

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 17

Over the past sixteen weeks, we have been writing about the "Plan of God for salvation." The primary objective has been to reinforce the Plan that God made for redemption. There is only one reason for this, and that is to identify how the Plan was intended. It is easy to simplify the Plan by suggesting salvation came when Christ died for us upon the cross. Prophets spoke of a virgin birth, death by crucifixion, and an everlasting kingdom. Few details were provided in prophesy, but confirmed by inspired writers in their generations (respectively) in the Old Testament records.

The historical facts we can know in hindsight reveal details that pertain to us today. This is where the Plan materializes in the New Testament writings, beginning with John the Baptist. **Mark 1:2-3.** *"Behold, I send my messenger before thy face which shall prepare thy way before thee."* We should also consider **Galatians 4:4-5.** *"When the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the Law, to redeem them that were under the Law."*

The birth, death and resurrection of Jesus is the proclamation of the 'GOSPEL', **1 Corinthians 15:1-4.** Had it not been for His sacrifice, the Plan for Salvation would never have been completed, nor would have God's Plan for salvation been put into effect! It is also true that none of us on this side of the Cross received salvation on the day of His resurrection, nor did we receive salvation when He was announced "exalted" in **Acts 2:33.** The first example of the application of God's Plan was provided in great detail on the Day of Pentecost, AD33. The scriptural pattern for salvation was made known by example; Hear-Believe-Repent-Confess-Baptized for the remission of sin.

Although it occurred in the year AD 33, it was only recorded as written instruction for righteousness a minimum of 17 years later. This too, was included in the Plan of God. Although quoted many times in Scripture, Jesus did not write a single Word of Truth. The fulfillment of **Matthew 16:18-19** was provided in the writings of Inspired men...who received by the Holy Spirit, *"what they should say and what they should speak."* **John 12:49**, as Jesus indicated by the delegation thereof. Yes, the Plan for Salvation is unique and quite mysterious as Paul described it in **Ephesians 3:1-11**, and exclusive to God's Salvation!

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

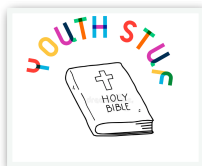
If you are visiting our congregation, welcome! Please fill out a visitor's card and put it in the collection tray as it is passed. If you have questions, we welcome them; please do not hesitate to ask Park Linscomb, our minister (the tall guy) or any other church member.

N . E . W . S .

OUR SUMMER INTERNS have started and lots of great things are being planned. If you're a young person, get prepared for a great summer and if you're a parent, please take the time to get to know our interns and get involved in the program they'll be leading this summer for your kid-dos.



A NEW SECTION FOR OUR BULLETIN for the teens and younger, titled “Teen Stuf”, is on the back. Kent and



Avery will be providing news and spiritual encouragement for our young people. Be sure to check it out every week.

THE LEADERSHIP MEETING that was scheduled for today has been postponed to next Sunday, May 26, at 4:00PM. If you have something for the elders, deacons, and preacher to consider, let one of them know.

BIRTHDAY CAKE FELLOWSHIP is coming up on May 26, next Sunday. We'll be celebrating all the birthdays in May, of which there are quite a few.

SINGING WEDNESDAY is coming up on May 29, Wednesday after next.

When a month has 5 Wednesdays, we forego Bible study and sing praise to God. We'll be singing and savoring the old songs and learning a few new ones too.

Parents meeting

THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH —

- The church in Pittsfield has sent us a report. Pick one up in the foyer area of the building and find out what's been going on, what you could be praying for, and what they have planned for the future.
- We have an ongoing monthly benevolence program to help the Berkshire County church of Christ in Pittsfield Mass.

See Trudy R. to contribute.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Zeke who can not longer join us at worship, due to his medical condition. Pray for an improvement.
- 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 brother in S. Africa
- Bonnie Davidson recovering from a minor stroke.
- Lynn Turner: cancer
- Burley Stinnett Jr.
- Rachel W's friend, Madeline, with Guillain-Barré syndrome
- Dianna C. for cancer treatment
- Sue Carter: digestive problems
- The Stafford's grand-daughter
- 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

- May 19, 2 Chron 8-10
- May 20, 2 Chron 11-14
- May 21, 2 Chron 15-18
- May 22, 2 Chron 19-22
- May 23, 2 Chron 23-25
- May 24, 2 Chron 26-28
- May 25, 2 Chron 29-30
- May 26, 2 Chron 31-3

“We must love God with our minds, allowing our intellect to inform our emotions, rather than the other way around.”

