

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 GREAT NATION

The measure of time as we know it has little value to our Heavenly Father (*1 day as a thousand years* **II Peter 3:8**).

The Plan that God had originated at the Fall of Man in Genesis chapter 3 would be completed upon a timetable that only He would know. Nothing would be left out until all was fulfilled. Remember the message to Jacob in **Genesis 28:15** "*I 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 that which I have spoken to thee of.*" (the unkept portion of the Promise made earlier to both Abraham and Isaac)

The path would lead the children of Israel back to Canaan, but by way of Egypt beginning about 1876 BC. Although Jacob had 12 sons, each becoming the 'head' of their respective tribes, not all would have significant roles in God's Plan. Joseph was the 11th son that the older brothers despised and sold into slavery to the Ishmaelites (descendants of Ishmael, son of Abram and Hagar). Joseph would later explain to his brothers in **Genesis 45:4-18**, it was always God's plan to bring Joseph to Egypt in order to prepare the way for the tremendous blessings promised to all 12 tribes in **Genesis 12 & 13** of status, wealth and number as 'the chosen people of God'.

Please note the message given by God to Jacob in **Genesis 28:12-15** (Jacob's Ladder). Although the original promise was made to Abram, this is a clarification to Jacob elaborating more specific information regarding God's intent. To fully understand how this would happen, look back to **Genesis 15:13-14**, God said to Abram, "*thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them...and also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge...and afterward, shall they come out with great substance.*"

God made clear to Jacob, that the promise made first to Abram would be fulfilled in Jacob's generation as they were preparing to join Joseph in Egypt; **Genesis 46:3-4**, "*I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt: for I will there make of thee a great nation: I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will surely bring thee up again...*"

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 .

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY — This Wednesday Park will start the presentation of a series of lessons on Marriage and Family on three successive Wednesdays, Nov. 5, 12, and 19. *Invite a friend! Encourage others to come.*

FIRST SUNDAY SONG learning class meets today at 5PM, just before evening worship. Come for the singing and then stay for worship!!

NEXT SUNDAY is our monthly leadership meeting at 4PM. If you are not an elder or deacons but have something to discuss, please pass it along to one of the leaders and we'll discuss it.

THE LADIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY will be Dec. 2 and there is a sign up sheet in the back of the auditorium. Join us for a fun holiday gathering of the sisters of the congregation.

LADIES' CLASS is on Tuesday mornings at 10AM. Coffee, sweets, fellowship, and Bible study — what a winning combination. Join them!

COAT DRIVE — The ladies are sponsoring a coat drive for those in need. If you have a coat you can donate, there's a tub to put them in in the foyer of the auditorium.

THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE has gotten a fresh new look.

Check it out and share with others

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST was yesterday. If you couldn't make it, it was great, come next time!

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Nancy J's brother in Arkansas
- Chris S's father is not doing well.
- Linda Curry for her Afib
- Susie C. Please pray for a quick recovery from eye surgery.
- Esther Myrick, low blood count
- Reiven and Ora H — Pray for quick and complete recoveries
- Ken Conklin recovering for a heart oblation..
- The Staffords, our missionaries in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, granddaughter Peyton living with them.
- Mary H is recovering at

home.

- Bonnie D recovering from a minor stroke.
- Churches in New England
- Brethren in India
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Elizabeth's cousin Tracy with Lupus, and also her cousin Debbie
- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Travis Y. feeding tube



Marriage and Family Series

Successive Wednesdays
November 5, 12, and 19

Do something great for your family!!

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Nov 2, John 1-3
- Nov 3, John 4-5
- Nov 4, John 6-7
- Nov 5, John 8-9
- Nov 6, John 10-11
- Nov 7, John 12-13
- Nov 8, John 14-16
- Nov 9, John 17-18

Can I be candid? "Your truth" and "my truth" are nothing less than rebellion against God who is the author of absolute truth. "Your truth" and "my truth" are wishful thinking and human wisdom; God's truth is eternal and immutable.

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.

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH GOD

On Sunday evenings I have been preaching on the book of Daniel, and this Sunday evening I'll be preaching on Daniel 6, the famous story of Daniel in the lions' den. As I've been putting the sermon together I'm finding that there are more lessons than I think I can cover in the time allotted; so I'm taking one of those lessons that's just too good to pass up to this article page in the bulletin.



being a man of great authority and resources, he probably had more than that. But his quotation from Jeremiah tells us that he was a reader of God's word, too — an important part of a real conversation with the Lord (hearing God speak through the prophets).

How was Daniel so faithful? He considered staying in touch with God to be very important.

Now, you and I have even more opportunities than Daniel had. We have access to the Father in prayer — but with Jesus as our mediator and the Holy Spirit to intercede. We have the whole Old Testament and New Testament to read and study — God's complete revelation to mankind. Moreover, we have access to Christian fellowship, preaching, and teaching. And yet, with all these advantages and avenues of contact with the Lord we often take them for granted, optional, and of lesser importance than TV, games, social engagements, a book of fiction, or a Sunday drive.

Daniel was a man of extraordinary faithfulness. Through a minimum of 5 trials that we know of (in his 70 year career we can confidently imagine many more that we don't know about) he remained steadfastly faithful through crisis after crisis. How? Was he just endowed with some sort of faithfulness gene or super-power? Or was it that he considered staying in touch with God through prayer and study even more important than life? Risking the lions' den so that he could sustain his faithfulness and his relationship with the Lord?

While it is true that I'm not the Judge, it seems clear (see Ezekiel 14:14) that Daniel will hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant..." because he sought to stay in touch with the Lord.

Are you hoping to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant..."? A very important factor is staying close to the Lord and making prayer, Bible study, and assembly priorities in your life.

The reason that Daniel got in trouble with the king of Persia, Darius, is that Darius had foolishly agreed to a proposal devised by Daniel's enemies that "...anyone who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, shall be cast into the lions' den" (Daniel 6:7 NAS95). Now Daniel was in the habit of praying 3 times a day to the one true God, and yet even knowing the new law's penalty of death in the lions' den, Daniel chose to pray to God anyway. Daniel valued staying in touch with God more than even life itself.

And I think it may be a fair and telling question for each of us to ask ourselves, "How important is it to you to stay in touch with God through Bible study and prayer?"

Now, honestly, it's a question that is easy to fool ourselves about. I wish I knew how many times I've had a discussion with a weak Christian or unbeliever about their soul and had them answer, "Me and God are doing just fine" — when I know they're not. As they do so, they are often comparing themselves to other folks who are worse than them. But let me ask you compare yourself with Daniel (and then, of course, Jesus, Paul, Peter, etc.).

Daniel considered his prayer life, staying in touch with God, more important than life itself! It would have been super easy to just skip prayer for 30 days — surely God would understand the circumstances. But Daniel didn't.

We know that Daniel, at minimum, had a copy of Jeremiah, because he quotes it in Daniel 9:2; and

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN NOVEMBER

2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Day of the Dead		Election Day	7:00PM Wed. Bible class		Dianna C.	
Daylight Saving Time End		10:00AM Ladies' Bible class	Marriage and Family Series, part 1			
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SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of November 2AMPMWed.
 AnnouncementsJohn SJohn S
 Song LeadingDoug JScott WReiven H
 Opening PrayerJim BReiven H
 CommunionBurley SDavid J
 Closing PrayerScott WTom R
 A/V ControlScott WCharles H...John S
 GreeterHugh R

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Sermon Notes...
