

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"*

VALUE OF THE CHURCH

It is a challenge to find a topic for these articles each week that can inspire its readers to be drawn closer to God, or to find a thought-stimulating message of Spiritual interest. We can only pray that the thoughts expressed are always constructive, even if the approach seems somewhat direct to our readers. The value of the Lord's Church is on my heart this week, with a different approach than what we may have become accustomed.

After the fall of man in the Garden, ([Genesis 3:15](#)) God introduced the idea of a Savior and the subsequent 'battle' between good and evil that would be prevalent from that day forward. In hindsight, we know with all certainty that God had an idea of how to get us to Christ. This would be part of the dramatic solution of God to restore the original intent of creating man "for my glory" [Isaiah 43:7](#). The complexity of the solution would take over 2,000 years and would show us the Promise made to Abraham as well as the 'mystery' of the Plan mentioned by the Apostle Paul in [Ephesians 3:1-11](#).

The final part of the story is yet to occur, but God has provided a look into the mystery throughout the Scriptures. One the most significant details is being overlooked, but mentioned in [1 Cor-inthians 15:24-28](#) "Then cometh the end, when He (Jesus) shall have delivered up the kingdom to God...that God may be all in all." We know that the Church and the Kingdom are spoken of simultaneously and came into existence on the Day of Pentecost, AD33 according to [Acts 2nd chapter](#).

This is further confirmed in [Matthew 16:18-19](#) when Jesus tells the disciples, "upon this truth, I will build my church...and give unto thee the keys to the Kingdom of heaven." The scriptures include how and when the church and the kingdom came into existence. ([Acts 2:47](#) [Mark 9:1](#)) Of a truth, both the church and the kingdom are absolutely in existence and will be until they are complete in God's purpose. [Luke 19:10](#) tells the Purpose of the Plan in its simplicity; "to seek and to save that which was lost."

Every detail in God's Plan is with purpose. Our Purpose should be clear to us as well. The church contains 'the called out' who see the value of righteousness and live to fulfill 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 WHITE ROCK FUND

will be hosting a fundraiser on September 19, 2026, from 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM.

Come find out about the great mission works being supported through the White Rock Fund. And you'll get the opportunity to participate in them through giving. Whether you can give or not, come find out what great things God is doing around the world.

THERE WILL BE a quick meeting of the ladies after the morning worship service. They will be meeting up front.

FOSTER'S CHILDREN'S HOME has left from change cans for anyone who'd like to support the home and good work that they do. Jim Boles says that the cans will even take folding money. :)

LADIES CLASS resumed Tuesday and will be continuing to meet in the fellowship hall at 10AM over the next several months. If you haven't attended before, come and enjoy a time of sharing, study, prayer, and great Christian fellowship. Rumor has it that they plan on going out for lunch afterward.



THE WHITE ROCK FUND

Love difficult people.
You may be one of them.

COMING UP THIS FALL

- *Gospel meeting* with Ken Dawdy: "How to Study the Bible" on October 11-14. Make definite plans to be here, prioritize it. Tell your friends and family about it. Let's have a huge crowd of fellow Christians and visitors.
- *Fellowship Luncheon* — accompanying our Gospel meeting we will have a fellowship luncheon, while we will also celebrate birthdays that happen in September through November.
- *Men's Breakfast* — Our next men's breakfast will be November 7 at 9AM. The theme will be Veterans' Day.

CURRENT ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

- Sunday AM — A new study on Hebrews
- Wednesday PM — 2 Corinthians

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Judy C. for shoulder surgery and recovery
- Meredith Naquin, Rachel's friend, to be undergoing brain surgery, Sept 11
- Doug Jones, is receiving cancer treatment
- Scott W's friends, Mark and Greg, who both have ALS
- The Turners' great nephew, Baylen born with multiple challenges
- Earl Lemons, Dianne H's oldest brother-in-law,

- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords and the church in Pittsfield MA
- Recoveries...
 - Kodie S for quick healing after surgery for a torn meniscus
 - Linda S had knee replacement
 - Shelly Dawdy, knee surgery

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Eloise Isbell
- Travis York, son of the the Yorks who were members of this congregation years ago, has had some health complications,
- Elizabeth's cousins Tracy with Lupus
- Freida R has been moved to Baybrook Rehab on Lake Forest in McKinney.
- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness
- Dale C in the Ivy in McKinney
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Continued fruit from Burley's mission work in India.
- Churches in New England
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- ☐ 8/30Neh 1-3
- ☐ 8/31Neh 4-6
- ☐ 9/1Neh 7-8
- ☐ 9/2Neh 9-10
- ☐ 9/3Neh 11-13
- ☐ 9/4Esther 1-3
- ☐ 9/5Esther 4-7
- ☐ 9/6Esther 8-10



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.