Jen Wilkin.

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.

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT ATTENDING CHURCH SERVICES?

On Wednesday's Bible studies, we've been considering a lot of questions from the class. Sometimes the questions are those class students have and other questions are ones that friends have. This past Wednesday we discussed the question: "Why should I attend church services? I can worship God out in the wilderness by myself". But the answer to this question merits more than a class to only a few members of the church who attend just about everything anyway, because we live in a time in which public opinion is trending toward a "give me Jesus, but you can keep the church" mentality. Many folks these days believe that church attendance is optional. But is it? What does the Scripture say?

Let's start with Hebrews 10:23-25...

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Just by reading this one passage, we can see that assembling as a church is not a option, but a command. "Let us" is a phrase that is a command in an exhortation form..."hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering" and "not forsaking our own assembling together". Most first century Christians understood this and came together on Sundays (Acts 20:7), though some were beginning to "skip" (Hebrews 10:25).

Someone may say, "Well, I haven't exactly forsaken it, as in never coming back; I come to the assembly several times a year." In the Hebrews 10 context the word forsaken clearly means to choose something else over the assembly as a **habit**, which is exactly what a several times a year attendance record

would be. The exception would attending, and the habit would be forsaking.

And staying with Hebrews 10:23-24, we can see that the idea of "worshipping God by ourselves in the wilderness" has some serious problems, too. Notice that part of the reason for assembly is to "stimulate one another to love and good deeds" and "encouraging one another". "One another" clearly indicates things that are not done by ourselves in the wilderness. You see, proper Christian worship is not just "vertical", not just between you and God. Proper Christian worship also includes a "horizontal" aspect, a "one another" dimension, a "brother's keeper" angle that cannot be fulfilled by ourselves alone in the wilderness (or fishing lake, hiking trail, motorcycle route, etc.). Every act of worship (singing, praying, preaching, communion, and giving) has **both** a vertical and horizontal facet: glorifying God, and also edifying (encouraging) the church. And regarding this last facet of worship, the inspired apostle Paul said, "Let all things be done for edification" (1 Corinthians 14:26). The command to edify, build up, and encourage one another is a part of, and just as binding on the Christian as, the command to assemble.

"Well, thanks, but I'm spiritually strong enough not to need to be encouraged or edified," someone might say. First, let me humbly beg to differ on that point; I don't know of anyone who is that strong. But second, if you are really that spiritually strong, **you owe some strengthening to the rest of us**, who aren't, as a brother's keeper. Either way, as the saint who needs the encouragement or the strong soul who needs no encouragement, you need to be here.

The short answer to this question is that the modern trend away from church attendance is wrong, because it ignores God's command to assemble. Next week: how to get more from the assembly of the church in worship. several

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN MAY

19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Charles/Diane	Kim B.	10:00AM Ladies class	7:00PM Wed. Bible class 8:00PM Youth games	6:00PM Youth "Reel Faith"	Yaw F.	Nancy R
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SERVICE IN WORSHIP

May 19

AnnouncementsCharles H
 SongleadingDoug J.....Scott W
 Opening PrayerDavid J.....Hugh R
 CommunionReiven H.....Doug J
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerJim BTom R
 A/V ControlFernando Z.....John S
 GreeterJohn S

Wed PM, May 22

SongsReiven H
 A/VCharles H

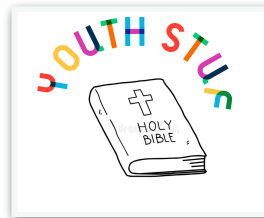
May 26

AnnouncementsBurley S
 SongleadingScott WDoug J
 Opening PrayerMarty KJim B
 CommunionJohn SCharles H
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerCharles H.....Scott W
 A/V ControlFernando Z.....John S
 GreeterYaw F

Wed PM, May 29

SongsJim B
 A/VCharles H

Sermon Notes...



Hello, church family! This is the space where we will be updating you with weekly youth activities, devotionals, and accomplishments! We cannot wait to pour into these kids, and we hope that this will be a summer filled with growth, fellowship, and fun.

Your interns, Kent and Avery

What's Happening!?

- ▶ This Wednesday evening after Bible class we'll get together and have some fun playing games
- ▶ This Thursday evening at 6PM will be our first "Reel Faith" night. We'll have a movie (Ratatouille) and discuss Christian lessons from it.

