

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 I write another article to you, it is hard to believe that February is upon us. January has been challenging, to say the least, with so many people being sick, experiencing the loss of loved ones, typical winter weather, and attempting to get back into the swing of things in a new year. February is the month that people customarily associate with love, as Valentine's Day is

approaching. We would not know what love is apart from the love of God. I remind you that God loves you.

As we are studying the Ten Commandments in the series "New Year, New Revelation," God's love is evident. As God promised Moses (Exodus 3:12) that He was leading the Israelites out of Egypt in order that He might lead them unto Himself. It is a picture of His love for us so that we can understand what God does for all those who place their faith in Him. We were once in the bondage of sin and under the penalty of sin. However, God delivers us from being underneath the penalty of sin (Romans 3:22-25) through the atoning sacrifice of His Son, just as God delivered Israel by the Passover lamb. God gave the Israelites the promise of a land flowing with milk and honey just as God promises us a place called heaven. It is in heaven where God will ultimately save us from the presence of sin (Revelation 21:4). Until then, God is leading us in the wilderness of our sanctification. In our wandering God leads us to himself as He led the people of Israel to experience His revelation (Exodus 20). It is here that we learn of God, His nature, His character and His love. It is on the mountain of our experience with Him that He calls each of us to loyal obedience. This is why the first of the ten commands is to "have no other gods before Him" (Exodus 20:3). My prayer for all of us this year is that God's Word will lead us into abundant pastures to feed and rest. As your pastor, watching over you, I pray that you will know God's love as He leads you, feeds you, and protects you. God desires to protect us so that we can, "trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:3-4).

I remind you of G.K. Chesterton who lived in the early 20th century, is quoted to having said, "doctrine and discipline may be walls; but they are walls of a playground, Christianity." Since God is our Creator, He alone knows what will help us and hurt us in life. God lays out before us the ten things that will hurt us if we climb out over the walls and leave this beautiful playground that He alone has created. God will meet our most basic needs such as safety, security, food, shelter, and belongingness to Him and each other since we are God's family.

In closing, I want to make you aware that, "Lord willing," we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together on the 6th of February at 11:00 am. The observance of the Lord's Supper is a sacred time to ensure we are right with Him and with one another. It is a picture when all of us will be with Jesus in heaven celebrating the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:6-9). We will have peace with God and one another. In our preparation of sharing this ordinance together, we are to ask God to search our hearts and for each person to "examine themselves" to ensure that we have peace in our relationship (vertically) with God and our relationships (horizontally) with each other. Think with me, God's grace leads to God's peace. As you prepare, ask yourself this question: How much peace do I have with God and with others?

May God help all of us to experience His Grace and Peace together.

Pastor Rusty

Baptist Women



Being Pro-life Calls for Advocacy and Action

by Todd Unzicker / Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

As followers of Jesus Christ, the sanctity of human life is an issue that we can all stand united together on. Scripture tells us that all human beings are made in the image of God, are knit together in our mother's womb, and are fearfully and wonderfully made.

In 1984, former President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation declaring Sunday, January 22, 1984, as National Sanctity of Human Life Day. The proclamation came a little more than a decade after the landmark 1973 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion in all 50 states. Today, many churches still recognize the third Sunday in January as Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, which this year fell on January 16.

Last month, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, a case that has the potential to reshape the legal landscape surrounding abortion. In 2018, Mississippi lawmakers passed legislation that limits elective abortions after 15 weeks of gestation. The state's only abortion provider, Jackson Women's Health Organization, challenged the law and lower courts have blocked it from taking effect. Mississippi appealed those rulings and now the nation's highest court will decide whether states can limit abortion before viability, which is around 24 weeks of gestation.

As we continue to pray for the decision in the *Dobbs v. Jackson* case which is expected later this year, what else can we do to advocate for the unborn? Many churches and individuals have a long history of being strong supporters of life, which is good, right and just.

We must continue such efforts that involve raising awareness about the issue and supporting pro-life policies and initiatives, but we must not stop there. What if more of our N.C. Baptist churches and their members got directly involved in seeking ways to serve and support those facing an unplanned or crisis pregnancy?

Local pregnancy resource centers across our state are in need of volunteers to provide compassion and care to women facing a crisis pregnancy. I'm thankful that many N.C. Baptist churches have partnered with these centers in a number of ways, but even more partners and volunteers are needed. To assist these centers in their life-saving work, your state convention staff is currently working to provide ultrasound machines to centers in two regions of our state.

There is also a tremendous need for individuals and families to love, serve, support, encourage and mentor mothers who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Such support can go a long way in helping a mother make the choice for life. And for mothers who do choose life, ongoing assistance is often needed in parenting or in placing newborn children into loving families through adoption. We cannot encourage an expectant mother to choose life but then leave her alone to figure things out. The easiest act in the world is to vote for elected officials who are pro-life, but followers of Jesus live pro-life by really helping others.

North Carolina Baptists, we have a tremendous gospel opportunity to not only be advocates for life but to also be actively involved in assisting those facing crisis pregnancies. What a great way for us to be on mission together.



