

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,

Happy New Year! What a year 2021 has been. God has been leading us out in order that He might lead us unto Himself, so that we can know Him (Exodus 3:12).

The Old Testament record of the Israelites being delivered out of Egypt is a reminder of how God delivers each of us through the atoning sacrifice of His Son from sin, death, and bondage. One day all of us will enjoy the

blessing of the promised land, called Heaven, where God ultimately saves us from the presence of sin in our lives. Until then, what are we to do in this moment we call life?

All of us are wandering in the wilderness. In life, God will test us just as He tested Israel, His people. However, I want to remind you that God is testing our faith in the Lord Jesus.

Jesus is our great Healer (Exodus 15:26). You may ask what is God healing us from? Sin. In this life, God is healing us from the power of sin. To say it another way, God is delivering us from the power of sin as we submit to Him in loyal obedience. A warning for all of us: when we do not submit to Jesus, we in fact yield to the power of sin and suffer the effects of sin. We are God's sheep, in His pasture, and out of His grace God allows me to shepherd you under His watchful eye. I love you too much to watch at a distance while you experience the consequences of sin. My prayer for all of us is that God's Word would lead us in 2022, into abundant pastures to feed and rest. As I watch over you, I request that you daily pray for me and my family to know God's strength to love you, lead you, feed you, and protect you.

My prayer is that we will all experience "A New Revelation" in this New Year. God revealed himself to His people in Exodus 20. In the series, "A Message For This Moment," we have been learning how to understand transitions when life changes. Now, I invite you to come and learn with me the 10 Commandments recorded in Exodus 20 beginning January 2, 2022. G.K. Chesterton, who lived in the early 20th century, is quoted to having said, "doctrine and discipline may be walls; but they are the walls of a playground, Christianity." As a child I have vague memories of the 10 Commandments. The feelings were not good. I conjectured feelings of defeat, knowing I could not live up to His commands. Over the years, my thoughts and feelings have changed. Now, I understand them to be a wall of God's protection in order for us to be safe as we live a fulfilling life. Think with me, God is saying, "here are ten things that will hurt you." The hurt we experience is mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual. God does not want us to hurt. God loves us. God desires for us to experience His abundant life. God desires to protect us so that we can, "Trust in the Lord, and do good; 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)

In closing, I want to make you aware that I have begun using the ESV (English Standard Version). The ESV is the second most literal "word for word" translation after the NKJV of which I have used for 25 years. The ESV is a smoother translation. Also, mark your calendars for February 6, 2022 as we will observe the Lord's Supper in the morning service.

I praise God for Him allowing me the privilege to pastor such great people.

Grace and Peace in 2022,

Pastor Rusty

Baptist Women



“Only God” Moments

by Linda Cooper, WMU President

I LOVE “only God” moments. I’ve had many in my life. Becoming a registered dental hygienist, being hired at my dental practice, becoming your president, just to name a few. How people do not believe in prayer, is beyond me and for the believer who doesn’t pray daily . . . I can’t fathom it.

Prayer is powerful! It’s communicating with the Creator of the universe . . . an opportunity to spend time with God, developing a deeper relationship with Him. Prayer is sharing what’s on your heart and mind with a God who longs to hear from you.

Matthew 7:7-8 says: “Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

On Sunday, an elderly gentleman shared how God had fulfilled Matthew 7:7-8 in his life. He grew up in a Christian family but they had no money. His dad was a tenant farmer in Cadiz, Kentucky. In high school, he decided he wanted a better life. He wanted to go to college. With no money, he enrolled. He lived on bananas and milk until his dorm mates became aware of his plight. And that’s when the miracles began. About once a week, he would return to his room to find a hamburger on his bed . . . only God.

One morning he had no money and no food. He knew he needed to drop out of college and return home, but he prayed. He promised God if He would get him through this, he would always follow Him and if he ever had any money, he would be generous. That very day, inside a letter from an aunt was a \$10 bill. That \$10 meant more to him than \$100,000 today. It kept him from dropping out of college. It would feed him for two weeks . . . only God.

After graduation, he received a NASA fellowship at Perdue University . . . only God. He got to meticulously analyze the soil brought back from the moon by Neil Armstrong. When he graduated from Perdue, he accepted a job at Cal Poly University, the largest agriculture university in the country . . . again, only God. He and his wife joined a small Baptist church there.

