

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"*

THE COMFORTER

The Apostle John did more than any other to record the miraculous way in which the Word of Truth would be revealed from God and received of men. He did so in the book of John, chapters 14 through 16. He introduces the plan of God early in **John 14:16**, and expresses a more complete explanation in **John 16:28**. It should be noted that these words are entirely provided as a 'Red Letter rendition' of the words of Jesus, that were written by John with inspiration from the Spirit.

The 'Comforter' is identified in **John 14:16** as "from the Father and will abide with you for ever." Please do not overlook verse 21... "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest (reveal) myself to him." At this time, Judas, the brother of James, asked a pertinent question in **verse 22** that is easily overlooked. He asked, "how is it that thou would manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?"

In the following verses, Jesus gives the answer. Note **verse 25-26**: "these things I have spoken unto you, being yet with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to remembrance, whatsoever I have spoken unto you." It should be clear by the answer to Judas' question, that the Holy Spirit was first intended to bring the will and the Word of God to the Apostles during this time. That the Plan of God was to deliver the Inspired Word in this measure exclusively to the men with whom God (Jesus) had entrusted this responsibility.

Judas' question is real today...*How is it that thou would manifest thyself unto us (some) and not unto the world (all)?* The Plan of God is mysterious in this manner as well. The plan is intended to include every person...however, not every person is willing to dedicate themselves to the time and make the effort to discover the 'SUM' of what God has provided within this marvelous Plan for Salvation. There are no shortcuts, remember, "God is not willing that any should perish, but that all would come to repentance." The invitation is made to all, but few there be that find it.

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 is today at 4PM. If you have anything you would like discussed, please tell it to any of the elders, deacons, or Park.

THE WHITE ROCK FUND'S annual reporting and fundraising event has been scheduled for Saturday, October 12, 2024, 10AM to 2:30PM at the Prestoncrest church of Christ (6022 Preston Crest Lane, Dallas TX). Mark your calendar and prepare to be encouraged!

THIS WEDNESDAY we'll continue our study of "Questions that want biblical answers"; diving into the text

of Romans 9. Come join us and understand better what Paul meant in this section of Scripture.

LADIES — Our next sewing project meeting will be September 12 from 10-2. Please join us. There are jobs that don't include sewing if that isn't your thing. Any questions, talk to Trudi

THERE IS A "TABLE SHOWER" for Jacob and Rachel Kopenski on the back table under the bulletin board.

A BABY SHOWER is planned for Savannah Kissinger August 31 at 11:00AM in the fellowship hall.

There is a sign up sheet for bring food in the back of the auditorium. And by the way, it's a boy!

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.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS...

- Dianna Conkling has had many challenges with her cancer for the last 5-6 months. Her cancer markers have gone up quite high and the cancer is more active at this time

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Rosa Z for recovery from knee surgery, home now
- Elizabeth's brother-in-law recovering from a car accident, and her step-brother with multiple health problems
 - Sue Allen asks for prayers for Ricky Streetman who was in a car wreck with multiple broken bones.
 - Melinda Stafford's mother and brother in S. Africa
- Esther Myrick's health.
- Mary Hall recovering from a partial hip replacement.

What's Going On?

The call of God does what the call of man cannot. It raises the dead. (John Piper)

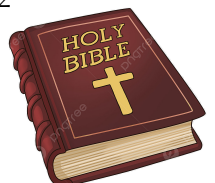
- Emma's grandmother, Karla Rothbauer, early onset dementia.
- Jessica had asked us to pray for one of her classmates' son, Cole Atkins, who was in a terrible vehicle accident.
- Bonnie Davidson recovering from a minor stroke.
- Lynn Turner: cancer
- Sue Carter: digestive problems
- Ora Holt, kidney
- 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.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- Aug 25, Lam 3-5
- Aug 26, Ezekiel 1-4
- Aug 27, Ezekiel 5-8
- Aug 28, Ezekiel 9-12
- Aug 29, Ezekiel 13-15
- Aug 30, Ezekiel 16
- Aug 31, Ezekiel 17-19



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 IF WE LISTENED BETTER?

Man-**M**ankind has recognized from very early times that choices that we make have consequences. We are sometimes surprised by what those consequences are, but especially when we experience bad consequences we are often caused to wonder, "What if..." What I had chosen this rather than that? Choices, forks in the road of our lives, are a constant in every life, and they are the source of many a movie (e.g., *Back to the Future*), poem (e.g., *The Road Not Taken*), and personal reflection. We are often surprised by the good or bad consequences of what we thought were inconsequential choices, but there is a way that we can improve the blessing consequences of life — listen to the Lord.

