

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 9

It must be said of God, that He has a tremendous ability to anticipate human nature. Because He is a *'discerner of the hearts and intents of men'* **Hebrews 4:12**, He inspired the authors of the New Testament to prepare spiritual writings that should attract those who *"diligently seek Him"* **Hebrews 11:6**. Under the authority and commandments of God Himself, Jesus obeyed His Father's will to death and resurrection, to instruct the apostles in the way of righteousness, and then transfer the authority for inspiration to the Holy Spirit. This is critical information in understanding the authority of the written word and the plan of God to deliver it to all generations.

Remember **John 12:49**, *"the Father which sent me, He gave me a **commandment**, what I should say and what I should speak"* In **Acts 1:4**, Jesus tells His apostles, *"being assembled with them, He **commanded** them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father."* In **v. 8**, Jesus identifies the promise of the Holy Spirit and the nature of the intent, *"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses of me..."* Notice also **Acts 2:32-33**. Peter has begun the first Gospel sermon on the Day of Pentecost (under the Old Law) and says, *"This Jesus hath God raised up...therefore being by the right hand of God, exalted (**John 7:39**) and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He hath shed forth this that ye now see and hear."* [The promise to Jesus had more to do with fulfillment of God's plan, and that his death commitment had not been in vain.]

In the days during the Life of Christ, witnesses were a primary method of confirming true events. Therefore, as *"witnesses of what you now see and hear"* confirmed the undeniable, and allowed the apostles the assurance they used to convert the audience in **Acts 2**. Glory be to God, for the assurances He gave to us, that we have the records provided by the inspired writers. Without them, the accounts confirming the eye witness accounts, and God's plan for salvation would have been otherwise unavailable to us today.

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 THANKS — to everyone who filled in for Park during his vacation. Time with his son and grandson was priceless — and the Red Sox did beat the Yankees.

EASTER IS ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY — Lots of people think about going to church during Easter. Invite friends to come with you to church Easter Sunday (Mar. 31).

BABY SHOWER — March 23 for Xander Carter

LEADERSHIP MEETING — All elders, deacons, and preacher: the monthly leadership meeting today, Sunday at 4PM. If you have something for the leaders to consider, bring it to the attention of an elder, deacon, or preacher

RENEWAL OF VOWS for Mike and Pam Henry was yesterday at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration. It was a beautiful event. Thanks to everyone who helped decorate and prepare. Congratulations, Mike and Pam; may God grant you many more wonderful years together.

OUR LADIES ANNUAL SPRING FLING will be Saturday April 20th at 11:00 in the fellowship hall. More info will be coming your way soon.

BIRTHDAY CAKE will be April 28th for March and April's birthday celebration. We are combining them because the normal March date is Easter this year.

A NEW CAMP DEER RUN CAMBERSHIP FUND. Camp is a great experience for our young people. The leadership of the congregation is inviting anyone who'd like to contribute to enable our young people to go to camp this summer to do so by check or online contribution. The goal is \$4500; a thermometer chart in the auditorium will help you track our progress.

AN EVANGELISM CLASS — Our next class will be at the Ruebushes home at 7PM on March 21. Join us!

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...

- Melinda Stafford's mother in S. Africa has had a stroke and is non responsive. Cleve has gone back to Massachusetts to arrange a flight for Melinda to go to South Africa. Cleve asks us to pray for Melinda, who is very distraught.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Joan Votaw is having bad back pain. She had surgery last week; pray for successful.
- Bonnie Davidson has had a minor stroke. Please pray for Suzanne and Alice as they take care of their mother and for Bonnie to improve.
- Lynn Turner recovering from a broken leg, now in PT. Lynn also has cancer
- Burley Stinnett Jr. — various health issues
- Rachel W's friend, Madeline, with Guillain-Barré syndrome
- Whitney Perez, cancer chemo
- Bev W., recovery, knee surgery.
- Zeke R. — PTSD, depression, a VA issues. Also, Zeke's sister-in-law Carmen R., eye sight
- Dianna C. for cancer treatment
- Sue Carter: digestive problems

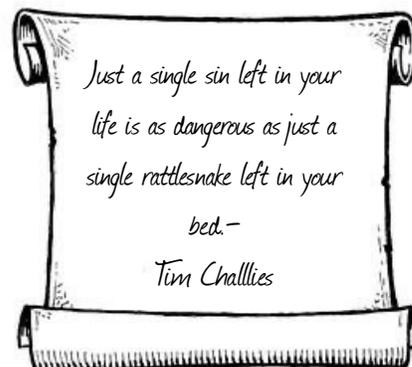
- Freida R. recovering
- Bonnie D. broken shoulder and, struggling; Suzanne as she cares for her mother
- The Stafford's grand-daughter
- Ora Holt, kidney
- the churches in New England
- brethren in India
- our elders, deacons, preacher, teachers, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of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

LONG TERM REQUESTS

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

- Mar 17, Josh 21-22
- Mar 18, Josh 23-24
- Mar 19, Judges 1-3
- Mar 20, Judges 4-6
- Mar 21, Judges 7-8
- Mar 22, Judges 9-10
- Mar 23, Judges 11-13
- Mar 24, Judges 14-16



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.

