

THE ROCK HILL HERALD

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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 4

Can we identify God as a single, all-powerful entity? Can we clearly see the difference between God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the position held by the Holy Spirit? As we continue these articles concerning God's Plan, it is important to notice the difference. Each will play a separate role in "the plan", but all work together to fulfill it. Understanding that, "*these three are one*" **1 John 5:6-8** is necessary to help clarify the close relationship of what most refer to as the 'Godhead'.

If we doubt the position of each, consider what the inspired writer, Paul tells us in **1 Corinthians 11:3**, "*the head of Christ is God*" also in **1 Corinthians 15:24-28** "*when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God...that God may be all in all.*"

In much the same way, the Holy Ghost (Spirit) is separately referred to by Jesus in **John 16:7**, "*It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter (Spirit) will not come unto you.*" Earlier in **John 14:26**, Jesus explained "*But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you.*"

It could not be made more clearly; 'The Plan' is evident when we consider these verses and link them together. This is what God had kept "*secret since the world began*"....The mystery of a most unusual and unique Plan that should redeem a lost world by these methods and provide a warning expressed by the "inspired writers" who were burdened with delivering such a powerful Plan through which man could find redemption when followed. The non-believer turns a deaf ear to the "instruction in righteousness" and will undergo judgement according to the words written and delivered. Although Jesus didn't personally write the New Testament, it was delivered to mankind by way of 'The Plan' of God. It was by way of Inspiration, and given the authority as Jesus put it in **John 12:48-49**, "*the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day, for I have not spoken of myself, but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment what I should say and what I should speak.*" Words delivered by Inspired writers **2 Peter 1:19-21**.

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 YOUTH had a special project yesterday, taking comfort items and toys to Children's Hospital. Well done!



LEADERSHIP

MEETING — Our elders, deacons, and preacher will be meeting next Sunday at 4PM to discuss the work of the church. If you have something you'd like discussed, please let us know.

NEW STREAMING TV CAMPAIGN — The Rock Hill congregation is launching a new streaming TV advertising campaign on Thurs. through Sat. on Roku, Pluto TV, FoxNews, DirecTV Stream, Sling TV, LG Channels, and History. Check it out and point it out to friends, etc.

VALENTINES DAY PARTY — Feb. 17; 5PM; all adults are invited; food, fun, fellowship; a sign up sheet for those who can come is in the back
AN EVANGELISM CLASS — Our next class will be at the Ruebushes home at 7PM on Feb. 15. Join us!

AREA WIDE OFFERINGS

• Prestoncrest, Saturday, Feb. 24
Telling the Story: Conference on Evangelism and Church Growth

• Area wide worship, March 1, Greenville Ave
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...

• Fernando's father died last week. Calling hours are today from

5-8PM and the funeral is tomorrow at 1:30PM. Pray for Fernando's family.

• Nancy Jones' cousin, David

Kemp, with a major stroke, in ICU on a ventilator.

• Lynn Turner broke his leg last week and needed surgery; will be in rehab for a couple of weeks. In the meantime, Alene has the flu.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

• Norma Bautista has an inflamed heel that very painful.
• Burley Stinnett Jr. — various health issues
• Rachel W's friend, Madeline, with Guillain-Barré syndrome
• Whitney Perez, cancer chemo
• Bev W., recovery, knee surgery.
• Chris L., broken vertebrae.
• Zeke R. — PTSD, depression, and VA issues. Also, Zeke's sister-in-law Carmen R., eye sight
• Lynn Turner, cancer
• Dianna C. for cancer treatment
• Sue Carter: digestive problems
• Freida R. recovering

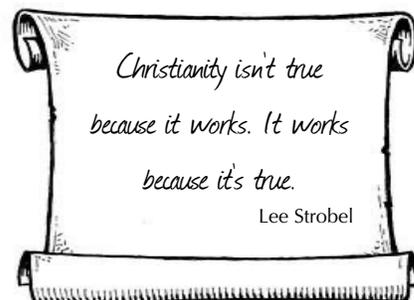
• Bonnie D. broken shoulder and, struggling; Suzanne as she cares for her mother
• The Stafford's grand-daughter
• Ora Holt, kidney
• the churches in New England
• brethren in India
• our elders, deacons, preacher, teachers, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregational

LONG TERM REQUESTS

• Isela Hughes' sister Griselda's illness & friend Jeff with cancer
• 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

- Feb 11, Lev 26-27
- Feb 12, Num 1-2
- Feb 13, Num 3-4
- Feb 14, Num 5-6
- Feb 15, Num 7
- Feb 16, Num 8-10
- Feb 17, Num 11-13
- Feb 18, Num 14-15



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.

SHOULD WE SEEK SOMETHING NEW OR SOMETHING TRUE?

In the book of Acts, chapter 17, we find the apostle Paul going to Athens to preach the Gospel. As he speaks at the synagogue and in the local marketplace, he raises interest among the philosophers of the day, the Epicureans and the Stoics. They invite him to speak at their Mars Hill (Areopagus) meeting of philosophers, in order that he might tell them about this new God and new religion revolving around someone named Jesus. And the reason, the scriptures tell us, that they invited him is because the Athenians loved nothing more than to hear something new. They were addicts of the new and unusual.

This idea seems to be the very essence of our modern American culture, too. To say something is old is tantamount to saying something is boring and unworthy of attention, and to say that something is new is almost the same as saying that it is better. Commercial products will often make a minor change in their product, but splash "New and Improved" across the label so they can boost sales. The academic world seems "married" to the new and novel; every doctoral dissertation is supposed to be on some original topic that has never been researched or written on before. So also with fashion, electronics, entertainment, and much more. The 21st-century is just as obsessed with things that are exotic and strange as the Athenians, maybe more so.

On the one hand, the Athenian appetite for something new was an advantage for the Gospel, because it gave the apostle Paul a wonderful opportunity to preach. And perhaps we could point out here that our culture's love-affair with the new is to our evangelistic advantage, too, as we share the Good News with those who haven't heard the restoration plea and the Gospel message, unencumbered with man-made traditions and doctrines. Let's use this. Furthermore, to be fair, seeking the "new" is responsible for advances in science, medicine, and technology.

But on the other hand, an *undiscerning* and bottomless appetite for something new is not always a good thing and often leads the unwary away from the Lord. Paul understood what too much of a desire for the new could do to the less mature Christian soul, and he encouraged the Ephesian church to grow stur-

dy and sound in their faith and maturity through listening to their teachers...

*And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, **we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;** (Eph. 4:11-14)*

In other places, the apostles urged first century Christians...

*For this reason we must pay much closer attention to **what we have heard**, so that we do not drift away from it. (Heb. 2:1)*

*As for you, **let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning**. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. (1John 2:24)*

See also Phil. 4:9, Col. 1:23, and 1Th. 2:13

None of this is to say, of course, that Christians should become Amish and reject new technology. We can enjoy technology and improvements to life without violating Christian teachings. What we do have to be careful about, however, is any longing for something in religion simply because it is new and novel. The New Testament has been very closely examined for about 2000 years; it is highly unlikely that anything new *and* true will be discovered. One writer has pointed out that for the Christian and the Lord's church...

*"...have no stake in saying something new. That is a favorite game of academia and is of little use to a church more interested in saying something true than something new." (Haurewas and Willimon, *Resident Aliens*, page 170.)*

Park Linscomb

