

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"*

SPIRITUAL TIDBITS — A MORE SURE WORD

The life and accomplishments of Moses in the service of God is widely and well-known. This chapter in the plan of God to bring salvation through Jesus Christ includes many of the great miracles that God would perform. Pharaoh's resistance to obey God's command would lead to his demise, but more importantly would serve to "show in thee (Pharaoh) My (God's) power; and that My name may be declared throughout all the earth." ***Exodus 9:16, Romans 9:17.***

It would take 2,102 years (date of the Abrahamic promise to Pentecost AD-33) to get us to Christ and the establishment of the church. The Plan of God could actually be described as two separate plans. Each was the product of God's great wisdom and power, and can be described as prophetic in nature. As ***Hebrews 1:1-2*** declares, "God...spake in times past by the prophets...has in these last days, spoken to us by His Son..."

As can be seen in Scripture, the prophets spoke of things pertaining to the children of Israel and the blessings promised to 'the seed' of Abraham, the record of which is included in the writings of the Old Testament. The ultimate promise to Abraham declared clearly in the New Testament was the coming of a Messiah in ***Galatians 3:16.***

The Spiritual Tidbit for today takes us back to Mount Horeb (Sinai) ***Exodus 3:1.*** It was here that God spoke to Moses at the burning bush. Furthermore, it was from here that Moses would lead the children of Israel after leaving Egypt, ***Exodus 19:1-2.*** While residing at the "Mountain of God" Moses would receive not only the 10 Commandments, but the foundation of the Old Law in commandments, the details concerning the Tabernacle, feasts and observances.

According to ***Exodus 40:17,*** "...in the first month of the second year,(1445 BC) on the first day of the month, the Tabernacle was erected... ***Verse 34-36.*** "then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle ...when the cloud was taken up...the children of Israel went onward in their journey." In ***II Peter 1:16-19,*** Peter makes a distinction between the two plans; "the voice of heaven we heard at the holy mount ...We have a more-sure word of prophecy ...that ye take heed...as unto a light that shineth in a dark place...until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."

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... This 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!!

WEDDING SHOWER TABLE for Ben and Charley Kopenski will be in back of the auditorium on July 6th.

JULY 13 BIBLE CLASS — Craig Deputy from Foster's Home for Children will be coming to our congregation and report about the good work being done by this children's home.

PARK WILL BE SPEAKING at McDermott Road's Summer Series on July 9 (Wednesday). He'll be speaking on “Deeper Submission” (2 Kings 5).

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.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS...

- The safe, fun, and spiritual time for many of our youth at Camp Deer Run (and the several adults who may join them on middle Sunday this Sunday.)

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- The Myrick's daughter appears to have an infection. Pray for a quick recovery.
- Chris Shotwell's quick recovery from a serious dog bite.
- A quick and successful recovery for Doug J.'s heart procedures.
- 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



THE WHITE ROCK FUND
Reporting and Fundraising Day
October 25, 2025
Shawnee Trail church of Christ

Mission reports from all over the world!
Luncheon

- 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 29, Psa 82-89
- Jun 30, Psa 90-97
- Jul 1, Psa 98-104
- Jul 2, Psa 105-107
- Jul 3, Psa 108-116
- Jul 4, Psa 117-119:72
- Jul 5, Psa 119:73-176
- Jul 6, Psa 120-135

*Be strong and courageous.
Do not be frightened, and
do not be dismayed, for the
Lord your God is with you
wherever you go. — Joshua
1:9*

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.

THE DECEPTIVENESS OF GOOD INTENTIONS

Good intentions are all around us. We know we need to eat healthier, and we formulate good intentions to do so, and then we get invited to someone's BBQ. And somehow we get sidetracked off with a busy work schedule that makes it impossible to do much but eat fast food. We know we need to exercise more, and intend to start Monday, and then Monday and Tuesday are rainy and Wednesday and Thursday are a real heat wave, so we put the new exercise regimen on hold. We had good intentions; we had really felt good about making some improvements, but things just happen sometimes and we find ourselves "shelving" our good intentions — only to possibly discover that we actually have a whole shelf full of good intentions, good things to get around to, when we have a little more time or inspiration.

Isn't it terrible how our good intentions become substitutes for actual action? And it's one thing when the good intentions we fail enact don't have any serious consequences, but it's another thing, when our intentions are spiritual and the stakes are much higher.

We could talk about fulfilling the good intentions of reading the Bible more, spending more time in prayer, being present every time the church doors are open, and making the effort to teach our children of God's word at home. I believe we've all made such resolutions and have seen personal and family improvements corresponding to how well we followed through on our good intentions. But some good intentions also can have positive or negative impact on the church, too, depending on whether or not they are fulfilled or unfulfilled.

What of the good intention to get more involved in the work of the church? There's a hymn that goes...

There is much to do
There is work on every hand
Hark, the cry for help goes
Ringing through the land.
Jesus calls for reapers,

I must active be!
What wilt Thou, O Master,
Here am I, send me.

We know that there is a need for teachers, youth leaders, sharers of the Gospel, visitors, and a wide range of other ways to get involved in the work of the Lord. And after a rousing sermon, we may find ourselves formulating some good intentions to be about our Father's business.

But then urgent calendar events clamor for our attention and energy. Work at the office gets busier. Stuff just gets in the way, and we find that all those good intentions just melt away in the pouring rain of busyness, previous commitments, the kids' activities, and our waning energy levels.

But we think, "I tried, I intended to do good, I intended to get more active," and we hope that good intentions will adequately substitute for actual deeds. But will they?

Will a mere good intention to share the Gospel win a soul from condemnation? Will no more than a good intention to teach the Scriptures to the young actually fill and thrill their minds and hearts with God's word? Will just a good intention to be my brother's keeper encourage a stumbling brother to remain faithful? Will a mere intention to seek out be more friendly to our assembly visitors really encourage them to return?

Good intentions must be buttressed with determination, a correct set of priorities, and a willingness to cut out the non-essentials; because Satan will always be there to weaken our resolve, confuse our priorities, and tell us that we can do it all. And when our intentions are buttressed, with zeal and the Lord's blessings great things can and often do happen.

Don't be deceived by good intentions; they aren't the same as active, involved Christianity. You really **don't** want to hear the Lord call you a "well-intentioned" servant — but a faithful one.

Park Linscomb

