

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,

I am looking forward to many things, how about you? Proverbs 13:12 says, *"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life."* In light of what we have all faced together in a culture that has wanted to cancel

everything, I am full of hope for the days ahead. We do need to pause and validate each other's feelings because it has been difficult. And when we do, new desires will spring up and become a tree of life. During the month of July, we should rest and ask ourselves what lessons have we learned? I applaud you, church, for your availability, flexibility and creativity over the past year. We all have made many adjustments. We all have grown in the process and I pray that we all carry our growth forward into the days ahead. As I mentioned, I am looking forward...

I am looking forward to celebrating the 4th of July with you by observing the Lord's Supper in the morning. In the evening, the church will enjoy ice cream, games in the Multi-Purpose Building and conclude with fireworks. The activities will begin at 8 PM.

I am looking forward to you experiencing the hard work of Carey Sound, Inc. and your generous contribution toward our technology upgrade which should be completed this month.

I am looking forward to RHBC hosting the State Convention Prayer Gathering on Thursday, July 22nd from 9 AM – 1 PM in the Sanctuary and concluding with lunch in the Multi-Purpose Building.

I am looking forward to our Sunday School Teacher Training on Sunday, August 15th from 4:30 - 7:30 PM. I will facilitate the DVD leadership training strategy, "Sunday School Done Right" by Allan Taylor.

I am looking forward to our "High Attendance Day" on Sunday, August 29th in Sunday School and Worship. So, teachers and classes, begin praying now about the people you can invite to join us on August 29th.

I am looking forward to working with our Assimilation Team on Sunday, August 29th from 4:30 – 7:30 PM to begin developing a process to help 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."

So let's lift up our eyes together with the hope of Jesus in our hearts.

Leading You,
Pastor Rusty

Baptist Women



Baptist Women Circles are not meeting yet.

HE IS TRUSTWORTHY by Brandon Lewis, *wmu.com*, June 10, 2021

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil” (Proverbs 3:5–7 NIV)

Proverbs is a collection of teachings, sayings, and advice commonly attributed to King Solomon as the author. Handing down the value of wisdom and discipline is the stated purpose of the book. As a father interacts with his son and verbalizes the importance of living well and trusting the Lord, the reader is granted access to those same lessons.

A frequent topic of conversation among humans is the struggle of difficult days or the stress that often accompanies difficult decisions. In our selected passage, the lesson being taught is to trust the Lord and not your own understanding. For some, this generates the question, “How do I do that?” Seemingly in anticipation of that question, Solomon continues by instructing his son to seek the will of God and that God would direct his path (verse 6). It is important that Christians continue to grow in knowledge and understanding of Scripture and in relationship with God. However, Solomon is teaching that our knowledge and understanding fall short in comparison to God’s knowledge. He is aware of our circumstances and sees the entirety of our days. God is trustworthy, and our best decision is to surrender control of our lives to Him.

Occasionally I have the opportunity to take a road trip with a friend. On many of those trips, I volunteer to drive and can complete that responsibility without any issues. Sometimes, though, I become tired and need to relinquish the driver’s seat for us to proceed safely. When we stop to use the restroom and grab a snack, I have a decision to make: Will I trust my friend to drive us? Proverbs 3 was written by Solomon as advice to his son. In verses 5–7, his instruction is to “trust in the Lord.” A common illustration for trust is to think of sitting in a chair. One can state that they trust a chair will hold their full weight if they were to sit in it. However, the person does not demonstrate trust in that chair until they have sat down on it and transferred their full weight to it. Trust requires a transfer of strength and control. To demonstrate that I trusted my friend to drive us, I had to offer him the driver’s seat and allow him to have control of the vehicle. To genuinely trust God, we must recognize Him as trustworthy and then surrender control of our lives to Him.

When my friend took the wheel and returned to the highway toward home, there was another decision before me: Would I trust him enough to take a nap? No one enjoys having a back-seat driver as a passenger; however, I enjoy driving and feel that I am quite good at it. But sitting in the passenger’s seat and offering unprompted (and probably unwanted) driving advice would not have been a demonstration that I trusted my friend “with all my heart” to drive us. Solomon advised his son to have complete confidence in God at all times, to believe that God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and loves us (His creation) immensely. Think of this as another level of trust, one that leads to a life of following Him, finding value and direction through His Word, and choosing to honor God in all you do.

My friend did a fantastic job driving us home, and I was able to take a nap. But, more than trusting a friend to drive while I nap, we serve a God who is, indeed, trustworthy and able to lead us down the path of experiencing His blessing and being a blessing to others.

Brandon Lewis has served as student pastor in churches in Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi. He and wife, Lacey, have three children: Karen, Gabriel, and Ryan. Brandon is currently serving as the youth ministry strategist for the Louisiana Baptist Convention. In this role, he has the privilege of planning and hosting state-wide events for teenagers (YEC, Clear Camps, etc.), coordinating training events for youth ministers and youth ministry leaders, and serving as a youth ministry consultant for churches across the state.



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





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

Snack Crackers



RHBC is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on July 27 from 2 - 7 PM in the Multi-Purpose Building. Our theme this time is: **HELP REFUEL THE BLOOD SUPPLY!** Just like our car gas tanks need constant refueling, so does the blood supply. It's the blood products on the shelf today that help save lives tomorrow. Masks will not be required for those who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19. If you have not been vaccinated, please come, but wear a mask. Nationwide, those who come to give blood from July 7-31, 2021 will automatically be entered for a chance to win gas for a year (a \$5,000 value)! At our Rocky Hock Blood Drive, a \$10 Dairy Queen gift card will be given away to one lucky donor or volunteer. Volunteers are needed. Call Rhonda Bass at 252-337-5766.

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT

**HELP REFUEL
THE BLOOD SUPPLY**



**Young
at Heart**

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

6/27/21—7/3/21

Fenton Eure, Ruston Howell, Fred Smith

7/4/21—7/10/21

Lee Bass, David Spruill, Oscar White

7/11/21—7/17/21

Donald Bass, Carroll Evans, Chris Turner

7/18/21—7/24/21

Wayne Bunch, Keith Rollins, Allen Nixon

7/25/21—7/31/21

Keith Nixon, Scott Noble, Phil Smith

Stewardship for June

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
6/6/21:	158	232
6/13/21:	177	243
6/20/21:	176	252
6/27/21:	202	278

Children's Page

For children
of all ages!



INDEPENDENCE DAY

W W R E B M E M E R U E C
C D A T D D A Y Y C C H I
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YOUTH

July 4th -

Homemade Ice Cream, Games,
& Fireworks @ 8 PM

July 11th -

Camp Review @ 11 AM Worship

July 14th -

Steamers Night @ 7 PM

July 21st -

Bowling @ 6:30 PM

July 28th -

Pool Party @ 6 PM

CHILDREN

July 4th -

Homemade Ice Cream, Games,
& Fireworks @ 8 PM

July 8th -

Indoor Camp-out @ 7 PM

July 11th -

Camp Review @ 11 AM Worship

July 15th -

Bowling @ 10 AM



AMERICA
CELEBRATE
COUNTRY
DAY
DECLARATION
EVENT

FLAG
FREEDOM
HISTORY
INDEPENDENCE
JULY
PATRIOTIC

REMEMBER
STATES
UNITED



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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