

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

*"We're Here
and We Care"*

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OF DATES

I have been intrigued by the facts concerning the History of the Bible, it's people and God's Plan for salvation. I was troubled that this information is not easily found within direct scripture. This is largely due to the lack of more sophisticated calendars that reference years, months or days during the time 'Before Christ' (BC). There are specific days that are clearly defined such as the "first day of the week" that is referenced in [Acts 20:7](#) and [1 Corinthians 16:2](#) as well as the "Sabbath Day" (7th day) which was observed as the 'day of rest' under the Old Law.

Other days are identified by seasons, moon phase, planting of crops and harvest. For example, in [Exodus 12:1-2](#) (as the Children of Israel were about to leave Egypt) God said "this month shall be unto you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you." In [Exodus 23:15](#), God instructs Moses, "Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread...in the time allotted for the month Abib" (Nissan). [Deuteronomy 16:1](#) says, "Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the Lord thy God, for in the month of Abib the Lord thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt." (largely considered the first full moon after the Vernal equinox-the planting moon. With no calendar, it was a method of time reference.) By God's word, it was the time Jesus observed the passover feast with His Apostles, at which time Jesus introduced the Lord's Supper. [Luke 22:7-20](#)

Time is of interest to us as we study the Bible because it helps us more clearly understand the historical events that God prophesied and performed to get us to Christ. The historical events can also confirm the truth and accuracy of prophecy and secular History. One of the most significant dates is the establishment of the Church in the year 33 AD [Acts 2](#). From this, we know the age of Jesus at the time of his death, and the significance of time stamped 'AD'. Many of us were taught that the AD added to a date meant "After Death". It is actually a Latin term, "anno domini" that means, "in the year of our Lord". It is the time of His birth...the most significant of dates to recall!

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 .

BURIED WITH CHRIST — This past Wednesday evening Cooper Roberts was baptized into Christ. We rejoiced with Heaven's angels; please be praying for this young man's spiritual growth and strength.



CLEVE AND MELINDA STAFFORD will be here Sunday. Cleve will be preaching for us this morning!

THIS IS BIRTHDAY CAKE SUNDAY — Every last Sunday evening of the month we have fellowship celebrating the birthdays of the past month. Come join us!

YOUTH EVENT — NOVEMBER 11 between 6PM and 8PM all our youth from grade school upward are invited to a hot dog roasting, s'more toasting, corn-hole boasting (contest) good time. Look for more details soon

FREIDA R. WAS ADMITTED to the Baylor McKinney hospital after surgery. She is in room 509 with a possible infection that is being treated. Pray that the treatment

will work and she will be able to go home soon.

THE WHITE ROCK FUND held their annual Reporting and Fundraising Day

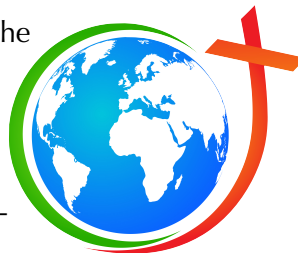
yesterday. There were many great missionaries speaking and good news about the growth of the kingdom. Cleve Stafford is partially supported by the WRF. If you're interested in helping the White Rock Fund and its work supporting missionaries in the northeast and abroad, there are giving envelopes in the foyer.

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...

- Ron and Esther Myrick have COVID
- Norma B. for anxiety
- Linda M.'s family at the death of her niece
- Diana 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 WHITE ROCK FUND

- Sandy L's sister, Lisa, in hospice care in Mississippi .
- The Stafford's grand-daughter
- Isela Hughes'...
 - sister Griselda Walters
 - friend Jeff, cancer
 - Sarai Lyons' friend Tiffany M.
 - Julia's friend Wendy with breast cancer
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the churches in New England
- brethren in India
- our congregational leaders

LONG TERM REQUESTS

- 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

- Oct 29, Luke 17-18
- Oct 30, Luke 19-20
- Oct 31, Luke 21-22
- Nov 1, Luke 23-24
- Nov 2, John 1-3
- Nov 3, John 4-5
- Nov 4, John 6-7
- Nov 5, John 8-9

Just a single sin left in your life is as dangerous as just a single rattlesnake left in your bed.

