

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 26

We indicated last week that we would investigate more regarding the Holy Spirit, and the part he was intended to play in God's Plan. It is a very interesting event to review in scripture. We will take it up beginning with Jesus' resurrection in [John 20:17](#) where He instructs Mary "not to touch Him for he had not yet ascended unto the Father." This was not the ascension described in [Acts 1:2](#), but an apparent 'interim' ascension before spending 40 days with His Apostles upon the earth. Notice in [John 20:26](#), that Jesus met with His Apostles "after 8 days" at which time he allowed Thomas to touch Him. We know that Jesus "was taken up" in [Acts 1:9](#).

We also see the delegation of authority given to the Apostles similar to [Matthew 16:18-19](#) in [John 20:21-23](#) when Jesus told them, "as my Father hath sent me, so send I you...whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted (forgiven)...and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained." It should be noted, too, that Jesus gave them a 'measure' of the Holy Spirit in this verse that would be similar to what Jesus did in [Luke 24:45](#) where He "opened their understanding that they may understand the scriptures."

[Hebrews 9:8](#) makes a comparison with the Innermost part of the Tabernacle, designed for God to "meet the High Priest there to accept the sacrifices offered by the shedding of blood." It is also stated to signify "the Holy Ghost." These sacrifices were designed to "Bring to remembrance the sins of the people" [Hebrews 10:3](#) under the Old Law, "while the Tabernacle was yet standing." However, in [Acts 1:4-5](#) Jesus "commanded them (the Apostles) that they should not depart from Jerusalem...and to wait for the promise of the Father...ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence."

The purpose of the Holy Ghost was to facilitate the establishment of the New Covenant in Christ, and complete the Plan for salvation in the '[New Dispensation](#)'. The sacrifice of Christ paid the price, without which the Plan could not occur. However, it was God's Plan to put in place this New Covenant under which men could find salvation through the blood of Christ by obedience of Faith. This is evident by [John 7:39](#) which captures time between the resurrection of Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit to complete the Plan.

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 WOMEN'S SEWING MINISTRY will be this Wednesday at 10:00 at Beverly Weldon's house

THE LEADERSHIP MEETING

- The June financial report was read and a couple of highlights were mentioned including the interns' salary and the improved drainage. The biggest new expense is the property insurance, which has gone up substantially as it has for every church — \$16,000 beyond what we've already paid. Charles did a lot of research to get a price that good. It was noted, then, that we need to be frugal in the coming months until we can “catch up”.
- At the time of the leadership meeting, the church was still having a hard time streaming to our Facebook page. At this writing, the problem has been fixed.
- Our Vibe ads are being monitored and they are being watched by the community. A new campaign will be launched in the near future.
- The interns continue to do a great job in working with our youth.
- All our security cameras are working fine again. The cable on one of them had been chewed through by a (probably) a squirrel.
- A PA system for the fellowship hall has been purchased and stored in the fellowship hall for future use.
- There was nothing new to report on the proposed mission trip to Idaho.

- A new over-the-ear mic was purchased for Park, but the results are mixed, we'll be experimenting to find the best sound for the church building and the streaming broadcast.
- The yard underneath the big oak tree between the buildings has been raked and lightly tilled, and the sprinkler system has been fixed; but it is still waiting for grass sowing.
- A new drainage system to avoid auditorium flooding has been built and seems to be working well.
- We are considering a “Family and Friends Day” and also a “24 Hours of Prayer” idea.

COMBINED FELLOWSHIP On August 4, we thought we'll combine the July Birthday Cake celebration with a “thanks-for-all-you-did-and-come-back-next-summer” celebration for our interns..

VACATION: Park will be on vacation this week from Mon through Sun.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Kent will be preaching, while Park enjoys the last day of his vacation.

YOUTH GROUP SIX FLAGS TRIP! Take a look at the pictures in the back of the auditorium.!

A “TABLE SHOWER” — two of our own, Shawn Wallace and Jacob Kopinski will be or (in Jacob's case) already be married. Their families are placing a shower table in the back of the auditorium for anyone who'd like to wish them well.

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...

- Esther Myrick asks us to pray for her health.
- Jim Boles is asking for prayers as his older brother, Charles, died yesterday.

- Joan Votaw with AFIB and blood clots in both of her lungs. Joan cannot have phone calls or visitors at this time. Pray for her recovery.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

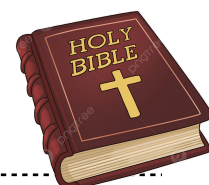
- Mary Hall had a partial hip replacement.
- Emma asks us pray for her grandmother, Karla Rothbauer, who was recently diagnosed with early onset dementia.
- Jessica had asked us to pray for one of her classmates' son, Cole Atkins, who was in a terrible vehicle accident.
- Melinda Stafford's mother and brother in S. Africa
- Bonnie Davidson recovering from a minor stroke.
- Lynn Turner: cancer
- Dianna C. for cancer treatment
- 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

- Jul 21, Isa 5-8
- Jul 22, Isa 9-12
- Jul 23, Isa 13-16
- Jul 24, Isa 17-21
- Jul 25, Isa 22-25
- Jul 26, Isa 26-28
- Jul 27, Isa 29-31
- Jul 28, Isa 32-35



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.

