

# 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 20

As we think about the number of 'churches' that exist today, it is normal to consider why they all exist and from where they have all come. Although the answer to this question may be perplexing, it becomes more clearly with a simple review of historical data. In the pursuit of truth, we must first consider what we know as fact. To do so, we can overlay biblical 'truth' with historical data that is considered acceptable public knowledge.

Our first thought must be as Isaiah wrote in ***Isaiah 30:8***, "Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for a time to come for ever and ever." The idea of inspired scripture began long before the New Testament was written, and the idea was obvious; to provide and conserve the Plan of God that would be "*evident and everlasting*".

Over the past 19 weeks, we have been reviewing deliberate testimony regarding the Plan of God. We will continue this path until we have covered enough undeniable evidence from God's Word to help every individual be prepared to "give an answer to every man that asketh for a reason of the hope that is in you" ***1 Peter 3:15***. Not only that we are able to 'give an answer' but that we are well informed of our responsibility for the Christian walk in the world today.

As indicated in ***Genesis 3:15***, there is a well-documented conflict to occur between good and evil. A great amount of this conflict is between the "chosen people of God" and the prevailing government under whom the Jewish nation was to exist. At the time that Jesus walked upon the earth, the Roman government was in power. As indicated by Biblical references over and over again, the Roman government officials were sensitive about the "King of the Jews" that had been prophesied for centuries as the Messiah who was to come.

The struggle between the people and the government was for both power and authority. The vast numbers of the children of Israel had been an issue for centuries, and even lead to their Egyptian bondage in ***Exodus 1:7-12***. This is recorded historically between 1500-1600 BC. As a contrast, Jerusalem was conquered by the Romans around 63 BC. We will see how this influenced the Plan of God next week.

*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 .

**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. We'll meet at 6PM and carpool to the ballpark. It's gonna be a great time together!



**THE LEADERSHIP MEETING** for June will be June 16, next Sunday, at 4PM. If you have anything that you would like for our elders, deacons, and preacher to discuss, please let them know.



**ICE CREAM** fellowship tonight after evening worship! Come join us for some great sweets, good fellowship, and even a game or two. It'll be a great time, so make the effort join this "Sweet Fellowship".

**LAST SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP** was cancelled due to severe weather concerns, so this Sunday evening we'll continue our sermon se-

ries on Philippians with chapter 2:19ff. Come join us!!

### 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...

- Eloise was briefly hospitalized after becoming dehydrated. She's at home now still recovering
- Stahr fell, broke her nose, and hurt her hand.
- 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

**God has a bigger plan for your life than just picking your retirement home after death. Corey Calhoun**

- brother in S. Africa
- Bonnie Davidson recovering from a minor stroke.
- Lynn Turner: cancer

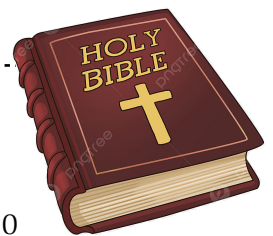
- Burley Stinnett Jr.
- Dianna C. for cancer treatment
- Sue Carter: digestive problems
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the churches in New England
- brethren in India
- our elders, deacons, preacher, teachers, interns, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregational

### 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 9, Job 1-5
- Jun 10, Job 6-10
- Jun 11, Job 11-15
- Jun 12, Job 16-21
- Jun 13, Job 22-28
- Jun 14, Job 29-33
- Jun 15, Job 34-37
- Jun 16, Job 38-42



# 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.

## HOW CAN I GET MORE OUT OF PRAYERS IN WORSHIP?

**W**e've been thinking about ways to get more out of worship in the last few articles in this part of the bulletin.

Worship, you see, is much more than a performance to attend; it is something to do, to participate in, and to personally offer in the assembly. And this is an especially important thing to remember when it comes to a couple of the avenues of worship, the preaching and the prayers. The reason why is sort of obvious, because we are silent during the preaching and the prayers; but though the assembly is quiet during those avenues of worship, it doesn't mean that we stop participating. Let's apply this idea especially to prayer and offer some ways in which we can get more out of our worship to the Lord.

Let me start by pointing out that corporate prayer, prayers prayed by the whole church in the assembly, is especially effective. Once, when the earliest brethren prayed together in Acts 4:31, the Scripture tells us, "And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken..." God will shake up the world, when we pray together, fervently, and in faith.

Next let me speak to those who lead prayers. Prayer leaders, please remember that, different from a personal prayer full of personal matters, you are leading a prayer for the whole congregation in worship to God. It should include praise for God, thanks to God, and petitions to God. And your prayer, as in all prayers, should be *addressed to* the Father (John 15:16), but prayed *through* the Son, in Jesus' name (John

15:16) — Jesus is our mediator (1 Timothy 2:5), the one through whom our prayers are presented to God the Father.

For the rest of us, let us keep in mind that this prayer is being "led", that is to say that the prayer leader is wording a prayer *for us all to be praying* — because, again, it isn't a performance to simply be endured by the gathered Christians, and the way that one participates is to listen carefully and be led in your heart by what is being said at the pulpit.

And one way to keep reverent focus in prayer is to remember that the Lord is in our midst as we worship. Picture in your mind the presence of God with us in the assembly. The Lord is the unseen but very present host of every worship service (Mathew 18:20). It is not just another gathering, it is a gathering in which the Lord is present in a special way.

Another way to participate is to offer an "amen" either silently, quietly, or aloud to various portions of the prayer. The meaning of the Hebrew word "amen" is (depending on the context) "yes" or "may it be so". Thus, participating with an "amen" can help keep out minds from wandering.

Yet another way to get more out of prayer in the worship of God is to give a prayer leader a special request. This congregation offers an opportunity for just such things every week, and God has answered our prayers time and again.

There is much to be gained from prayer in worship. Don't cheat yourself by neglecting it.

*Park Linscomb*

**Worship, you see, is much more than a performance to attend; it is something to do...**

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JUNE

9 ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship ■ 7:00PM Ice cream fellowship			12 Diane H. 🙏 ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class ■ 8:00PM Games for the youth	13 Rough Riders game Yaw/Margeretta ❤️	14 Isela H. 🙏	
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## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

### 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

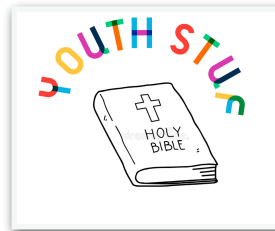
Songs .....Charles H  
 A/V .....Fernando Z

### June 16

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

### Wed PM, June 19

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



## What's Happening!?

- ▶ June 9th: Congregation-Wide Ice Cream Social and Church Member Trivia! Tonight after evening services, we will be having an ice cream potluck and a trivia contest to see who knows their church family best. Everyone bring a tub of ice cream for the potluck, and let's fellowship together!
- ▶ June 12th: Wednesday Night Games!
- ▶ June 14th: Congregation-Wide RoughRiders Game this Friday! We will meet at the church at 6:00 and caravan to the park. Today is the last day to sign up!

## Sermon Notes...

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