MAKING NO PROVISION FOR THE FLESH

"I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members." (Romans 7:21-23 NAS95)

I heard about a father who told his son, "Don't swim in that canal." The son said, "OK, Dad." But he came home that afternoon carrying a wet bathing suit.

The father said, "Where have you been?" He said, "Swimming in the canal." "Didn't I tell you not to swim there?" "Yes, sir." "Well then why did you?"

The boy said, "Well, Dad, I had my bathing suit with me & I couldn't resist the temptation." The father said, "Why did you take your bathing suit with you?" He said, "So I'd be prepared to swim, just in case I was tempted."

The story is funny, because like most comedy, it is so true to human nature. And this is the very reason why Paul taught, (Rom. 13:14) "But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires." While on the one hand we may desire to break a sinful habit or behavior, we will often paradoxically set ourselves up for failure by making provision for the flesh. It would be like promising yourself that you will stop speeding in a car, and then purchasing a 1000 HP hot rod; or keeping "Little Debbie's" hidden in the pantry, even though you're on a diet.

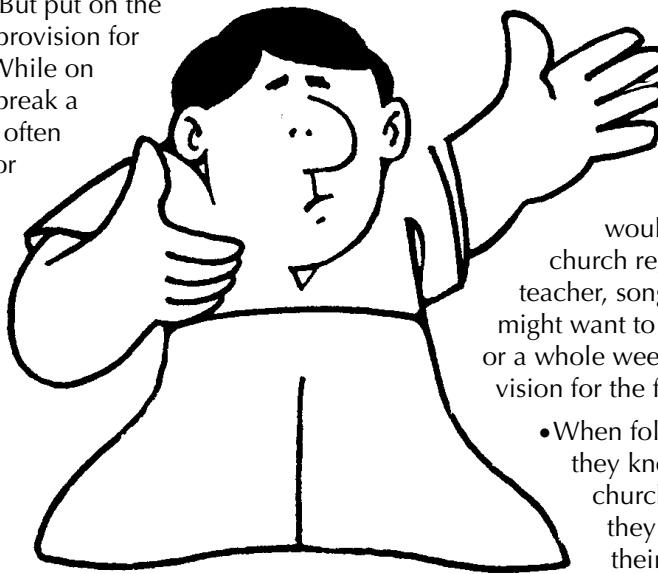
Let me give you an example, there was a Christian brother I knew, who wanted very much to stop smoking, so he threw away every pack of cigarettes he had — but hid a couple of cigarettes on the top of a couple door jambs in his house, where they couldn't be seen, but where he could get to them in case the addiction became too much. Consequently, it took him longer to break the addiction than it might otherwise have taken. It was only when he decided that the hidden individual "emergency cigarettes" were part of the problem that he overcame and stopped smoking altogether. He decided to make no provision for the flesh.

What that might look like in an individual life, will differ from person to person, of course; but let me offer a few common ways that people will often make provision for the flesh.

- When unmarried people, despite their claim to avoid being promiscuous, get on and stay on birth control pills or carry condoms — just in case they can't resist the temptation of pre-marital sex; are they not making provision for the flesh?
- When couples who are so in love and are about to get married, til death do them part, get prenuptial agreements, just in case things go sideways and they can't resist the temptation to get divorced; are they not making provision for the flesh?
- When Christians decline to get involved in a work of the church that would commit them to being at church regularly (e.g., Bible class teacher, song leader, etc.), because they might want to do something else on a Sunday or a whole weekend; are they not making provision for the flesh?
- When folks might not give as much as they know they probably should to church or those in need, because they might need that money for their hobby, a shopping spree, or an impulse purchase; are they not making provision for the flesh?

The point here is that if we are serious about overcoming a temptation of any sort, we must be sure not to leave ourselves a "safety net", a "just in case" provision to break our resolution to do better; because if the provision is there, we will likely use it, when the temptation gets painfully strong. Make no provision for the flesh.

Park Linscomb



FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN AUGUST

30	31	1	2	3	4	5
9:00AM Bible classes 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Worship		9:00AM Ladies' Class	7:00PM Wed. Bible class	- David & Lauri J. ❤️ - Edna A. 🍰 - Ty J. 🍰		

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of August 30.....AMPMWed.

AnnouncementsJohn SJohn S
 Song Leading.....Scott WDoug J.....Jim B
 Opening PrayerCharles H.....Kyle J
 CommunionDavid JBurley S
 Scripture.....John 10:1-5
 Closing PrayerDoug JRon M
 Greeter.....Burley S

Week of September 6AMPMWed.

AnnouncementsBurley SBurley S
 Song Leading.....Doug JScott WReiven H
 Opening PrayerReiven H.....Ron M
 CommunionKyle JCharles H
 Scripture
 Closing PrayerJim BMarty K
 Greeter.....Yaw F



Sermon Notes...
