

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

Deacons:

- Reiven Holt
- Hugh Ruebush
- John Smetzer
- Burley Stinnett

Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

*"We're Here
and We Care"*

SPIRITUAL TIDBITS AT HOME IN GOSHEN

God's wisdom continues to amaze as we look into the history of His Plan in bringing salvation through Christ. Make no mistake, the entire plan included not only the promise made to Abram, but would culminate with the promise we have for salvation through the Gospel Plan that we preach today of Christ and the church.

The promise made to Abram was to be fulfilled through his "seed" (descendants) and never intended to be through him alone. The last of the descendants to whom the promise was made was Abram's grandson, Jacob (Israel). As we saw before, Jacob's son Joseph was established as governor in Egypt and sent there by God for the very purpose of fulfilling the destiny of Abram's descendants through the generations that would eventually benefit from the promises made. **Genesis 46:27**, "all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt were 3 score and 10 (a total of 70).

The King (Pharaoh) of Egypt welcomed Jacob and his family, on behalf of Joseph and gave them land in Goshen. In **Genesis 47:12**, "Joseph nourished all his father's household". As the famine continued, all inhabitants in the land of Egypt suffered as a result of the famine. They continued to purchase grain from Joseph until the money failed, at which time they traded livestock for grain. After Egypt became owners of all the livestock, grain was only available by trading the property the people owned. Afterwards, the inhabitants agreed to serve the King as servants having nothing of further value than their lives.

The Bible record tells us in **Genesis 47:20-25**, "Joseph bought all the land of Egypt, for the Egyptians sold every man his field ...the land became Pharaoh's...and Joseph bought all the land for Pharaoh, and said unto the people; Lo, here is seed for you and ye shall sow the land." The Egyptians agreed to serve Pharaoh, and became sharecroppers, paying 1/5 of all their harvest back to Pharaoh. The great wealth of Egypt and of Joseph came through the blessings that God had promised to Jacob in **Genesis 46:3-4**, "fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again; and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes (will close your eyes when you die)."

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

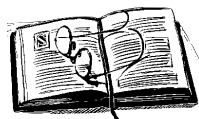
If you are visiting our congregation, **welcome!** Please fill out a visitor's card and put it in the collection tray as it is passed. If you have questions, we welcome them; please do not hesitate to ask Park Linscomb, our minister (the tall guy) or any other church member.

N . E . W . S .

THIS SUNDAY IS THE LEADERSHIP MEETING. Elders, deacons, and the preacher will meet starting at 3:30 for the elders, and 4PM for everyone else.

OUR ADULT BIBLE STUDIES...

- Sunday morning at 9AM is on 1 Timothy and we are in chapter 5
- Wednesday evening we are in 1 Corinthians 11.



Come and bring you kids, too (they'll have some great Bible classes too.) Sure, you could watch online, but you'd miss two excellent advantages that come with being here in person: 1) the ability to ask questions for clarification, curiosity, or new thoughts and 2) the opportunity to have fellowship with others. Let's make summer a time to really dig into God's word and develop a new uplifting spiritual habit.

A NEW YOUTUBE PLAYLIST from the church is worth checking out.

- 1) Go to YouTube online. If you have a Google account, most of us do, you'll be recognized
- 2) Do a search for the Rock Hill church of Christ
- 3) Hit the "Subscribe" button on the upper right side of the page. If you've already subscribed before you can skip this step.
- 4) On the left side of the page under the Subscriptions heading, look for Rock Hill church



of Christ; click on the button, which will take you our channel.

- 5) At the top you'll see links to "Home", "Videos", "Live", "Podcasts", and "Playlists". If you click on "Playlist" you see a number of choices, the most recent of which is "Thoughts from the Rock Hill church of Christ".

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CHURCH IN PITTSFIELD — they've sent us a newsletter; we've printed it and put it in the back near the bulletins. Check it out.

THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH — Those who wish to provide the Pittsfield MA church money for their benevolence fund monthly can see Trudy R. to contribute.

ADDRESS UPDATES?? — Please check our online address book and see if your information is correct. If not, please let Nancy Jones know.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS...

- Jim Boles's daughter-in-law passed away Friday. Continue to pray for his son, Jeff, and the rest of the family.
- Park is going in for day surgery on Tuesday, pray for a quick recovery.
- Please pray for Linda Curry's family; her brother, Gilbert Box passed away this week.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Esther Myrick asks for prayers from us, a very low blood count, especially her white count. Pray that the Lord will heal her.
- Ora H. regarding surgical recovery
- Ken Conklin is now home, but will still need prayers as he gains strength through PT and OT.
- Reiven H — Pray for a quick and complete recovery.
- Suzanne asks for strength for her mother Bonnie. She wants so badly to be able to attend services but does not have the physical strength to do so.
- From Juliana: Pray for Becky B., recovering from tongue cancer

surgery.

- Our missionary in Pittsfield MA, the Staffords, now has their granddaughter, Peyton living with. Please pray for them in this transition.
- Please pray for Eloise's recovery for a broken bone from a fall.
- Mary H is recovering at home.
- Ralph L. suffering from double vision.
- Bonnie D recovering from a minor stroke.
- Sue C: digestive problems
- Churches in New England
- Brethren in India
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

- Emma's grandmother, Karla R, dementia and cancer.
- Elizabeth's cousin Tracy with Lupus, and also her cousin Debbie H.
- Isela H's sister Griselda's illness
- Dale and Lavonia C.
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Rosa's friend Isabella, heart lesion
- Travis Y. feeding tube
- Ken C.

