

# 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 14

I fear we sometimes forget the position of mankind in his relationship to God. Throughout the Old Testament, the historical record reminds us of how the Israelites were punished and even tormented due to their lack of 'belief' or the consistent way in which they 'disobeyed' God. They were punished, then warned not to continue in their ways, then punished again for similar mistakes. These were, in fact, "the people of God" the recipients of Abrahamic Promise...yet they were at times destroyed by fire, by pestilence, by the sword, by captivity, by animals, by angels and finally by the Plan of God itself.

The record of mistakes made by "The People of God" should convince us today to the greater extent that God will 'hold us accountable' for the way we live under the Plan that God has devised. **Romans 15:4** reminds us "*thing written aforetime, were written for our learning*". **1 Corinthians 10:1-11** further says, "*Now these things were our examples... and instructions (admonitions)*". These are intended to have all people understand the assurance that each individual is responsible for the righteousness identified and preserved by God Himself. Perhaps the greatest admonition of all is provided in **Romans Chapter 11**.

The point of this chapter should be clear. Paul compares the Israelites to the Gentiles along with a stern warning. Matthew's writer says it in this way in **Matthew 12:30**, "*He that is not with me is against me, and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.*" In **Romans 11**, a major point is made that we must relate to: the children of Israel had to but accept God's terms, and remain blessed in every way throughout their generations. Many failed in their efforts to do so. **Romans 11** offers a clear definition at the hands of this inspired writer; "*God has not cast away His people (Israel)... God has given them a spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear.*"

As it relates to the Olive tree, Paul says, "*because of their (Israel's) unbelief, they were broken off and thou (Gentiles) were grafted in...to provoke them (Israel) to jealousy.*" **Verse 21** says, "*if God spared not the natural branches (the Jew 1<sup>st</sup> Romans 1:16) take heed lest He spare not thee.*" The spiritual condition of all mankind is now dependent upon the "Plan of God" in Christ Jesus.

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 SUMMER INTERNS!** — Kent Cates and Avery Nicks will be joining us to work with our young people and the church in general this summer starting May 12, next Sunday. Avery will be staying with Bev Weldon and Kent will be staying with Park. They are a terrific pair of young people; we look forward to a great summer with them.

**BY THE WAY,** there are cards in the back of the auditorium that you could pick and sign with a welcome message for them that we'll gather and present to them the day they get here. What a great way to welcome them for the summer!

**THANKS TO THE BROTHERS** who filled in for Park during his Gospel meeting absence in Laurel, Delaware.

**YOU OUGHT TO TAKE A LOOK** at all the great work done to give us more storage space in the Bible class building.

**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.



- 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

### NEW PRAYER REQUEST

- Jim Boles granddaughter, April, passed away yesterday. No details are available at this writing. Please pray for Jim and his family
- John B.'s procedure was also successful — give thanks.
- Kirk has some medical issues with his heart he is concerned about, please pray.

### OUR PRAYER LIST...

- Esther Myrick has had successful knee surgery and is rehabbing at home; please pray for a continued successful outcome.
- Melinda Stafford's mother and brother in S. Africa
- Elizabeth's sister's friends
  - Ginny Adickes, friend, Faye Moritz,.
- Bonnie Davidson recovering from a minor stroke.
- Lynn Turner recovering from a fall. Lynn also has cancer
- Burley Stinnett Jr. — various health issues
- Rachel W's friend, Madeline, with Guillain-Barré syndrome
- Zeke R. — surgery for neuropathy
- Dianna C. for cancer treatment
- Sue Carter: digestive problems
- Freida R. recovering

### O 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

- May 5, 2 Kgs 19-21
- May 6, 2 Kgs 22-24
- May 7, 1 Chron 1
- May 8, 1 Chron 2-4
- May 9, 1 Chron 5-6
- May 10, 1 Chron 7-9
- May 11, 1 Chron 10-12
- May 12, 1 Chron 13-16

*Fear doesn't deserve your obedience, but faith in Jesus does!*

# A word of Encouragement

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"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.

