

# 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 14

I would like to take a step backward, and re-visit the lineage of Jesus in shortform, as well as the importance of Jerusalem as the center of Christianity. This cannot be done without first visiting the history of the children of Israel. After occupying the "Promised Land" there was the period of "Judges over Israel". In the time of Samuel the prophet (approximately 1100 BC), the People requested a King in **I Samuel 8:5**. This greatly displeased God because He considered Himself their King (**I Samuel 8:7**). This represented rejection in the eyes of God, since He had brought them to the Promised Land, ruled, and saved them from their enemies. The first God-anointed king was Saul who reigned from about 1051-1011BC.

After Saul was rejected by God, David was selected to serve God and the people, noted by God to be *"a man after God's own heart"* in **Acts 13:22**. In **II Samuel 5:7**, David and his men overtook Jerusalem, the City of God, and proclaimed *"the City of God, the City of David and Zion"*. Jerusalem was considered the High and Holy City, and the subsequent home of the Temple Built by Solomon, completed in 957 BC. It was at Jerusalem that Jesus was crucified, and the Pentecost beginning of the Kingdom of God happened in **Acts 2**, the beginning of the Lord's church.

Solomon, the son of David, reigned in Jerusalem from 971-931 BC. Solomon's Kingdom included the area of Promise, and the land previously distributed by Joshua according to that which is written in the Book of Joshua in the Old Testament. The final distribution is confirmed in **Joshua 21:43-45**, *"and the Lord gave unto Israel all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers, and dwelt therein...and the Lord gave them rest...and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the Lord delivered all their enemies into their hand: there failed not ought of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass."*

Obviously the success of the twelve Tribes of the children of Israel is of great contrast to the eventual end of their blessings. The eventual failure of the Northern 10 Tribes and the falling away of the two Tribes recognized as Judah until their eventual fall and subsequent digression into Idolatry should strengthen us against the same in the current times.

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 .

**WELCOME**, Kent Cates and Avery Nicks! They are our summer youth interns, and they are with us from today till early August. Just to remind you, they are both from Harding University; Kent is a Exercise Science major and Avery is a Marriage and Family Therapy major. Kent will be staying with Park and Avery will be staying with Bev Weldon. We look forward to a great summer for our youth program!



**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY** to all the ladies of the congregation!

**YOU OUGHT TO TAKE A LOOK** at all the great work done to give us more storage space in the Bible class building.

**THE LEADERSHIP MEETING** that was scheduled for today has been postponed to next Sunday at 4:00PM. If you have something for the elders, deacons, and preacher to consider, let one of them know.



### THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH —

- The church in Pittsfield has sent us a report. Pick one up in the foyer area of the building and find out what's been going on, what you could be praying for, and what they have planned for the future.
- We have an ongoing monthly benevolence program to help the Berkshire County church of Christ in Pittsfield Mass. See Trudy R. to contribute.



- Rachel W's friend, Madeline, with Guillain-Barré syndrome
- Dianna C. for cancer treatment
- Sue Carter: digestive problems
- The Stafford's grand-daughter
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the churches in New England
- brethren in India
- our elders, deacons, preacher, teachers, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregational

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- For our interns
- Freida R.: pneumonia
- The Stafford's son-in-law fell and broke a bone in his back. Please pray for pain relief and healing.
- After seeing the neurosurgeon, Zeke wants a 2nd opinion. His brain has shrunk and he has excess brain fluid but a situation in his neck may be the reason fluid isn't draining properly. Please keep Zeke in your prayers.

### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Jim Boles granddaughter, April, passed away. Please pray for Jim and his family
- Kirk has some medical heart issues, please pray.
- Esther Myrick rehabbing at home from knee surgery: successful outcome.
- Melinda Stafford's mother and brother in S. Africa
- Bonnie Davidson recovering from a minor stroke.
- Lynn Turner: cancer
- Burley Stinnett Jr.

### 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

- May 12, 1 Chron 13-16
- May 13, 1 Chron 17-19
- May 14, 1 Chron 20-23
- May 15, 1 Chron 24-26
- May 16, 1 Chron 27-29
- May 17, 2 Chron 1-4
- May 18, 2 Chron 5-7
- May 19, 2 Chron 8-10

*Never let the presence of a storm, cause you to doubt the presence of God*  
Craig Rochelle

# 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.

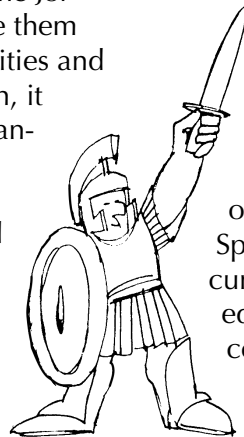
## DON'T QUIT TOO EARLY

When Joshua and Israel crossed the Jordan River, the Lord went before them and Israel subdued the major cities and kings quickly. At the time of Joshua's death, it could be said that the "back" of the Canaanite resistance had been utterly broken—kings had been killed, armies had been completely routed, and fortified cities had been destroyed; but the smaller towns, villages, and many farms still remained. These Canaanites still needed to be driven out, and that would take time. This was according to God's promise: "... The LORD your God will clear away these nations before you little by little; you will not be able to put an end to them quickly, for the wild beasts would grow too numerous for you..." (Deut. 7:21-23).

So after Joshua's death, there was still lots of (to use a military term) "mop up" work to do. And the tribes did make efforts to completely push out the Canaanites, but in each case they were able to push them only so far (just as God had said). However, over time, Israel wearied of war and instead opted for "peaceful coexistence" using the remaining Canaanites as forced laborers. They got tired and quit too early.

This "peaceful coexistence" led to a serious problem: "and they took their daughters for themselves as wives, and gave their own daughters to their sons, and served their gods" (Judges 3:6). And so the cycle of sin, punishment, repentance, and rescue became the historical and spiritual story of Israel from that time forward.

"How could they?" we ask in amazement. "What a shame! They could have saved themselves so much trouble, if they had only obeyed rather than quit early," we think. And we might boast, "Why—if it had been us, we'd have kept at



it until the job was done!" But quitting too early may be more than just an Israelite problem. Consider the realities of our own lives.

At our baptisms, God gave each of us forgiveness (a clean slate), and a new, clean way of life. In repentance, through His power and Spirit, there were many Canaanites (sins, circumstances, and influences) that you annihilated and pushed right out of your life. Christ had conquered your heart and your life. But the job was not completed at repentance and baptism; spiritual growth is a journey, a process, a continuing "mop up" operation to do. There continues to be "Canaanites" (sins and temptations) in our lives; Satan and our flesh will see to that. Sometimes, they are too well hidden to be completely flushed out early in the campaign. Sometimes, they have "iron chariots" (see Judges 1:19) and are too strong to be quickly defeated. Sometimes, they infiltrate back in to our lives to regain a foothold. They all want to make friends with us; they offer to "work" for us (like forced laborers) to "help us out" and get us what we really want. And since the battle is long, the temptation to quit early and "peacefully coexist" (compromise) with the world can be strong.

But Scripture warns about quitting too early; consider 2 Peter 1:5-11, Philippians 3:12-16, and Hebrews 10:26-29. There's a pattern of warning here. Every day is a new battle to eradicate the Canaanites in your life. The battle is never won in one deft stroke! The battle will not be finished until Jesus returns, and all His enemies will be put under His feet (1 Cor. 15:24-26). Until then, we must not snatch defeat from the jaws of victory by quitting too early. Instead, finish strong!

Park Linscomb

