

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

Interns:

- Kent Cates & Avery Nicks

*"We're Here
and We Care"*

GOD'S PLAN — PART 18

As we consider things related to God's Plan under the New Testament, we should also consider a few things relative to the Old Law (Old Testament) and salvation's Plan. Obviously, a more complete comparison can be made, but we can consider a few things. The great list of the faithful mentioned in **Hebrews 11** as examples were included because of their acceptable 'FAITH' in the eyes of God. We can see from Scripture that these folks were not without fault, but were categorized as "faithful". Because of God's "grace", they were included as examples for future generations as models for an on-going relationship with God and never-failing pursuit for what is right in the sight of God.

Noah, for example, "found grace in the eyes of the Lord" **Genesis 6:8**, and identified in **verse 9** as a "just man and perfect in his generations."

Before the establishment of the Old Law, there was no clear path that would clarify the expectations of God for what we would consider "righteousness". The Apostle Paul made a statement in **Romans 2:14-15** regarding Gentiles as follows, "when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law...(they) are a law unto themselves."

Now, before anyone thinks they can be pleasing before God without a standard of righteousness, remember the words of Jesus that John was inspired to write in **John 15:22** "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak (cover) for their sin."

The progression of development for God's Plan was necessary and determined in **Genesis 3:15**. The final and ultimate Plan for mankind would be through Christ Jesus, and the inspired writings of the apostles, guided by the Holy Spirit. The progression was defined well in **Hebrews 1:1** "God...at sundry times and diverse manners, spake in times past by the prophets." Not that God had 'no plan' but that He was progressing through a complex series that only God could have defined. It included a law of conscience: then the Mosaic Law; then the words of Jesus. At judgement, each generation will be judged by the prevailing standard of God under which they served. Even under the Old Testament, the yearly blood sacrifices were intended to "bring to remembrance...of sins every year" **Hebrews 10:3**, but Jesus, "by one offering, He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified" **Hebrews 10:14**.

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 .

WHAT A GREAT TIME WAS HAD THIS WEEK with our youth and interns! Wednesday featured a rousing game of “Spoons”, and Thursday we watched *Ratatouille* followed by a discussion of spiritual lessons from the movie.

BIRTHDAY CAKE FELLOWSHIP is today after Sunday evening services. We'll be celebrating all the birthdays in May, of which there are quite a few.



SINGING WEDNESDAY is this Wednesday, May 29. When a month has 5 Wednesdays, we forego Bible study and sing



praise to God. We'll be singing old favorites and learning a few new ones too.

THE LEADERSHIP MEETING is today, May 26, at 4:00PM. If you have something for the elders, deacons, and preacher to consider, let one of them know.



THE PITTSFIELD MA CHURCH —

- The church in Pittsfield has sent us a report. Pick one up in the foyer area of the building and find out what's been going on, what you could be praying for, and what they have planned for the future.
- 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

- Dianne's sister, Rita Cowling, with pneumonia.
- Dianne's brother-in-law, Wayne Kyle: heart attack, was given a stint, is doing well at this time.

OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Zeke who can not longer join us at worship, due to his medical condition. Pray for an improvement.
- Kirk has some medical heart issues, please pray.
- Esther Myrick rehabbing at home from knee surgery: pray for quick healing.
- Melinda Stafford's mother and brother in S. Africa
- Bonnie Davidson recovering from a minor stroke.
- Lynn Turner: cancer
- Burley Stinnett Jr.
- Rachel W's friend, Madeline, with Guillain-Barré syndrome
- Dianna C. for cancer treatment
- Sue Carter: digestive problems
- The Stafford's grand-daughter
- Ora Holt, kidney

- the churches in New England
- brethren in India
- our elders, deacons, preacher, teachers, interns, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregational

LONG TERM PRAYER 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

- May 26, 2 Chron 31-33
- May 27, 2 Chron 34-35
- May 28, Ezra 1-2
- May 29, Ezra 3-5
- May 30, Ezra 6-8
- May 31, Ezra 9-10
- Jun 1, Neh 1-3
- Jun 2, Neh 4-6

Some fear God will not miss even one failure in judging us. But for the Christian, the truth is, he'll not miss even one in redeeming us.

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.

HOW CAN I GET MORE OUT OF WORSHIP?

Last week I asked the question, "Why come to church?" Hopefully, I motivated us all to become more committed to the assembly of the church in "give-me-Jesus-but-you-can-keep-the-church" age.

But let's move beyond just knowing that gathering for worship is important, let's talk about getting more out of it. One of the most common excuses given for not coming to worship assemblies or Bible classes is "I just don't get much out of it". But did you realize that no matter how "poor" the preacher, prayer leader, or song leader may be; you will always be able to get something great out of time spent with brethren in worshipping the Lord and studying His word. It takes some effort, but consider some of these suggestions...

