

THE ROCK HILL HERALD

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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

*"We're Here
and We Care"*

GOD'S PLAN, PART 3

If we are to successfully present the Gospel and expect positive spiritual results, it is Imperative that we understand what the problem was and the solution that God '*purposed in Himself*' **Ephesians 1:9**. Notice the response given by Jesus in **Luke 9:51-56** when James and John suggested "*fire down from heaven to consume the Samaritans*" who had rejected the Savior. Jesus said, "*Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of...For the Son of Man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.*"

A mistake the denominational world makes is promoting that the coming of Jesus' death upon the cross **brought** salvation, when in fact, it did not! Obviously, Jesus' death upon the cross was part of God's plan, and the plan could not proceed according to **Hebrews 9:22** which affirms, "*without shedding of blood is no remission.*" Luke's record of Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane, **Luke 22:42-43** "*Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will but thine be done....and being in great agony he prayed more earnestly; and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling to the ground.*"

Any change that may have otherwise been provided did not come. It was the will of God that the plan proceed as intended. The sacrifice, though difficult to endure, was a critical part of the plan that Jesus had already prepared his apostles to expect. The plan of God could not have otherwise been completed. When Jesus proclaimed in **John 19:30** "*It is finished*" it marked the end of the torment he had anticipated. Only then could the plan of God move to the next things that were already set in place. Confirming this part of the plan is written for us in **Hebrews 9:11-15**.

How can we know that the plan is incomplete? The first indicator is the explanation Jesus gives to Peter in **Matthew 16:18-19**, which says; "*Upon this rock (truth) I will build my Church...And I will give unto thee the keys to the Kingdom of heaven...and whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven...*" When Jesus appeared after His resurrection, he further indicated to the apostles in **Luke 24:44-49**, "*that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations beginning at Jerusalem...I send the promise of my Father upon you, but tarry in Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high.*"

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 .

SPECIAL SPEAKER

THIS MORNING, David Tarbet to report on the work in New Milford, CT (during Bible class) and preach this morning.



OUR YOUTH

Have a special project, find details on the bulletin board.

VALENTINES DAY PARTY

- Everybody is invited
- Feb. 17
- 5PM
- Food, fun, fellowship

AN EVANGELISM CLASS — Our next class will be at the Ruebushes home at 7PM on Feb. 1. Join us!

AREA WIDE OFFERINGS

- Prestoncrest, Saturday, Feb. 24
Telling the Story: Conference on Evangelism and Church Growth
- Area wide worship, March 1, Greenville Ave

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...

- Norma Bautista her mother Elisa Sosa's died. John and Norma went to her funeral service, and Norma returned with painful inflammation on her left heel. She is taking medication but doesn't know if she will be able to come to services on Sunday.
- Dianne's H's sister Gynelle Lemons, heart complications
- Burley is asking for prayers for his son, Burley Jr. — various health issues
- Esther Myrick possible pleurisy. Now home.
- Rachel W's friend,, Madeline, was diagnosed with Guillain-Barré syndrome
- Whitney Perez, undergoing chemo for cancer.
- Bev W., recovery, knee surgery.
- Chris L., broken vertebrae.
- Zeke R. — PTSD, depression, and issues with the VA. Also, Zeke's sister-in-law Carmen Rodriguez — eye sight.
- Lynn Turner, cancer
- Dianna C. for cancer treatment changes
- Sue Carter: digestive problems
- Freida R. at home
- Bonnie D. broken shoulder and, struggling; Suzanne as she cares for her mother
- Fernando Z's father, Ramon
- The Stafford's grand-daughter
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the churches in New England

"We ought not confuse God's mercy with His approval." (Jason Wing)

- brethren in India
- our elders, deacons, preacher, teachers, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregational

LONG TERM REQUESTS

- Isela Hughes' sister Griselda's illness & friend Jeff with cancer
- 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

- Feb 4, Lev 10-12
- Feb 5, Lev 13
- Feb 6, Lev 14,15
- Feb 7, Lev 16-18
- Feb 8, Lev 19-21
- Feb 9, Lev 22-23
- Feb 10, Lev 24-25
- Feb 11, Lev 26-27

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.