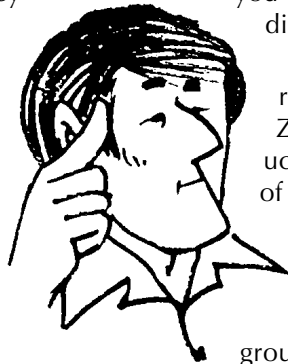
For example what if Adam and Eve had listened to the Lord? Now there is still a really good chance that one of their children or grandchildren would still have sinned and eaten the forbidden fruit, but at least we wouldn't be always talking about Adam's and Eve's sin; they wouldn't be responsible for the world as it is.

What if Israel had listened to Joshua and Caleb? Israel would have entered the promised land 40 years earlier. The adults who had left Egypt would have seen the fulfillment of the promises given to Abraham and the patriarchs! Instead, they died in the wilderness, trying God's patience again and again. Moses, Aaron, and Miriam would have also made it to Canaan! Perhaps the surrounding nations would have been in such shock and awe of God's power that 1) nobody would have thought of attacking them for many years and 2) perhaps some of the Gentiles would have come to know the Lord.

What if Saul had obeyed the Lord and waited for Samuel as commanded? In 1 Samuel 13 tells the story of King Saul disobeying God's command to wait on Samuel's sacrifice. If he had not obeyed, Samuel tells him that "the LORD would have established your kingdom forever." (v. 13). Thus, God began looking for "a man after His own heart" to be kind

What if Jeroboam had obeyed? Jeroboam was anointed by God's command to be king over Israel, and God told him, "I will take you, and you shall

reign over whatever you desire, and you shall be king over Israel. 'Then it will be, that if you listen to all that I command you and walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight by observing My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build you an enduring house as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you" (1 Kings 11:37, 38). Instead, Jeroboam disobeyed—thus, his dynasty was short-lived.



What if Zedekiah had obeyed and surrendered to Babylon? Jeremiah had told Zedekiah that if he would surrender to Nebuchadnezzar that he, his family, and the city of Jerusalem would be spared. But Zedekiah, fearing his advisors refused. Thus, all his sons were put to death before his eyes, then he was blinded, and Jerusalem including the Temple was razed to the ground.

What if more of Israel had accepted Jesus as the Messiah? Paul "what ifs" a bit in Romans 11:15, "For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?" Instead, they chose to reject the "Cornerstone" of God, the Redeemer, and Messiah — choosing to put themselves out of reach of salvation.

But lest we become wise in our own eyes, what sort of blessings are we withholding from **ourselves** by our disobedience? Our materialism? Our fear of what others might think, if we stood up and spoke up for the Lord and what is right? Our capitulation to modern standards for family life? The sharp, curt, or unkind words that have become standard fare in our interactions with each other? Any lack of kindness and courtesy toward one another?

Sometimes the immediate consequences of godly choices are frightening (because they seem risky) or sometimes unpleasant (when compared to the pleasant things of the world), but the final outcome of following the Lord is and always will be better, sweeter, and freer. Instead of second guessing God's wisdom, let us simply kneel before the cross of Christ, confess our human foolishness, and whole-heartedly comply with wisdom that has our best interests at heart.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN AUGUST

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| 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 4:00PM Leadership meeting ■ 6:00PM Worship | 26 | 27 <div style="background-color: #d9534f; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Sue A. 🙏</div> | 28 <div style="background-color: #d9534f; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Fernando & Rosa Z. ❤️</div> <div style="background-color: #d9534f; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Ralph K. 🙏</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class | 29 | 30 | 31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 11:00AM Baby Shower for Savannah Kissinger |
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SERVICE IN WORSHIP

August 25AM.....PM

AnnouncementsBurley S
 SongleadingScott WDoug J
 Opening PrayerDavid J.....Scott W
 CommunionCharles H.....Fernando Z
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerScott WJim B
 A/V ControlHunter MJohn S
 GreeterJohn S

Wed PM, August 28

SongsJim B
 A/VCharles H

September 1AM.....PM

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 SongleadingDoug j.....Scott W
 Opening PrayerMarty K.....Hugh R
 CommunionReiven H.....John S
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
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Wed PM, September 4

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Sermon Notes...