FLIES IN THE OINTMENT

This past week's reading has included the book of Ecclesiastes. I hope you've been keeping up with a daily Bible reading — the one published and available in the foyer (and published in the bulletin) or one of your own choosing (there are lots of them that are available). But Ecclesiastes is a unique book in all the Bible in that it is certainly full of God's wisdom, it is also pretty philosophical and in some places just a little depressing — that is, if your focus is mostly on this world, because the prevailing theme throughout the book is that all this stuff "under the sun" is vanity and useless.

But in the midst of this tour de force on the vain value of the material versus the spiritual are little nuggets of wisdom that can provoke some real meditation. One of those is found in Ecclesiastes 10:1

Dead flies make a perfumer's oil stink, so a little foolishness is weightier than wisdom and honor.

What does this mean? Well, it is a proverb and so it can have a number of applications to practical living, but it seems to me that one of the most important applications is how truth compromised with even a little bit of foolishness (sin or a lie) can make the truth become false or (regarding a good program) the entire effort displeasing to God.

A stench in the nostrils of God is the common result, when we decide to add the "dead flies" of men's opinions, tastes, or wisdom to God's superlative truth and perfect commands. Granted, God has given us some leeway on how we are to obey some of His commands, but even the leeway has its limits and parameters.

Jeroboam famously changed a few things that seemed changeable to him, but the "dead flies" of his changes (also known as the sin of Jeroboam) resulted in a stench in what would have otherwise been pleasing scent to the nose of God

Tongue speaking was a God-given gift to the first century Christians and sometimes it was useful in worship — when there was an interpreter (1 Corinthians 14:27, 28). But the Corinthians thought that tongue speaking was such a wonderful thing that they began to turn worship into an all-tongues all the time kind of thing. They must have reasoned, "Surely God is still receiving praise, prayers are still being offered; it's only a small thing, right?" But the "dead flies" of an inappropriate use of gift the tongues resulted, Paul said, was a foul smell to the Lord.

The rabbis of Jesus' day felt certain that the additional "clarifications" to the Law that they offered were perfectly acceptable additions. But Jesus was quite critical of the additions which only provided loopholes to disobey God's law or falsely transformed the mere opinions of men into laws of God. To the Lord, the additions ruined the perfume of His holy law.

And we must also be careful to avoid "dead flies" in our offerings of worship to God or in our teaching of His word. The problem with "dead flies", of course, is that they don't look like "dead flies" to us. They often look like good ideas, fresh approaches, effective plans, or at least just harmless additions. But we must be discerning and realize that man's wisdom is not God's wisdom, man's desires are not God's desires, and man's "nose" is not God "nose".

If we are intent on pleasing our husband/wife or boyfriend/girlfriend we will be careful about showers, putting on deodorant, and applying a perfume/cologne pleasing to the object of our affection. Nobody wants to see a pained look and wrinkled nose on the face of someone we want to please. If we love the Lord as we claim to do, will we not also be careful to present to Him a "pleasing aroma" in our worship, our teachings, and our lives?

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JULY

21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship 		<p style="text-align: center;">Ian K 🙏</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Women's sewing ministry 	<p style="text-align: center;">Marie Wallace 🙏</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Kid VBS Night ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class ■ 8:00PM Games for the youth 			

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

July 21AM.....PM
 AnnouncementsJohn S
 SongleadingScott WDoug J
 Opening PrayerMarty KScott W
 CommunionDoug JCharles H
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerCharles HYaw F
 A/V ControlCharles HFernando Z
 GreeterJim B

Wed PM, July 24

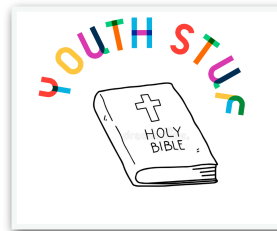
SongsJim B
 A/VJohn S

July 28

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 Announcements
 SongleadingDoug JScott W
 Opening Prayer
 Communion
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing Prayer
 A/V Control
 Greeter

Wed PM, July 31

Songs
 A/V



What's Happening!?

- ▶ 7/24: Kids VBS Night! Our younger kids (babies-age 8) are invited to our VBS night from 7:00-8:00 this Wednesday. There will be stories, games, snacks, crafts, and more! Older kids are encouraged to come and help!
- ▶ 7/24: Wednesday night games following evening service
- ▶ 7/28: Youth Pool Party at the Ha-leys! Please join us for a pool party directly following Sunday evening service until 9:00 pm. Dinner will be served! If you have questions, please see Charles and Dianne or Kent and Avery

Sermon Notes...

