

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"*

GOD'S PLAN — PART 14

The Lord's church has always been intentional as a part of God's Plan for redemption. I Timothy 3:14-15 "These things I write unto thee...that thou mayest how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the House of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the Truth." It should never be a question as to whether the 'CHURCH' was an afterthought or that it was some sort of "gap Plan". The prophet wrote in Isaiah 9:6-7, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it and to establish it with judgement and with justice from henceforth even for ever."

Let it known by all, that God had His plan in order from the original promise made to Abram in 2091 BC, the culmination of the promise would materialize as mentioned in Matthew 1:17; 42 generations after the promise was given, that through the Tribe of Judah, in the City of Jerusalem, the word of the Lord would go forth. For in Isaiah 2:2-3, the Prophet said, "for our of Zion (Jerusalem) would go forth the Law, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem." This is the very reason that Jesus commanded the Apostles they should, "not depart from Jerusalem until they receive the Promise of the Father" Acts 1:3-5.

This was the 'Plan of God', designed by God, commanded by God (John 12:49), orchestrated by Jesus and completed by the Holy Spirit as God intended and Commanded. The formation of both the Church and the kingdom occurred in AD33, in the city of Jerusalem, from which time, the Lord's Church was established and the kingdom came into existence (Acts 2:32-36). As Nathan the Prophet told David in II Samuel 7:12-13, "And when they days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy Fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name (the Church) and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever" Never to get old...and all by God's 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 .

OUR SUMMER INTERNS! — Kent Cates and Avery Nicks will be joining us to work with our young people and the church in general this summer starting May 12. Avery will be staying with Bev Weldon and Kent will be staying with Park. Last weekend they visited us and we are all in agreement that they are a terrific pair of young people; we look forward to a great summer with them.

BY THE WAY, there are cards in the back of the auditorium that you could pick and sign with a welcome message for them that we'll gather and present to them the day they get here. What a great way to welcome them for the summer!

BIRTHDAY CAKE FELLOWSHIP is this evening after services. If you had a birthday in the months of ether March or April, this fellowship is in your honor. Come enjoy the fund and fellowship!!



MARGARET TOMLINSON passed away on April 18 and her graveside service was on Saturday, April 27. We will miss this dear sister, but look forward to a grand reunion with her and others with the Lord.



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 REQUEST

- Esther Myrick is going in for knee surgery soon; please pray for a successful outcome.
- John Bautista will undergo a heart procedure; pray for a good outcome.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Melinda Stafford's mother and brother in S. Africa
- Elizabeth's sister's friends Ginny Adickes, friend, Faye Moritz,.
- Bonnie Davidson recovering from a minor stroke.
- Lynn Turner recovering from a fall. Lynn also has cancer
- Burley Stinnett Jr. — various health issues
- Rachel W's friend, Madeline, with Guillain-Barre syndrome
- Zeke R. — upcoming

- surgery for neuropathy
- Dianna C. for cancer treatment
- Sue Carter: digestive problems
- Freida R. recovering
- 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

O LONG TERM 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

- Apr 28, 2 Kgs 2-4
- Apr 29, 2 Kgs 5-7
- Apr 30, 2 Kgs 8-9
- May 1, 2 Kgs 10-12
- May 2, 2 Kgs 13-14
- May 3, 2 Kgs 15-16
- May 4, 2 Kgs 17-18
- May 5, 2 Kgs 19-21

Till sin be bitter, Christ will not be sweet.
Thomas Watson

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.

PEARLS FROM PROVERBS — 3:5 — TRUST IN THE LORD, WITH ALL YOUR HEART

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

We live in a world where the common wisdom is to listen to your heart rather than the word of God. I'm not sure where it really began to get traction — perhaps with Jiminy Cricket who urged children to "always let your conscience be your guide." But regardless of where the snowball started rolling it has caused considerable damage to many a life, Christian and non-Christian.

The problem is that, although our basic notion of right and wrong is inborn, our conscience gets educated and "clarified" by religion, family, and society. And if our education and clarification is off, our consciences will be off. And these days the pillars of conscience education — religion, society, and sometimes even family — have wandered pretty far off true north.

Paul rehearses the corruption of the consciences of mankind in the first chapter of Romans (vv. 18-32). It started with suppressing the truth about God — His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature — and ended with being filled with all unrighteousness, v. 29 (which he lists in graphic detail). And Paul found that he still needed to rebuke and correct that corrupt conscience and human wisdom that still lingered in the Corinthian church,

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, for you are still fleshly...." (1 Corinthians 3:1-3).

Worse still, sometimes the things that God commands look painful, difficult, and even nonsensical. And our consciences can be easily seduced through well practiced rationalizations and justifications, so that our conscience won't hurt us — after all, it's so hard.

Human understandings and flawed consciences are poor compasses. But there is one true compass for righteousness, truth, and abundant life, God's wisdom. It's this foundational truth that this proverb especially focuses on, trust in the LORD and in His wisdom and in His counsel. Do not lean on your own understanding. Our "wisdom" is folly, short-sighted, and uninformed. "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men" (1 Corinthians 1:25). God's wisdom is eternal and informed in the extreme.

What will you trust? Your own human wisdom or God's? It will make a huge difference here and in eternity.

Park Linscomb



