

# 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 XX

The chronological order of spiritual things is important. In fact, the order with which these things occurred enhances the miraculous way in which God developed His Plan for salvation, and the method through which it was delivered. As you recall, God gave Moses the 10 Commandment on tablets of stone that were written *"by the finger of God"* ***Exodus 31:18***. Why is it, then that the writing of the New Testament was pre-determined to be written by the hands of men...the inspired writers? One of the lessons from our work in India was that the truth of God's Word was more acceptable when delivered by men from India. This could well be a factor in God's decision in how the truth would be delivered.

Perhaps the greater possibility lies in the nature of God's Plan to use the word of truth to separate the "sheep from the goats". After all, God has declared that *"True Worshipers would worship Him in Spirit and in Truth"* ***John 4:24***. This should lead us to understand that there are (in the eyes of God) 'un-true worshippers'. The distinction between the two would be what?

What was done prior to the Plan that God delivered in the New Testament writings? He would often take immediate action to punish and to teach us by example under the Old Law. God has been very clear in this and given us fair warning. Perhaps His best explanation is offered in ***Galatians 3:22*** *"But the scripture has concluded (included) all under sin, that the promise by faith in Christ Jesus might be given to them that believe."*

The redemption from our sin is in Christ Jesus and available only through the Plan that God Himself has prepared. The world teaches that salvation comes to us because of the shed blood of Christ, when in reality, it is the shed blood of Jesus Christ that purchased the Plan that God prepared. Salvation came not when Christ died upon the cross, but without His sacrifice, the Plan could not have been completed!

The representation that belief in Christ alone brings us to salvation is Satan's greatest lie. It has misguided many away from the Lord's Church, and minimized the impact of the importance of membership in the Lord's Church that it had on the Day of Pentecost, 33 AD. Let us hold fast to that which will bring us to salvation.

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 .

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP** — Sunday evening's sermons are a series on the book of Philippians. Last week was Philippians 3:12ff this week we'll be looking at Philippians 4:1-9. Come join us!!

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

**THE LEADERSHIP MEETING** will be July 14 at 4PM. If you have something that you would like the elders, deacons, and preacher to discuss, please let one of them know before the meeting.

**BIRTHDAY CAKE FELLOWSHIP** usually falls on the last Sunday evening of the month (July 28); but because the day of our wonderful interns is the Sunday of August 4, we thought we'd combine the July Birthday Cake celebration with a "thanks-for-all-you-did-and-come-back-next-summer" celebration.

**OUR FINAL "REEL FAITH" MOVIE NIGHT** for the youth will be Thursday, July 11th, we will have at the church building. We will be watching *The Emperor's New Groove!*

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** Burley will be preaching, while Park visits Camp Deer Run's Middle Sunday. Doug J. will teach the adult Bible class

**YOUTH GROUP SIX FLAGS TRIP!** The youth will be taking a trip to Six Flags on Tuesday July 16th, and more details will be sent out soon. Please let Kent and Avery know if your kid can make it!

**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.

**It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand. — Mark Twain**

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS...

- Elizabeth asks for prayers for her sister, Rebecca, who was involved in a car accident Tuesday. A driver ran a red light and broadsided her. She was taken to the hospital in Conroe by ambulance. Elizabeth is with Rebecca today in Conroe. Rebecca suffered a concussion with a pretty good bump on her head and has a very sore shoulder. Pray that she will recover quickly with no other problems.

### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Mary Hall broke her hip. She had a partial hip replacement.
- Emma asks us pray for her grandmother, Karla Rothbauer, who was recently diagnosed with early onset Dementia.

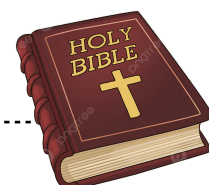
- Jessica had asked us to pray for one of her classmates' son, Cole Atkins, who was in a terrible vehicle accident.
- Melinda Stafford's mother and brother in S. Africa
- Bonnie Davidson recovering from a minor stroke.
- Lynn Turner: cancer
- Burley Stinnett Jr.
- Dianna C. for cancer treatment
- Sue 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 7, Psa 136-142
- Jul 8, Psa 143-150
- Jul 9, Pro 1-4
- Jul 10, Pro 5-8
- Jul 11, Pro 9-13
- Jul 12, Pro 14-17
- Jul 13, Pro 18-21
- Jul 14, Pro 22-24



# A word of Encouragement

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"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.

## HOW CAN I GET MORE OUT OF GIVING IN WORSHIP?

Of the several things that done in our worship assemblies, giving probably gets the least amount of thought and time. Sermons on giving are often written and delivered with great care, lest someone think that the church is only interested in their pocketbook. It's certainly understandable, given the many religious conmen in our day and time that seem to be constantly begging "the faithful" to give to a "faith-offering" for their brand new, gold plated buildings and ministries.

But giving really is a legitimate means of worshipping the Lord and we need to be encouraged to do it and do it in a way that both glorifies God and edifies the church.