Only God moments continued with his second job offer at the University of Missouri, then as head of Agriculture at Western Kentucky University. But, the biggest miracle of all to me was when he was moving into his home here in Bowling Green, there was a knock at the door. A man named Bill dropped by stating his pastor asked him to come by and invite them to church. As Bill asked his story, he shared it and mentioned he was from Cadiz, Kentucky. Bill said, “Wait a minute. You probably know a friend of mine. Several years ago, our family went on a vacation to southern California. On Sunday we went to a small church where I met a man from Cadiz, Kentucky who was a professor.” The man replied, “I remember that exchange. That man was ME.” Only God can do that.

I hope YOU are praying for “Only God” moments in your life. He will meet you there . . . On the Journey.



**The Baptist Men’s Breakfast is on
the third Sunday of the month,
January 16th at 7:30 AM in the
Special Function Room.
Gentlemen, please join us!**



**Baptist Men’s Mission Trip to Canton, NC
January 9 - 15, 2022**

Sign-up sheets are in various locations throughout the church campus, or you can complete the connection card. See Phillip Ricks for more information.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES



If your name is on a Sunday School Roll, your offering envelopes have been placed in your Sunday School Classroom. Teachers, your envelopes may be in the class you teach. If your name is not on a Sunday School Roll, your offering envelopes are in the vestibule. If you do not currently have envelopes and would like a boxed set, please complete a connection card or contact the Church Office and a set will be placed in the vestibule for you.

“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 for you to fill with non-perishable items to stock the Pantry’s shelves this winter. Bags will be collected in the Connecting Corridor. Last year, we donated over 2,200 lbs. to the Food Pantry. Let’s prepare to exceed this goal in 2022!



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

**Jell-O (Powdered,
NOT Ready to Eat)**



DEACON MINISTRY TEAMS

12/26/21—1/1/22

Donald Bass, Carroll Evans, Chris Turner

1/2/22—1/8/22

Wayne Bunch, Keith Rollins, Allen Nixon

1/9/22 - 1/15/22

Keith Nixon, Scott Noble, Phil Smith

1/16/22—1/22/22

Russell Byrum, Mike Evans, Chris Sykes

1/23/22—1/29/22

Ted Peele, Bill Smith, Sam Tynch

1/23/22—1/29/22

Adam Bunch, Steve Evans, Allen Peele

STEWARDSHIP REPORT - 2021

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
11/28/21	167	192
12/5/21:	196	225
12/12/21:	196	241
12/19/21:	198	247

Children's Page

For children of all ages!

Basketball Practice Schedule

This is the schedule as of the Newsletter print date . . .

Monday, January 3:

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

Tuesday, January 4:

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

Thursday, January 6:

High School Boys - 6 PM
Middle/High School Girls - 7 PM

Monday, January 10:

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

Tuesday, January 11:

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

Wednesday, January 12:

Middle/High School Girls - 8 PM

Thursday, January 13:

High School Boys - 7 PM

Saturday, January 15:

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

Monday, January 17:

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

Tuesday, January 18:

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

Wednesday, January 19:

Middle/High School Girls - 8 PM

Thursday, January 20:

High School Boys - 7 PM

Saturday, January 22:

Games beginning at 4:30 PM
RHBC vs. Open Door/St. Paul's/Edenton Methodist

Monday, January 24:

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

Tuesday, January 25:

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

Wednesday, January 26:

Middle/High School Girls - 8 PM

Winter Word Scramble

Unscramble the winter themed words and join them to the pictures on the right. We've done the first one for you!

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Thursday, January 27:

High School Boys - 7 PM

Saturday, January 29:

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

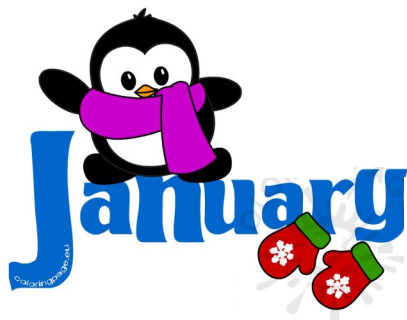
Monday, January 31:

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



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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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