## PEARLS FROM PROVERBS — 4:23

*Watch over your heart with all diligence,  
For from it flow the springs of life.*

There's an old adage dating back to the early days of the computer: "Garbage in, garbage out". It was quoted frequently when errors occurred and computers did something they weren't supposed to do. Under such circumstances, operators or folks that wrote the software would sometimes blame the machine; but the proverb rightly pointed out that the machine didn't really have a mind of its own, it only would do what it was programmed or told to do — "Garbage in, garbage out." Program the application poorly, then the wrong result would occur; and if you simply put in the wrong data, you'd again get the wrong answer.

It's a fairly basic computer principle, but it also applies to our minds and hearts; and that is why God commands that we watch our hearts with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.

"The springs of life" is a metaphor; springs being the visible outcomes in our life of the thoughts of our hearts, the heart being the hidden "aquifer" from which "the springs" would come. Many of us who have been in more rustic living conditions (outhouse facilities rather than indoor plumbing and a well for water rather than a faucet) probably remember how important it was to make sure that these two important "amenities" were placed appropriate distances from each other. In fact, oftentimes quite a bit of diligent care was taken to make sure that the lay of the land was in the favor of the well (up hill). The reason was obvious, you didn't want the outhouse to pollute the well.



The word watch in Hebrew means not merely to observe but to guard. To guard anything implies becoming a gatekeeper, turning away the bad, filtering out the enemies of a good heart, while also permitting the good and even welcoming the friends of a good heart. Discernment, educated and refined by God's word (and often life experience), is necessary to identify and separate the pollutants from the healthful messages that inundate us daily.

And they do inundate us. There's really no stopping them apart from enrolling in a monastery. Lies and temptations — spiritual pollutants — come at us steadily and in greater numbers than the truth and encouragements to do right — through friends, popular music, culture, books, movies, TV, the flesh itself, and more. And that's why the watching (guarding) must be done with diligence. Diligence means to work hard at something, to resist giving up, slowing down, or relaxing one's efforts. And watching with diligence can mean exercising self-control when you're tempted, or risking popular scorn when we walk away from corrupting persuasions as they show up in our entertainment, or standing up courageously to refute those who would speak against or corrupt the truth.

So watch your heart (the aquifer of your life) with all diligence. Such guarding will produce a clear, clean life; rather than one that will be bitter, polluted, unhealthy, and even deadly. Because, well — "garbage in, garbage out".

*Park Linscomb*

# FAMILY CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK IN MAY

<p>5 John &amp; Koreen V ❤️</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00AM Bible classes</li> <li>■ 10:00AM Worship</li> <li>■ 5:00PM Prayer time</li> <li>■ 6:00PM Worship</li> </ul>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10:00AM Ladies class</li> </ul>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 7:00PM Wed. Bible class</li> </ul>	<p>9</p> <p>Baylee B. 🙏</p> <p>Lori S. 🙏</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Carol P. 🙏</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Charles H. 🙏</p> <p>John S. 🙏</p> <p>Interns arrive this evening and are coming to church tomorrow</p>
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## SERVICE IN WORSHIP

### May 5

Announcements .....Charles H  
 Songleading .....Doug J.....Scott W  
 Opening Prayer .....Chris S .....Doug J  
 Communion .....Scott W .....Fernando Z  
 Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Closing Prayer .....Doug J.....Burley S  
 A/V Control .....Fernando Z.....John S  
 Greeter .....Burley S

### Wed PM, May 8

Songs .....Reiven H  
 A/V .....Charles H

### May 12

Announcements .....Charles H  
 Songleading .....Scott W .....Doug J  
 Opening Prayer .....John S .....Fernando Z  
 Communion .....Burley S .....Jim B  
 Servers: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Closing Prayer .....Scott W .....David J  
 A/V Control .....Fernando Z.....John S  
 Greeter .....

### Wed PM, May 15

Songs .....Jim B  
 A/V .....Charles H

## Sermon Notes...

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## Shortcuts to good info...

To our website...



A quick teaching on salvation...