IS IT ABOUT WHO OR ABOUT WHAT IS RIGHT?

Why do religious discussions so often turn into sectarian and divisive arguments? Is it really impossible for men to unite as Jesus clearly desires (John 17:21,22)? After a lifetime of observing religious disputes (both inside and outside the brotherhood), there's one thing in particular that seems indisputable, the controversies (even when starting off as a search for the truth) often devolve into **who's** right rather than **what's** right.

You see, when "**who** is right" becomes the most important thing, it dangerously puts us on a path to rejecting something that may actually be right, because a rival or rival group approves of it. A friend of mine once had a conversation with a very conservative Protestant minister, who said something like, "If you believe anything the Catholic Church believes, you won't go to Heaven." My friend responded, "Well, they believe that Jesus is the Son of God, they believe the Bible is God's word, they believe in the Father and the Holy Spirit..." The thoughtless Protestant minister was properly silenced.

When "**who** is right" is most important, it puts us on a perilous path to rejecting something that may actually be allowable. The Pharisees that Jesus criticized drew increasingly tighter lines (traditions) than the Scriptures (what is right) drew, because this rabbi or that rabbi thought it would be wise.

When "**who** is right" becomes the most important thing, it puts us on an unsafe road to accepting something — or considering it allowable — that may actually be wrong, because my guy or my group approves of it. The Corinthian church had a man in their midst who had his father's wife, but nothing was being said to correct it; quite possibly because the transgressor may have been a man of influence in the congregation. Paul condemned such negligence of correction and called them back to **what** was right (1 Cor. 5).

And when "**who** is right" is the key matter, unity will never be attainable. In the Corinthian church there

were those who wanted to make Paul, Peter, or Apollos "their guy" (1 Cor. 1:12,13); but Paul rebuked the "who is right" principle and established Christ alone as the foundation (1 Cor. 3:11). The Jews and Gentiles had difficulties getting along in the first century (see especially Eph. 2), but instead of letting the arguments continue along ethnic lines, Paul emphasized unity found in what was right, God's command that we become one new man (Eph. 2:15). We're only united, when we care about what is right.

Why is this so? Men's wisdom is notoriously flawed from the days of the Garden of Eden to the days of the Corinthians church in the Bible to the modern era. When it comes to matters of religion, there are about as many opinions as there are people. When it comes to right and wrong, there will actually be more opinions than people, because our views of right and wrong frequently change, when the standards apply to "you" or to "me" and the situations we're in. And that is the reason for the popular modern phrases "my truth", "your truth", or "their truth". Emphasizing **who** is right over **what** is right (consciously or unconsciously) will never lead to "the truth", real unity, or true righteousness.

When we care most about **what** is right, the picture changes completely; we will rightly reject the wrong, accept the right, gain real unity, and get to Heaven. This is why demanding book, chapter, and verse is so important. Don't tell me what your favorite author said; I shouldn't care what this commentator or that said about doctrine or morality; it doesn't matter what your religious group might hold as a point of doctrine. That's all about **who's** right. Instead, give me what God says about it, because that is **what** is right..

In the end, there actually is One **Who** is right — always — Jesus. It is His word that will judge us on the last day (John 12:48).

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FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN MARCH

17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 4:00PM Leadership ■ 6:00PM Worship 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00AM Ladies class 	<div style="background-color: #d9534f; color: white; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Burley/Linda S. ♥</div> <div style="background-color: #d9534f; color: white; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Reiven/Ora H. ♥</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class 			

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

March 17

AnnouncementsJim B
 SongleadingDoug J.....Scott W
 Opening PrayerTom RHugh R
 CommunionReiven H.....John S
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerScott WRalph L
 A/V ControlJohn SCharles H
 GreeterFernando Z

Wed PM, March 20

SongsJim B
 A/VFernando Z

March 24

AnnouncementsBurley S
 SongleadingScott WDoug J
 Opening PrayerYaw FJim B
 CommunionDavid JYaw F
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerJim BFernando Z
 A/V ControlJohn SCharles H
 Greeter

Wed PM, March 27

SongsReiven H
 A/VFernando Z

Shortcuts to good info...

To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...



Sermon Notes...
