

The Rocky Hock Anchor

**The Mission of Rocky Hock Baptist Church is
to magnify Christ and make disciples of all people.**



Dear Rocky Hock Church Family,

As August begins, it's hard to believe we are already celebrating our second year in Rocky Hock. What a fast two years this has been. We went from "wide-open" getting to know you to "stop everything" we have a pandemic to "slowly moving

forward" as we lift restrictions and transition out of summer. Yet, through it all, God is with us and He is faithful. We have many reasons to celebrate. As with the passing of summer, I turned the corner on another year myself. On July 21st I turned 50! Thank you for all the cards, emails, Facebook messages, drop-ins, and happy birthday singing. Your thoughtfulness means so much.

I trust that you and your family have had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to all that August will bring. Let me mention a few things as we slowly move out of summer.

We have experienced very few delays as it relates to our technology update. And it is with much excitement that we look forward to the installation of the major components by mid-month. Thank you again for your support and sacrificial giving.

Our Annual Golf Tournament which raises support for the NC Baptist Children's Homes will be on Saturday, August 7th. NC Baptist Children's Homes Sunday will be August 15th. Mrs. Brenda Gray will be here and we are hoping the children can come this year. Sunday School Teacher Training will also be on August 15th from 4:30-7:30 PM. I will be facilitating the DVD Leadership Training Strategy, "Sunday School Done Right" by Allan Taylor. This strategic approach will help us maximize our effectiveness as we reach, teach and minister to those in our community.

Our Annual Educator's Day (Back to School Sunday) will be on Sunday, August 22nd. Mr. Steve Wood, Principal of John A. Holmes High School will be speaking. Let's surround our educators (public, private, and home schoolers) and students with support as we pray for God's blessing on the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

Our Assimilation Team will start the first of two training sessions on August 29th from 4:30-7:30 PM to begin developing a process to help attendees, new and existing members discover where they fit best in our church. Nelson Searcy defines assimilation as "A process by which a local church helps attendees, new members, and existing members develop a sense of belonging with a local church by connecting to the church body in relationship, committing to use their God-given gifts for ministry and to build each other up, and conducting themselves as growing Christ-followers."

Slowly Leading You Forward,
Pastor Rusty

Baptist Women



Baptist Women Circles are not meeting yet.

Some Circles will begin meeting in September.

Whose Voice Is the Loudest in Your Child's Life?

by Lindsey Fescoe, Contributing Writer, Children's Ministry Leader at Fairview Baptist Church in Apex, NC
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As a parent, I take my role seriously as the primary disciple-maker of my children. That's a privilege and a responsibility that requires great wisdom.

I was reminded of the significance of my influence in my children's lives at my son's soccer game. I cheered from the sidelines for my superstar until my throat hurt. By the end of the game I was completely exhausted.

As we were heading home, I was shocked when I heard him say, "Hey mom, all the parents were saying stuff but your voice was the loudest. Can you always cheer me on like that? It really helped."

I honestly didn't even know that he had heard anything I yelled among all the other cheers. He knows my voice and he was able to recognize my cheers among all the other voices.

He also heard my voice because he still values what his parents have to say more than the other influences in his life right now. Encouragement means more to him coming from me than from anyone else. My criticisms also cut him deeper than anyone else's.

Our children certainly have many influences in their lives. At different moments on different days, it may seem that other influences are taking priority over ours. As parents, we must oversee what influences we are allowing into our children's lives. In a world full of sideline noise and differing opinions, your voice is the loudest one your children can hear. What are you saying?

Ephesians 4:29 says, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Our children are listening even when we don't think they are. That should be a constant reminder that our words should be gracious and seasoned with salt (Colossians 4:6), not harsh, cynical or discouraging.

Even more importantly, are you teaching your children to tune their hearts to God's voice? As our children grow, they will need to know how to study the Scriptures, pray and discern God's truth. His voice must be the one they hear the loudest. They need to know how to rely on God, not us.

Our children must learn how to distinguish the Lord's voice over all the others. As soon as children can talk, they can pray. As soon as they can read, children can spend time daily reading God's word. Do they see you modeling that for them?

These years raising our children are of utmost importance as we seek to disciple them and help them have a solid biblical foundation before they head out into the world.



**The Baptist Men's Breakfast on
the third Sunday of the month
will resume on September 19th.**





**Saturday, August 7, 2021
(Rain Date: August 21st)**

Scotch Hall Preserve, Merry Hill, NC

**Shotgun Start at 9:00 AM
Pre-Registration at 8:30 AM**



The Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry
is requesting from RHBC
this month:

Snack Crackers



Young at Heart Adult Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, September 7th at 10:00 AM in the Carey Evans Sunday School Classroom in the Senior Adult Sunday School Center. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend!

Deacon Ministry Teams

8/1/21—8/7/21

Russell Byrum, Mike Evans, Chris Sykes

8/8/21—8/14/21

Wayne Howell, Ted Peele, Bill Smith

8/15/21—8/21/21

Adam Bunch, Steve Evans, Allen Peele

8/22/21—8/28/21

Fenton Eure, Ruston Howell, Fred Smith

8/29/21—9/4/21

Lee Bass, David Spruill, Oscar White

Stewardship for July

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
7/4/21:	238	231
7/11/21:	147	172
7/18/21:	159	171
7/25/21:	145	195

Children's Page

For children
of all ages!

August



YOUTH

August 8th -
Beach Bash @ 2 PM

August 11th -
The Summit
(for upcoming Youth)
@ 8 PM

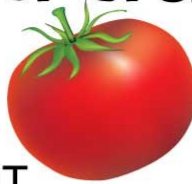
August 18th -
End of Summer
"Launch" Party
Time TBA

CHILDREN

August 5th -
Indoor Kickball
Tournament @ 10 AM

August 15th -
Back to School Bash
from 6 - 8 PM

Summer Crop Word Scramble!



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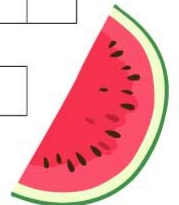
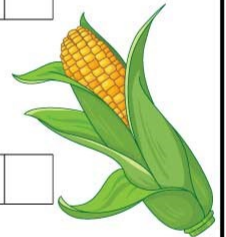
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NOTE OF INTEREST . . .

Tony Moore, former RHBC Associate Pastor from the mid-80s, is pleased to announce the publication of his first book, *Messages for All God's Children*. It is a compilation of object lessons (aka, Children's Sermons) spanning some 35 years of his ministry. Although written with the often-overloaded modern pastor in mind, it is so detailed as to be presentation-ready for virtually anyone who works with children.

Messages for All God's Children is now available through all major booksellers, including Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Ingram in both print and digital formats.

Tony and Jeannette currently reside on a small farm in Owosso, Michigan, where he pastors a small church in their County Seat. His three adult children still reside in South Carolina. If you wish to correspond with them, you may email him at padre757@gmail.com.

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Check us out on the web at www.rhbce.org

Temporary Modified Weekly Schedule:

Weekly: (M, W, F) Devotions online at www.rhbce.org, on the Church's Facebook page, and vimeo

Sundays: 9:45 AM - Sunday School for all ages
11:00 AM - Worship for all ages (Nursery & Children's Church available for up to 5th Grade)
12:00 Noon - Worship Online at www.rhbce.org, our Facebook page, and vimeo

Wednesdays: 7:00 PM - Adult Bible Study - Sanctuary; Middle & High School Youth - Youth Suite;
RA's - RA's Room, upstairs; GA's - GA's Room; Mission Friends - 3 & 4 year old Sunday School Room

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