and will become normal soon.
- A new drainage solution was tried for a reasonable amount of money \$4200. The work was done Saturday.
- Property insurance — our current carrier is moving out of state and we are searching for another. The best price found so far is \$16,000/yr.
- A PA system for the fellowship hall has been ordered.
- We continue to advertise on streaming TV through Vibe and reports were provided through Vibe's data and Hugh R's "translation"
- Interns were reported as doing a great job. We're all glad they joined our work for the Lord.
- The basketball goal is in the process of being fixed.
- An Idaho mission trip was discussed with Shawn Wallace and the leaders in Twin Falls ID. They seemed to be excited about it. More to follow.
- An attempt to rototill the area under the oak tree between our buildings and seed with fescue seed to provide grass will be made soon
- A work day was planned for June 29
- It was proposed that we look into having a "Friends and Family" event at Rock Hill.
- A 24 hour prayer vigil was proposed.

- Permanent conduit for our electronic cabling was proposed. Doug will look into it.
- An over-the-ear microphone was proposed for Park, so that when he turns his head, the mic will still pick him up.
- It was pointed out that we need to devise a way to make our visitors feel more at home. Taking new visitors out to lunch after Sunday morning was proposed.

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP** — Sunday evening's sermons are a series on the book of Philippians. Last week was Philippians 3:1-11 this week we'll be looking at Philippians 3:12ff. 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...

- Mary Hall broke her hip on Tuesday. She had a partial hip replacement. She is at the Baylor Scott and White on Coit and HWY 121, the old Centennial hospital.
- Please pray for Joan Votaw in the loss of her sister-in-law.

- Emma asks us pray for her grandmother, Karla Rothbauer, who was recently diagnosed with early onset Dementia.
- Jessica had asked us to pray for one of her classmates' son, Cole Atkins, who was in a terrible vehicle accident.
- Jim Boles was in the hospital for a little while. Bonnie is at a nursing facility for a few days
- 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 congregation.

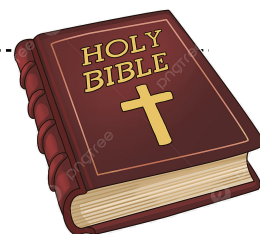
### LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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 church is not a group of friends you've picked. It is a group of brothers and sisters God has picked for you. — Michael Horton**

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

- 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
- Jun 30, Psa 90-97



# 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.

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## HOW CAN I GET MORE OUT OF COMMUNION IN WORSHIP? (PART 2)

Last week we began to give thought in this article space to how we might get more out of our weekly commemoration of the Lord's Supper. The focus last time was on the "vertical" dimension of communion: remembering Christ's sacrifice of His body and blood and what each aspect of that sacrifice (body and blood) provided for us in our salvation. We've called this dimension "vertical" because it is between us and God. But there is a "horizontal" dimension to communion that we also need to dwell on as we partake of communion, between brother and sisters in Christ in the assembly.

This "horizontal" dimension is what Paul was referring to in 1 Corinthians 10:15-17,

*"I speak as to wise men; you judge what I say. Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread. Look at the nation Israel; are not those who beat the sacrifices sharers in the altar?"*

The context of this passage is Paul arguing against participation in pagan feasts as part of a craftsmen's guild, and he uses the Lord's Supper and then even the Mosaic sacrifices to argue that as you partake in these meals, you declare your union and solidarity with the group — whether pagan, Christian, or Jewish. So let's note what Paul says here.

He begins with the cup of the Lord's Supper. It is, he emphasizes, a sharing in the blood of Christ. That blood, we are told in Matthew 26:28, is to remind us of 1) the covenant we are in and 2) our

forgiveness of sins. The covenant we are in is primarily with God Himself, but as God's adopted children (Romans 8:15) we are also in covenant with one another, being brothers and sisters in Christ. In the communion of the Lord's Supper as we drink the cup, we should be reminded of the family that surrounds us, who are sharers in a common heavenly Father and in His gracious forgiveness of our sins, purchased with the unimaginably high price of the blood of Christ.

But Paul also mentions the bread, which represents Christ's body. Note how Paul mentions that it

is a *sharing* in the body of Christ. He means this in two ways: we share in the salvation provided by the death of His body, but also we share **as His body**, as the church (Ephesians 1:22,23). This is the meaning of "we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread" (v. 17). The bread reminds us "horizontally" that we are His body.

So, next time the Lord's Supper is being observed, you really must consider the "vertical" dimension; but doing it worthily will include looking around at your brothers and sisters surrounding you, too, and considering the "horizontal" dimension. Because the Lord's Supper was never meant to be a solitary event for a disciple of Jesus.

This is how we get the most out of communion. The "vertical" dimension humbles us and causes us to recommit ourselves to Christ; and the "horizontal" dimension encourages and edifies us, because we are not alone. Give diligent effort to these things and you will get the very most from the Lord's Supper, and it will become a true spiritual high point of the week, every week.

Park Linscomb

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# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JUNE

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| 23  | 24    | 25       | 26  | 27 | 28        | 29 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00AM Bible classes</li> <li>■ 10:00AM Worship</li> <li>■ 6:00PM Worship</li> </ul> | Aly H | Kodie S. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class</li> <li>■ 8:00PM Games for the youth</li> </ul> |    | Eloise I. |    |

## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

**June 23.....AM.....PM**  
 Announcements .....Burley S  
 Songleading .....Scott W .....Doug J  
 Opening Prayer .....Marty K.....Tom R  
 Communion .....Fernando Z.....Jim B  
 Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Closing Prayer .....Charles H.....John S  
 A/V Control .....John S .....Charles  
 Greeter .....Yaw F

### Wed PM, June 26

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

### June 30 .....AM.....PM

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

### Wed PM, July 3

Songs .....Jim B  
 A/V.....Fernando Z

## Sermon Notes...

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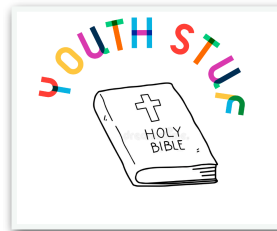
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## What's Happening!?

- ▶ 6/25: The Women's Sewing Ministry will meet this Tuesday at 10 AM at Beverly Weldon's house. It's not too late to join!
- ▶ 6/26: Wednesday Night Games for the youth
- ▶ 6/28: This Friday, there will be a church-wide movie night at the building at 6 PM! We will be watching the Christian movie, *War Room*. We hope to see you there!
- ▶ 6/30: Next Sunday, anyone is welcome to join in traveling to Camp Deer Run for their Middle Sunday service. It will be a time of worship followed by lunch. We will be leaving the church building at 8:45AM and plan on being back around 5:00PM.