**The Baptist Men's Breakfast is on
the third Sunday of the month,
February 20th at 7:30 AM in the
Special Function Room.
Gentlemen, please join us!**



Region 1 Mission Rally

On Tuesday, February 22nd, Rocky Hock Baptist Church will host the Region 1 Missions Rally. The rally highlights opportunities NC Baptists have to be involved in missions across our state, in our nation, and around the world. Featured will be worship, testimony, mission video, and a prayer time for missions. A main focus will be state, national, international partnerships and projects (including Disaster Relief) and the NC Missions Offering. A meal is provided at no charge, but reservations are necessary one week **PRIOR** to the event. Please register by sending an email to Melanie Crawford at mcrawford@ncbaptist.org or call 919-459-5596. The meal begins at 5:45 pm, followed by the program from 6:50 pm - 8:30 pm.



TAKE ONE / LEAVE ONE Literature Exchange

The Partners in Christ Sunday School Class is sponsoring a free Christian Literature Exchange. New or used reading material, including Bibles, children's books, devotional guides, motivational calendars, and other inspirational materials are being placed in a collection box at the Evans-Bass entrance of the rear parking lot. If you have any of these reading materials and are willing to donate, just drop them in the box at your convenience. Anyone can contribute and everyone is invited to choose something from the box for his/her own devotional times.

If you have questions or need further information, contact Lou Ann Elliott (252-333-5235) or members of the Partners in Christ Sunday School Class.

"Richly Give" CAMPAIGN

"Instruct them to do what is good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share."

~ 1 Timothy 6:18

During the month of **February**, we will be living out this scripture as we once again focus our love and attention on the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry. Paper grocery bags will be available in the vestibule for you to fill with non-perishable items to stock the Pantry's shelves this winter. Filled bags will be collected in the Connecting Corridor.



**BLOOD
DRIVE**

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022
from 2:00 - 7:00 PM in the
RHBC Multi-Purpose Building**

The Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis. The worst blood shortage in over a decade is threatening patient care. The time to give blood is NOW! It only takes an hour or so out of your day. Please schedule your life-saving donation!

DEACON MINISTRY TEAMS

1/30/22 - 2/5/22

Adam Bunch, Steve Evans, Allen Peele

2/6/22 - 2/12/22

Fenton Eure, Ruston Howell, Fred Smith

2/13/22 - 2/19/22

Lee Bass, David Spruill, Oscar White

2/20/22 - 2/26/22

Donald Bass, Carroll Evans, Chris Turner

2/27/22 - 3/5/22

Wayne Bunch, Keith Rollins, Allen Nixon

STEWARDSHIP REPORT - 2021/22

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
12/26/21:	146	181
1/2/22:	143	184
1/9/22:	159	189
1/16/22:	88	125
1/23/22:	canceled due to snow & ice	

Children's Page

For children
of all ages!

Basketball Practice Schedule

Monday, January 31:

6 PM - K - 2nd Grade Co-ed
6:30 PM - Middle School Boys

Tuesday, February 1:

6 PM - 3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed

Wednesday, February 2:

8 PM - Middle/High School Girls

Thursday, February 3:

7 PM - High School Boys

Saturday, February 5:

Games beginning at 4:30 PM
Ballard's Bridge vs. RHBC
at Ballard's Bridge Church

Monday, February 7:

6 PM - K - 2nd Grade Co-ed
6:30 PM - Middle School Boys

Tuesday, February 8:

6 PM - 3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed

Wednesday, February 9:

8 PM - Middle/High School Girls

Thursday, February 10:

7 PM - High School Boys

Saturday, February 12:

Games beginning at 4:30 PM
RHBC vs. Open Door /
St. Paul's / Edenton UMC
at Rocky Hock Church

Monday, February 14:

6 PM - K - 2nd Grade Co-ed
6:30 PM - Middle School Boys

Tuesday, February 15:

6 PM - 3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed

Wednesday, February 16:

8 PM - Middle/High School Girls

Thursday, February 17:

7 PM - High School Boys

Saturday, February 19:

Games beginning at 4:30 PM
RHBC vs. Edenton Baptist
at Rocky Hock Church



Camp Registration information is now on the website! CentriFuge for Youth is June 13 - 17 at Ridgecrest. CentriKid for Children is June 20 - 24 at Gardner Webb. The cost is \$250. The \$75 deposit is due ASAP. Sign up with Pastor Mike or online.

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

Macaroni & Cheese



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113 Rocky Hock Church Road
Edenton, North Carolina 27932
Address Service Requested

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EDENTON, NC
PERMIT NO. 127



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

Weekly Schedule:

Sundays: 9:45 AM - Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM - Morning 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, vimeo, and YouTube

6:00 PM - Evening Worship ("Sundays at SIX")

Wednesdays: 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting / Adult Bible Study - Sanctuary; Middle & High School Youth - Youth Suite;
RA's - RA's Room, upstairs; GA's - GA's Room, beside foyer; Mission Friends - Kindergarten Classroom

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