

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, PART2

The elaborate nature of God's plan is important for us to understand. This is why we emphasize the origination of the problem as early as **Genesis 3:15**. (the problem being the fall of man and God's plan for redemption as a result of the fall.) To further clarify some measure of time, the fall of man was before the birth of any future generation. Historians have approximated the Creation as early as 4,004 BC (Before Christ). Although the dates are difficult to depend upon, it was about 1,600 years before the flood of **Genesis 6** would occur, and 250 Years before the Promise made to Abram (Abraham) in **Genesis 12:1-5** in the year of 2,091 BC.

Although God already had a plan, in His wisdom it had not been made known. The prophets spoke of the coming Messiah, who would serve as 'King' over an 'everlasting Kingdom'. Isaiah lived and wrote in prophesy concerning Jesus in **Isaiah 7:14**, "*the Lord himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*" During his time near 700 BC, Isaiah conveyed the messages from God concerning things to come as did Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Samuel and many others. Even though the prophets spoke of these things and the children of Israel experienced bondage at the hands of their enemies, the ultimate plan of God was held in reserve. It had not been revealed; it had received no further detail.

In **Matthew 13:17**, Jesus said, "*many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.*" The context of which is to inform the apostles/disciples of the early stages of the presentation and fulfillment of God's Plan as it relates to the Savior and the Kingdom of God. THIS STATEMENT IS TO SERVE AS A REMINDER; there were writings available from many of the prophets who prophesied concerning Jesus' coming and contained in the records of the Old Testament. However, none of the New Testament had been written at or near the time of Jesus' crucifixion in AD33. Lord willing, next week we will begin to explore the greater significance of the "Inspiration of God" concerning salvation'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 .

SPECIAL SPEAKER THIS MORNING, Steve Comer from Haiti Children's Home will teach Bible class and preach this morning.

OUR LEADERSHIP MEETING NOTES

- Finances...
 - There will be raises for our janitor and preacher for 2024
 - Cash on hand is a little less than last year, but given the unexpected costs of flooding clean up etc., we're doing well.
 - A 2024 budget due next month
- Taking new directory pictures will probably start in February.
- A report on our new advertising campaign on Vibe.co (which shows our 30 second videos on streaming services like Pluto or Tubi). Showed surprisingly good results, driving a lot of web traffic to our website.
- Our Facebook page has become difficult to manage and it would seem that the solution will be to delete the old and start a new one without disrupting our Facebook subscribers.
- We've contacted contractors for re-grading the grounds around the church building for better drainage & to avoid flooding. We will also be connecting with city engineers about this problem.
- A report on various elderly members and their needs was made to the group.

- Steve Comer from Haiti Children's Home will make a presentation to us on Sunday morning, Jan. 28.
- David Tarbet will be bringing a report on the church work in New Milford CT on Sunday AM, Feb. 4.
- There has been a request that RH help the church in Eau Claire WI through a special meeting and/or campaign. We will investigate.
- Pittsfield, MA has also asked if we might be able to come back and do another mission trip for them

OUR YOUTH Have a special project, find details on the bulletin board.

AN EVANGELISM CLASS — Our next class will be at the Ruebushes home at 7PM on Feb. 1. Join us!

SINGING EVENING — is this Wednesday, so come join us in song worship to 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.

AREA WIDE OFFERINGS

- Prestoncrest, Saturday, Feb. 24
Telling the Story: Conference on Evangelism and Church Growth
- Area wide worship, March 1, Greenville Ave

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS...

- Norma Bautista her mother Elisa Sosa's died. John and Norma went to her funeral service, and Norma returned with painful inflammation on her left heel. She is taking medication but doesn't know if she will be able to come to services on Sunday.
- Dianne's H's sister Gynelle Lemons, heart complications
- Burley is asking for prayers for his son, Burley Jr. — heart catherization and other health issues

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Esther Myrick possible pleurisy. Now home.
- Rachel W's friend,, Madeline, was diagnosed with Guillain-Barré syndrome
- Whitney Perez, undergoing chemo for cancer.
- Bev W., recovery, knee surgery.
- Chris L., broken vertebrae.
- Zeke R. — PTSD, depression, and issues with the VA. Also, Zeke's sister-in-law Carmen Rodriguez — eye sight.
- Lynn Turner, cancer
- Dianna 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 Stafford's grand-daughter
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the churches in New England
- brethren in India
- our congregational leaders

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

- Jan 28, Exo 30-32
- Jan 29, Exo 33-35
- Jan 30, Exo 36-38
- Jan 31, Exo 39-40
- Feb 1, Lev 1-4
- Feb 2, Lev 5-7
- Feb 3, Lev 8-9
- Feb 4, Lev 10-1

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.