TOLERANCE, PART 2

Last week I talked about tolerance's virtues and vices. The world just gives "tolerance" a one-size-fits-all approach and tolerates everything, no matter how bad. However, Christians are commanded to be tolerant about somethings, but to refuse to tolerate other things. Sounds simple enough — except in the way that Christians are sometimes intolerant. You see, there's a Christian way to be intolerant and a worldly way to be intolerant. So, how does a Christian not tolerate immorality, false doctrine, or the denominations in a good and proper way?

Proper Christian intolerance will start with (gasp!) judgment. Judgment is a rather intolerable "vice" in a tolerance-focused world. But before we too quickly judge those who judge, let's be reminded about the fact that there are two kinds of judgment. There's the kind that Jesus condemns in Matthew 6:1-3, a harshly critical, fault-finding attitude and kind of speech. And then there's the kind that we are required to exercise as we discern right and wrong around us. It is this second sort of judgment that Christians must exercise regularly. It leads us rightly to reject sin, like our tongue might discern and spit out poison. It is trained by the inspired Scriptures which not provide commands, and God's own divine judgment. Did you know that the Bible talks a lot about what God hates? And what God finds intolerable, Christians must also find intolerable. Now of course, this should never lead to abuse, violence, or unseemly behavior. But it does lead somewhere...

It will lead to speaking up. When Paul walked through Athens, he found himself (Acts 17:16) "...provoked within him as he was observing the city full of idols." This intolerance led to him speaking up, which led to being invited to speak at Mars Hill to the Athenian philosophers. We sometimes tremble in fear at the thought of speaking up about some intolerable behavior, but here's the simple truth: no one will ever know they're doing wrong unless someone speaks up and says so — think of the tale of the Emperor's New Clothes. When no one says anything, everyone concludes that wrong must be right — that naked is clothed. But it can't be just any kind of speech: (Ephesians 4:15) "...speaking the truth in love..." including

patience, love, kindness, and yes even some tolerance.

Sometimes intolerance is wrongly expressed in the form of persecution. Paul used to think that way: Acts 26:9 "So then, I thought to myself that I had to do many things hostile to the name of Jesus of Nazareth." But the Lord taught him otherwise. Finding sinful behavior intolerable mustn't lead to malice, hostility, harm, threats, reviling, slander, or persecution toward others. Paul, having learned from the Lord where the real battle is, wrote this, (2 Corinthians 10:3-6) "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..." It doesn't tolerate the wrong, but it doesn't persecute either — it appeals, seeks, and reaches out to change hearts and minds by genuine persuasion, not force.

On the other hand, when progress and growth are not forthcoming, intolerance is sometimes rightly expressed toward wayward Christians in what is called withdrawal of fellowship. Paul was blown away (Cor. 5) by the Corinthian's tolerant attitude toward a particularly sinful behavior in their midst — someone had taken to living maritally with his father's wife! Paul's conscience prompted him to call for his immediate removal for two reasons: 1) concern for the sinner's condition, hoping to shock the sinner's hardened heart to repentance, and 2) concern for the church's tolerance, which promotes the error that there was nothing wrong with this sin. The point was to win the sinner back and make it clear to both the sinner and the church that such a sin condemns.

Tolerance can be good, and intolerance can be good. It all depends what we're being asked to tolerate. But whatever you do, don't learn to tolerate what the world pressures you to embrace; love what God loves and hate what God hates — 1 Thessalonians 5:21, 22 .

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN FEBRUARY

4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p style="background-color: #c8513d; color: white; padding: 2px;">Haven B. 🙏</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 5:00PM Prayer time ■ 6:00PM Worship <p>Special AM speaker: David Tarbet</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 		<p style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Lunar New Year</p>	

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

February 4

Announcements Charles H

Songleading Scott W. Doug J

Opening Prayer Chris, S David J

Communion Doug J. Fernando Z.

Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____

Closing Prayer Jim B Jim B

A/V Control Fernando Z. John S

Greeter Burley S

Wed PM, February 7

Songs Reiven H

A/V Charles H

February 11

Announcements Charles H

Songleading Doug J. Scott W.

Opening Prayer Tom R Hugh R

Communion Review H Charles H

Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____

Closing Prayer Charles H Yaw F

A/V Control Fernando Z. John S

Greeter Burley S

Wed PM, February 14

Songs Jim B

A/V Charles H

Shortcuts to good info...

To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...



Sermon Notes...