READ-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR

- ☐ Jun 8, Esther 8-10
- ☐ Jun 9, Job 1-5
- ☐ Jun 10, Job 6-10
- ☐ Jun 11, Job 11-15
- ☐ Jun 12, Job 16-21
- ☐ Jun 13, Job 22-28
- ☐ Jun 14, Job 29-33
- ☐ Jun 15, Job 34-37

Faith in faith is just positive thinking, but faith in Jesus is salvation

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.

THE LORD SHOWED HIS BACK TO MOSES

Moses was called the friend of God. With Moses the LORD spoke "face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend" (Exodus 33:11 and Numbers 12:6-8). At one point, then, Moses asked of God a special favor, "I pray You, show me Your glory! (Exodus 33:18)" God answered his request by telling Moses, that he would hide Moses with His "hand", pass all His goodness before him, but only ultimately let Moses "...see My back, but My face shall not be seen. (Exodus 33:19-23)" This was simply because no man can see God's face and live (Exodus 33:20). Of course, God doesn't have a literal face and literal back; rather, these are metaphors for the full glory of God versus a diminished version of the glory of God. Thus, Moses was shown a diminished version of God, which was enough to cause Moses' face to shine (Exodus 34:29) for a while. What a grand privilege!

We may envy Moses perhaps; but the principle actually applies even today to Christians today. You may have never thought of it this way before, but we have also been shown the "back" of glory.

Consider for example, that Jesus (divinity, equal to the Father) came in the flesh and as the apostle Philip asked (very much like Moses) to be shown the Father, Jesus said, "Have I been so long with you, and you do not know Me?" Moses had to content himself with the "back" of God; but what Christians have may be better than His "back"; we've had God live among us — Emmanuel. While among us, He showed us God's mercy, compassion, wisdom, fiery anger at sin, forgiveness toward repentant hearts, focus on spiritual things rather than on material things, and more. Not God's full glory, but glory enough to swell the heart with wonder and humility.

Connected to this, every Christian baptized into Christ has been granted the promise of Acts 2:38, the Holy Spirit indwelling us as the presence of God, an honor without equal in this world; but one day we'll see and dwell with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to face (see 1 Cor. 13:12).

Right now, we are already God's redeemed people. However, one day we will be "bought back" from

this fallen world, doomed to death and corruption, and be full redeemed in resurrected bodies living in a new heaven and earth of perfection in the very presence of God (see Romans 8:18-25).

While still living in this world, we are now saved, although we have the potential to fall away again (see the parable of the sower, Matthew 13). One day, however, but we will understand full salvation; a full and final rescue from a sin-filled, tragedy filled, sickness and pain filled, and death filled world (Revelation 21:4). A world so wondrously different that we cannot even imagine it (1 Corinthians 2:9).

We have eternal, new life here, in the forms of our walk following after Christ and God's promise. But one day we'll get to live that same kind of life forever in a new heaven and earth — the promise fulfilled — a life greater and more glorious than any we've ever known or known about!

We know joy here, but one we'll know fullness of joy forever.

We are indeed sons even now, inheritors of the wonderful things God has in store for us; but only as "minor children"; one day we'll "gain majority" and be full inheritors.

Every Sunday we have fellowship in communion with the Lord and with others; but this weekly communion is just the poor shadow of the grand banquet in Heaven

The list could easily go on, but the point is that as many blessings and privileges that we know here, we will know more fully at Jesus' second coming. All that God will show us now is the "back" of the blessings, but one day we will see them face to face in all their glory and fullness.

While on earth below, we might grow weary and discouraged with things as they are; but we must always be mindful that the joys, promises, blessings, and hopes we have in Christ in the here and now are only — can only be — the "back" of those joys, promises, blessings, and hopes. The fullness to come is more, so much more.

Park Linscomb

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FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN JUNE

<div> <div>8</div> <div> <div>9:00AM Bible classes</div> <div>10:00AM Worship</div> <div>4:00PM Leadership meeting</div> <div>6:00PM Worship</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>9</div> </div>	<div> <div>10</div> </div>	<div> <div>11</div> <div>7:00PM Wed. Bible class</div> </div>	<div> <div>12</div> <div>Diane H.</div> </div>	<div> <div>13</div> </div>	<div> <div>14</div> <div>Yaw/Margeretta</div> </div>
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SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of Jun 08AM.....PM.....Wed.

AnnouncementsJohn SJohn S
 Song LeadingScott WDoug JCharles H
 Opening PrayerDavid JHugh R
 CommunionYaw FRalph K
 Closing Prayer.....Jim BReiven H
 A/V Control.....Hunter MCharles H.....John S
 Greeter.....Jim B

Week of Jun 15AM.....PM.....Wed.

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 Song LeadingDoug JScott WJeremy C
 Opening PrayerRalph KDoug J
 CommunionReiven HHugh R
 Closing Prayer.....Scott WRalph K
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Sermon Notes...