**Give yourself first to the Lord** — Paul exhorted the Corinthian church to generosity by telling them of the generosity of the churches of Macedonia, despite "a great ordeal of affliction...and their deep poverty". He notes how they did it (2 Corinthians 8:5): "and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God." What does it mean to give oneself first? It means letting the love for God and the joy that it brings establish your priorities to make the Lord and His things (His church, His mission, His concerns) first. You see, when we give ourselves first to the Lord, our pocketbook naturally follows. This not only pleases the Lord, but it suddenly becomes a joy rather than a burden to give.

**Think specifically about the things that your giving is going to** — Whenever we consider the things that our giving is going to, we will feel compelled to give generously. For example, I believe in the need to spread the Gospel, and when I consider all the efforts to trying to sow the seed of the Gospel that my contribution supports (e.g., the website, the TV ads, the streaming services, the literature, Gospel meetings, the preacher, etc.), it makes me actually glad that I get a chance to contribute. I also believe in Bible teaching and encouragement of the church, and I see that my giving supports Bible class handouts and teaching materials, Bibles, Bible literature, and children's special materials. I believe in doing good (benevolence) for those in need, sick, or in grief, and I see the church's deacons and others using the Lord's money helping the needy, meals for the sick, and flowers for

the grieving. It's good thing to have a warm-in-the-winter, dry-in-the-rain, and cool-in-the-summer place to meet for worship, Bible study, and fellowship, and so I'm glad that my money goes to providing that for the church. I believe the church should be involved in supporting the preaching of the Gospel in mission places, so I'm glad to give knowing that my money is being spent to do that very thing! I believe that the church needs to engage in the kind of fellowship that reflects the family that we are, so I'm glad to know that my giving helps provide such a place to gather, eat, and visit with each other. In other words, I believe in the things that our leadership is doing with the funds received from the church and it makes me more happy to donate to all these important works. If you give this way, you'll never "give til it hurts"; you'll always "give til it feels so good"!

**Give remembering all that the Lord has done for you** — It is frequently pointed out that we can't out give the Lord. This isn't meant to say that if we a certain amount of money that the Lord will return that much to us and more. It is to say that God has been exceptionally generous toward us all from the day of our conception to the present in providing all that we need and usually much more, AND as Christians has given us more than we could ever pay back in a zillion years. Want to get more out of your giving? Remember how much the Lord has done already and will be doing for you through eternity.

**There are other things** that will make our giving meaningful to us and the Lord that I'll mention only briefly. Don't let your right hand know what your left hand is doing (Matt. 6:3); never given for a human audience, but only for God. Forget tithing; it's an Old Testament metric for giving; Christianity just calls upon us to be generous (1 Tim. 6:18) — whatever that might mean in our financial circumstances. Speaking of which, give in proportion to your income (1 Cor. 16:2); some folks have considerable disposable income while others don't. Give weekly; it's a part of weekly worship (1 Cor 16:1,2). Give as a stewardship; remember "your" money isn't really yours, it's a stewardship from the Lord, so use it His way.

See, even giving can be uplifting.

Park Linscomb

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JULY

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Jennifer K. 			John B. 	Linda S. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00AM Bible classes</li> <li>■ 10:00AM Worship</li> <li>■ 6:00PM Worship</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class</li> <li>■ 8:00PM Games for the youth</li> </ul> <p>Sewing ministry at 10AM</p>	<p>Reel Faith at 6PM for youth</p>		

## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

**July 7 .....AM.....PM**  
 Announcements .....John S  
 Songleading .....Scott W .....Doug J  
 Opening Prayer .....Jim B .....Burley S  
 Communion .....Yaw F .....David J  
 Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Closing Prayer .....Scott W .....Hugh R  
 AV Control .....Charles H.....Fernando Z  
 Greeter.....Hugh R

### Wed PM, July 10

Songs .....Reiven H  
 AV.....John S

**July 14 .....AM.....PM**  
 Announcements .....John S  
 Songleading .....Doug J.....Scott W  
 Opening Prayer .....Chris S .....David J  
 Communion .....Scott W .....burley S  
 Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Closing Prayer .....Jim B .....Jim B  
 AV Control .....CharlesH.....Fernando Z  
 Greeter.....Burley S

### Wed PM, July 17

Songs .....Charles H  
 AV.....John S

## Sermon Notes...

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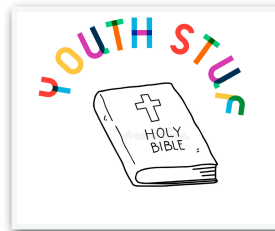
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## What's Happening!?

- ▶ 7/10 Women's Sewing Ministry: The Women's Sewing Ministry will be this Wednesday at 10 AM at Beverly Weldon's house
- ▶ 7/10: Wednesday Night Games with the youth!
- ▶ 7/11 Reel Faith: "Reel Faith" will be this Thursday at 6 PM. We will be watching the *Emperor's New Groove!*
- ▶ 7/16 Six Flags Trip: On Tuesday July 16th, we will be taking the youth to Six Flags! Tickets are \$30 each. Please let us know soon if your kid can join us!