TIM CHALLIES

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.

MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

We have all missed opportunities — career opportunities, relationship opportunities, investment opportunities, purchase opportunities — that kept us up at night and caused us to kick ourselves over and over again. Opportunities are basically openings in circumstances that make it possible for us to act and get something we want — a raise, a promotion, a relationship, a material gain.

But have you ever considered that there have been other opportunities that we have missed that may have eternal ramifications? What about opportunities to do good for others? Opportunities to serve God? Opportunities to obey? Opportunities to grow spiritually? These are opportunities, too; but when we miss these opportunities, do we kick ourselves that we didn't "seize the opportunity"? Probably not as often.

Yet, the Bible tells us that there are spiritual opportunities that may come back to haunt us at the judgment. Consider a passages of God's word...

"But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment than for you." Luke 10:14.

Some of these missed spiritual opportunities that will be judged include, for example, the ones in which we had the opportunity to recognize and obey the Lord, but deliberately chose not to do so, like in Luke 10:14. Here Jesus rebuked the local towns around Galilee — where He had healed multitudes, performed miracles, revealed God's word — that had not believed in Him. It was a grave missed opportunity — and a cause for judgment that would actually make the wicked and pagan cities of Sodom, Tyre, and Sidon look good by comparison! And people still miss such opportunities. That's why the writer of Hebrews tries to urge his readers to return to the Lord "Today" (Hebrews 3:13-15). I'm reminded here of an old invitation song, "Almost Persuaded" — a poignant hymn about the opportunity of salvation missed by putting it off. Don't miss this opportunity to recognize and obey the Lord for salvation!

But there are other ways to miss opportunities...

"But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God?" Romans 2:3.

Without a doubt knowing what is pleasing to God was a tremendous advantage to the Jews, but Paul notes that such knowledge — especially in contrast to the Gentiles, who didn't have the Law — only incriminated them in God's sight all the more. What a great warning to us today. Far from being a chain that enslaves us (Satan's lie), the Bible is light, illumination, a guide, and freedom! And what an inconceivable opportunity is missed when we — though knowing it — ignore it. To know about functional and godly marriage and family from the Bible, yet choosing our own way — what a missed opportunity! To know about the pattern of salvation or worship or the faith that pleases God, and yet to choose what might be popular or entertaining instead — what a missed opportunity! And such missed opportunities not only rob us of joy here, but Heaven later, because they constitute rebellion against the Lord, deliberate sin.

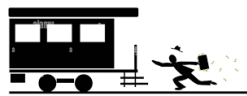
No wonder, then that James writes...

"Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin." James 4:17

James, in characteristic directness, points out that seeing the good that one might do and passing up the opportunity is sinful. The opportunities to show God's love, be a good Samaritan, speak an encouraging word, or take a stand of courage with God, when deliberately missed, are sin. It's something to think about, isn't it. When we put off — because of laziness, complacency, poor priorities, or some petty reason — and miss the opportunities of believing, obeying, attending church, share the Gospel, doing good to others, etc. the Bible says that we will held to account.

We need to take Paul's inspired advice (Colossians 4:5), "making the most of the opportunity" of every type that God sends our way.

Park Linscomb



FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN OCTOBER

29	30	31	1	2	3	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship ■ 7:00PM Birthday Cake Sunday 	Jeremy C. 🙏	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 			

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

October 29

Announcements

Songleading Scott W Doug J

Opening Prayer Chris S John S

Communion Fernando Z Charles H

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

Closing Prayer Doug J David J

AV Control Charles H Fernando Z

Greeter Jim B

Wed PM, November 1

Songs Jim B

AV John S

November 5

Announcements Jim B

Songleading Doug J Scott W

Opening Prayer Marty K Tom R

Communion Reiven H David J

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

Closing Prayer Scott W Yaw F

AV Control Fernando Z John S

Greeter Yaw F

Wed PM, November 8

Songs Jim B

AV Charles H

Shortcuts to good info...

To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...



Sermon Notes...