Prepare. Good worship often begins on Saturday evening by preparing for Bible class, getting kids to bed on time, laying clothes out, getting things ready for breakfast, and getting yourself to bed on time — you know, just like Sunday through Thursday preparation for work and school. I hope you wouldn't be surprised to hear that worship to the Lord is, in fact, far more important than either work or school. Preparing the night before the Lord's Day helps us to arrive non-rushed and ready to give our hearts to the Lord fully.

Set aside the time as holy. Avoid scheduling other things too close to worship times, you don't want to get distracted by worrying about being late for something else or arrive at worship out of breath because the other thing ran late (as they often do). Let the worship of the Lord be a holy thing to you, the real priority, as many other things compete for your attention.

Show up for church early to visit with others. Arriving early provides time to do several things like clear the mind of lesser priority and concern, but it's especially good for visiting with your fellow believers. Fellowship is important to Christian perseverance — yours and theirs. You might be surprised at how much more you get from worship, when you come early and visit with the brethren. You can hang around after church, too, but often the best times for fellowship are before worship begins.

Sit closer to the front, if possible. Not everyone can do this, of course for various legitimate reasons; but

the best place to get the most out of worship is up front. The singing sounds better; the prayers, the preaching, and everything coming from the pulpit is clearer; and there are much fewer distractions in front of you. Students at the front of a class generally get better grades for a reason.

Be at peace with your brothers and sisters in Christ. If you are not, follow Jesus's instructions (Matt. 5:23,24 and Matt. 18:15) and talk with your brother. Psalms says, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, coming down upon the edge of his robes." (Psa. 133:1). Apologize and forgive without worrying about who should make the first move. Enjoy the fullest measure of worship by worshipping in harmony with all your brethren.

Truly be a participant in worship, giving a whole heart. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART; the rest is just preparation. Worship, contrary to popular modern opinion, is not a show to merely observe and be entertained by. Worship, as the Lord desires it, is a full participation event. Listen to the content of each prayer and say "Amen". Understand the words of our hymns and sing them with heart and sincere meaning. Remember the exquisitely high price of our salvation in communion and draw closer to the family God has given us in His new covenant. Listen, take notes, and take the sermon seriously. Give generously as a offering to the Lord rather than "bill to be paid". And definitely remember, **Who** is in our midst, the unseen but always present host of the assembly, Jesus, Who deserves our focused, earnest, and obedient worship. See with the eyes of faith the unseen spiritual realities all around us, and worship like you are in the presence of God — because you are!

Do these things and you will never leave an assembly of the church — worship or Bible class — and think, let alone say, "I don't get much out of worship." You will walk away *filled* every single time. Really try it and tell me I'm wrong — I dare you. :)

You'll get out of worship what you put into it.

Park Linscomb

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN MAY AND JUNE

26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Chris A. 🕯️ Juliana S. 🕯️ ■ 9:00AM Bible classes ■ 10:00AM Worship ■ 4:00PM Leadership ■ 6:00PM Worship ■ 7:00PM Birthday	Memorial Day	■ 3:00PM Coffee with Avery ■ 7:00PM Singing ■ 8:00PM Games for the youth			David J. 🕯️ Fernando Z. 🕯️ ■ 7:00PM Small group 4 gathering at the Smetzers ■ 9:00PM Youth Lock In	

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

May 26

AnnouncementsBurley S
 SongleadingScott WDoug J
 Opening PrayerMarty KJim B
 CommunionJohn SCharles H
 Servers: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____
 Closing PrayerCharles HScott W
 A/V ControlFernando ZJohn S
 GreeterYaw F

Wed PM, May 29

SongsJim B
 A/VCharles H

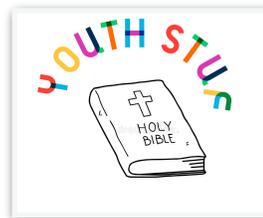
June 2

AnnouncementsJim B
 SongleadingDoug JScott W
 Opening PrayerYaw FReiven H
 CommunionDavid JBurley S
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 A/V ControlJohn SCharles H
 GreeterHugh R

Wed PM, June 5

SongsCharles H
 A/VFernando Z

Sermon Notes...



What's Happening!?

- ▶ This Wednesday evening after Bible class we'll get together and have some fun playing games. Have you ever played the Great Dalmutti?
- ▶ Starting this Tuesday there'll be an every other week "Coffee with Avery" for the older teen girls at 3PM at the Summer Moon coffee shop. Each meeting will feature a theme around being the hands and feet of Jesus using passages from Psalms, Romans, Matthew, and John.
- ▶ **BIG ANNOUNCEMENT:** We're having a lock-in on May 31, starting at 9PM at the church fellowship hall. We had an awesome time last year — this year will be even better!!
- ▶ If you ever need a ride to any of these events (to church or home) call the church and we'll get a ride for you.

