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 the school year comes to an end and Summer break begins, it makes me think of road trips. So many of us travel during the Summer months. Have you ever been traveling down the road and found yourself at a roadblock? You cannot continue on your pre-determined path, you have to take a detour.

Webster's dictionary defines detour as a "deviation from a direct course or the usual procedure especially: a roundabout way temporarily replacing part of a route." Many times while traveling, whether an accident or a construction site, we have all needed to take a detour. Have you ever had the thought while traveling, that if you had left the house just a few minutes sooner or if you hadn't stopped to gas up, you might have been in the accident? And as you take the detour, you are thankful that you were not in the accident and gladly deviated from your direct course to avoid the accident or traffic.

I have been wondering lately about the very same thing on a spiritual dimension as it relates to the last 14 months. Our church, community, country, and world have been detoured due to COVID-19. I have been thinking about it a lot. Could it be that we, as global citizens, were headed somewhere that God never intended? God loves us and He knows what is best for us. Could the last 14 months have been a divine detour away from a direct course of destruction? If this is the case, we can be even more patient in our waiting.

We are all waiting and wanting our lives as we knew it to resume to normal. We are waiting for the day our church will resume our normal schedule. Are you waiting passively or actively? This answer can be life changing. In this 14 month detour of waiting, we have had an opportunity that we might not ever have again. So as we prepare ourselves to get back to a normal routine, what lessons have we learned? As we get back on the highway of normalcy, will we keep heading in the same direction, will we make some adjustments, and are our lives forever changed by God's divine detour?

As believers in Jesus Christ, we have a wonderful opportunity to continue waiting on the Lord during this time. Isaiah the prophet, was pleading with God to work on behalf of his people in Isaiah 64. In verse 4, Isaiah spoke of God's character, *"who acts for the one who waits for him."* What an incredible promise from God! As we actively wait for God, he actively works on our behalf. So, as our metaphoric car is speeding back up again, God just might have changed us so that we can face new opportunities for what is ahead. My prayer is that God has used this time to draw us closer to Himself and prepare us for the future. He has shifted our focus, caused us to reexamine our motives, and strengthened us in the faith.

On the journey with you,

Pastor Rusty Womack

Saptist (Women

Baptist Women Circles are not meeting yet.

SUMMER ISN'T FOR BOREDOM!

from www.wmu.com

"I'm bored!" "Me too." "There's nothing to do around here!"

Have you ever heard your children say something like that, especially during the summer after school is out and before summer camp takes place? Most parents have heard their children or the children in their missions' groups complain about being bored during the summer.

Here are a few ways to get your boys and girls up and moving and serving others during the lazier days of summer.

• Round up your children and head over to a senior adult's home. Many senior adults aren't able to get out much, not even to church. Sing a few songs, take a few cookies, and present the senior adults with some kid-drawn artwork. Your children will make a great impact on the lives of the senior adults in your church or community with these simple acts of service.

- When was the last time you received a handwritten note or card? Purchase some inexpensive stationery or postcards. Take a few minutes with your children to write a note to an international or North American missionary. Write an encouraging note to your pastor or church staff.
- Set up a neighborhood lemonade stand. Ask fellow parents to donate items needed for a successful stand. Don't sell the lemonade! Instead, serve lemonade to walkers, runners, and others who stop by. Let those who stop know that you are offering them a little something cool in Jesus' name.
- If you live in a metropolitan area with a subway or train system, go as a group (with extra adult supervision, of course) for a train ride around the city. Share smiles with fellow travelers. Sing songs between stops. Be a ray of sunshine to those tired commuters heading to or from work.

Yes, summer often moves at a slower pace. That's OK. A little rest is good for everyone. But don't let summer become a time of boredom. Get up. Get moving. Find ways to bless others in Jesus' name.



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



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Joined on May 23, 2021 by transfer of letter from Grace Baptist Church, Delaware, OH





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

Jell-O Pudding Cups



UPCOMING EVENT!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

July 27, 2021

2:00 - 7 :00 PM

RHBC Multi-Purpose Building



Make your appointment now! Visit <u>redcrossblood.org</u> and enter RHBC or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



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

<u>5/30/21—6/5/21</u> Keith Nixon, Scott Noble, Phil Smith

<u>6/6/21—6/12/21</u> Russell Byrum, Mike Evans, Chris Sykes

<u>6/13/21–6/19/21</u> Wayne Howell, Ted Peele, Bill Smith

<u>6/20/21—6/26/21</u> Adam Bunch, Steve Evans, Allen Peele

<u>6/27/21—7/3/21</u> Fenton Eure, Ruston Howell, Fred Smith

Stewardship for May

Attendance:	<u>SS</u>	Worship
5/2/21:	181	242
5/9/21:	176	324
5/16/21:	203	270
5/23/21:	173	270

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Children's Page

For Children of all ages!



<u>Youth</u>

June 2 - Battle of the Rock

June 21 - 25 - VBS, 6 - 8:30 PM

June 21 - 24 - VBS Night Life, 8:30 - 10:30 PM

June 30 - July 3 - FUGE Camp

<u>Children</u>

June 8 - Water Games, 2 - 4 PM

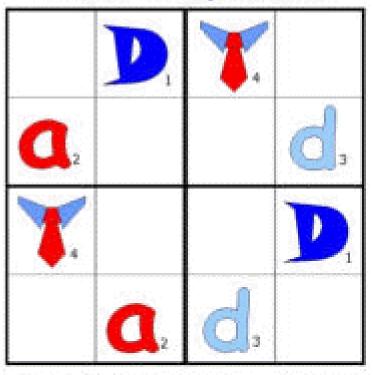
June 21 - 25 - VBS, 6 - 8:30 PM

June 30 - July 3 - Summer Camp, Ridgecrest



UNEARTHING THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS JEREMIAH 29:13

Father's Day Sudoku



Each row, each column and each of the large four squares should have one of each image. Fill in the blanks!



Vacation Bible School 2021 June 21st - 25th <u>6:00 - 8:30 PM</u>

(Note Time Change to <u>Evening</u> instead of Morning)

VBS 2021 is headed to present-day Israel where discovery awaits at Destination Dig. As junior archaeologists, kids will explore real-life archaeological finds that have helped to uncover the truth about Jesus! Along the way, they'll discover the truth of Jeremiah 29:13, that God reveals Himself to us when we seek and search for Him with all our hearts.

For more details or to register on-line, go to www.rhbce.org or our Facebook page.





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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

- <u>Sundays</u>: 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
- <u>Wednesdays</u>: 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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