TOLERANCE, PART 1

Have you see the bumper sticker using various religious symbols to spell out words? One was "coexist" and the other was "tolerance". They express the world's current cardinal virtue sometimes stated in various other ways like acceptance, put up with, open-mindedness, broad-mindedness, forbearance, liberality, patience, charity, indulgence. The world recognizes it as a virtue, but clearly has no idea how to really apply it, so it gets applied everywhere without discernment. And while tolerance is indeed a true virtue (a Christian virtue), practicing it without discernment is a terrible vice.

God Himself is tolerant (Romans 2:4). And because God Himself is tolerant, we also should be (Ephesians 4:2). And Paul strongly appealed to and commanded from this principle in his letters to first century churches that were divided down the Jewish/Gentile lines.

We today would find God's approval for tolerance along racial, economic, educational, and age lines. Skin color, educational advantages, money, and facial features are such superficial triggers for divisions! Yet such divisions used to divide us severely and sometimes still do. While I'm sure it was true that Jews and Gentiles, rich and poor, Romans and foreigners would have felt more comfortable worshipping "with their own kind", Paul condemned such thoughts and called for tolerance and true unity between them all, despite their worldly differences. God *approves* of this tolerance.

Likewise, the Lord specifically commanded tolerance for one another's opinions (Romans 14:1). Of all the things that divide men, opinions and tastes seem to be the most divisive — and something that Christians must grow past to be pleasing to God (1 Corinthians 3:3,4). We should be tolerant of other opinions. Including politics. Honestly, no politician or party is God-inspired or preaches righteousness like the Bible does. While there are political systems which are systemically evil (e.g., Naziism), most have a mix of both good and evil. Jesus tolerated

both Matthew (the tax gatherer) and Simon the Zealot (an insurrectionist) in his close group of 12 apostles — opinions that should have had them at each other's throats. He taught them that the spiritual Kingdom of God was more important by far than any political regime.

But tolerance is not approved by God regarding morality — right and wrong. Yet how much immorality have we been pressured to tolerate in the last 50 years or so? Worse yet, how much *do* we tolerate? I'm not just talking about homosexuality, but casual sex outside of marriage, adultery, living together, hard and soft porn (think Victoria's Secret ads), swearing, gambling, bare-knuckled blood-sport, raw materialism, permissive parenting, open disrespect for the marriage covenant, disdain for one's husband/wife, and scorn for parents. Morality is founded directly on God's own nature (1 Peter 1:16) and since God never, ever changes, neither does morality — no matter what century it is. Tolerance for moral sin is not approved.

Similarly, God expects His people to not tolerate false doctrine. And today the church is being challenged in many places to tolerate false teaching. But God doesn't approve (Revelation 2:2 / Galatians 1:6-8). Although the world sometimes challenges the idea of truth, no one will tolerate mathematical or technological error. So also with spiritual truth, there should be no tolerance for false doctrines.

And this, by the way, would also naturally include no tolerance for denominationalism. The Corinthian church was seriously divided and Paul rebuked it soundly in 1 Corinthians 1:10-13. This was nothing less than first century denominationalism, and God disapproved!

But being intolerant of sin, false teaching, and denominationalism doesn't give any of us a pass to behave poorly or in an unloving fashion. So, how does a Christian not tolerate these sinful things in a good and proper way? Let's talk about that next time.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JANUARY

28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 6:00PM Worship ■ 7:00PM Birthday Cake Sunday Special AM speaker: Steve Comer	29	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies class 	31 Chris S. 🙏 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Singing ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 	1	2 Groundhog Day	3
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SERVICE IN WORSHIP

January 28

AnnouncementsJohn S
SongleadingDoug J.....Scott W.
Opening PrayerBurley SDoug J
CommunionDavid J.....Burley S
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
Closing PrayerScott WHugh R
AV ControlCharles H.....Fernando Z
GreeterHugh R

Wed PM, January 31

Songssong service
 AV.....John S

February 4

AnnouncementsCharles H
SongleadingScott W.Doug J
Opening PrayerChris, SDavid J
CommunionDoug J.....Fernando Z.
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
Closing PrayerJim BJim B
AV ControlFernando Z.....John S
GreeterBurley S

Wed PM, February 7

SongsReiven H.....
 AV.....Charles H

Shortcuts to good info...

To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...



Sermon Notes...
