

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,

Save the date, March 13-16, for our Spring Revival with Dr. Lee Sheppard from Mabel White Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia. Every night we will have a covered dish meal. Please bring a dish to share. The meal starts at 6 PM and Revival starts at 7 PM. Join me in spiritual preparation as we anticipate what God will do in our lives as we respond to Him. Do you need to be revived?

Revival is a word that churches use to promote a series of consecutive services where members invite their friends as they eat meals together, sing together and hear from a guest speaker. Unfortunately, many times this is all that happens. I'm sure you have seen this and it leaves you wanting more. So what is genuine revival?

Genuine revival is a spiritual awakening. It is a time when believers are moved from a state of complacency to a state of love and appreciation for God. Revival recovers a new love for God, along with being in awe of His holiness. A believer has a renewed passion for God's word and His church. The believer finds themselves being more aware of personal sin, causing them to repent and discover a new passion to grow in the righteousness of Jesus. Revival involves making a fresh commitment of faith to live a life of obedience empowered by the Holy Spirit. This experience is described by the apostle Paul in Philippians 2:12-13, as God working in us both to will and to do His good pleasure so that we work out our salvation.

As we look back to the First Great Awakening in the mid-1700s, we see how genuine revival affected lives. Believers were convicted of personal sin and experienced a renewed awareness of the nature of their salvation through Jesus Christ. This renewal broke the external religious complacency of just attending church and created a deep emotional need for a personal relationship with Jesus.

Revival happens when God awakens a few believers to understand the urgent need for His moving. Revival always begins with a few and grows to many. You may be one of those chosen to spark revival here at Rocky Hock. Revival has to start in your heart, then it will spread to your home, then to the church, then to the community and beyond. I know firsthand. In the summer of 1993 when I repented of my sins and turned to faith in Christ, it had a profound effect on my family, the church, and the community. Revival is possible. Revival begins in you and the result is changed lives for the glory of God. Let us seek God and pray for revival.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Rusty Womack

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 have been placed in a collection box at the Evans-Bass entrance of the Multi-Purpose Building 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. If you have questions or need further information, contact Lou Ann Elliott at 252-333-5235 or any member of the Partners in Christ Sunday School Class.

Baptist Women



The Beauty in Honoring Our Aging Parents

by Susan Rush / Family Caregiver Support Specialist / Council on Aging

“Honor your father and mother — which is the first commandment with a promise — so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” (Ephesians 6:2-3)

Trying not to become frustrated at the sluggish traffic, I turned up the volume on my radio. There must be a wreck. I tapped my fingers on the steering wheel in rhythm to the music.

As I made my way over a hill, I saw the culprit. Bless his heart. Why is no one helping him? The elderly man, with a furrowed brow and stooped posture, stood with his hands in his pockets, surveying a flat tire. Cars slowly made their way around his truck. As I approached, we made eye contact. I hit the brakes, tears creeping to the surface. I pulled over and walked quickly to the helpless man. His dazed expression released my tears.

When had my dad grown old? I pictured him teaching me how to change a tire, joking about how in no time I would be able to replace it “lickety-split.” There he stood, confused and disheveled. For a few seconds, he didn’t recognize me.

Watching our parents gradually diminish in stature is hard. We intuitively know it’s part of the circle of life, and yet, navigating the role-reversal era is daunting. If we’re not careful, we can waste time pining for who they were and miss who they are. We can become so fixated on ensuring their affairs are in order and formulating their long-term care plan that we miss the gift of simply honoring them.

Often as people age, they become anxious and depressed, and understandably so. An unknown future with loss of purpose and increasing dependency is scary. Many are unable to articulate their fears, and these feelings may manifest as anger or stubbornness, which leads to conflict. Because none of us want to live with regrets, patience and empathy are key.

As our parent’s world narrows in later life, we can honor them by reassuring them that they still have value. They still have a purpose and a voice. We can empower them by giving them as much control as possible. We can ask them how they envision their later years and help them make a bucket list. If their ideas aren’t realistic, we need to be creative in suggesting alternatives.

Additionally, we can guide them in telling their stories, reminisce through old photos and letters, or simply ask them questions. What were your school days like? When did you first experience love? What was the happiest day of your life? We need to affirm that their life had, and still has, meaning.

If these conversations are difficult due to their personality or poor choices, we can still acknowledge their strength and resilience. Though our parents are flawed, we can offer the gift of grace and model Jesus’s unconditional compassion. We can make it known in words and actions that they are not a burden — they are still our parents whom we love and cherish.

The later seasons can be a time of softening and reflection as we honor the ones who gave us life. We can be intentional about slowing the rhythm of our days. We can take time to pause, to sit quietly, appreciating the arms that held us, the hands that comforted us. We can move out of our comfort zones to tell them of our love and appreciation. Then when our Creator, the author of their story, calls them home, we will have no regrets. As we imagine Him telling them, “Well done, my good and faithful servant,” we can hear Him whisper the same to us.



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



Building Fund Offering - Sunday, March 6th

Now more than ever, our partnership with the Red Cross is invaluable. The Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis. We are currently facing the worst blood shortage in over a decade, posing a concerning risk to patient care. The Red Cross has experienced about a 10% decline in the number of people donating blood since the pandemic began. At schools and colleges, there has been a 62% drop in blood drives. Doctors have been forced to make difficult decisions about who receives blood transfusions and who will need to wait until more products are available. Blood drive cancellations and staffing limitations continue to be a challenge.

During this pandemic, our church has carried on this vital mission. We have continued to have 3 blood drives annually with special focus on the health and safety of everyone attending. Our hospitals and patients need this blood. Please make your appointment now by visiting redcrossblood.org and enter RHBC. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call me at 252-337-5766.

Rhonda Bass



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

The Story of Amazing Love

from the Cradle to the Cross

A Musical Easter Drama presented by RHBC

Friday & Saturday, April 15 & 16 at 7 PM nightly



Rehearsal Schedule:

Tuesday, April 5 - All Drama Cast - 7 PM

Thursday, April 7 - All Drama Cast with Choir - 7 PM

Monday, April 11 - Full Drama Cast and Choir Dress Rehearsal with Costumes - 7 PM

Thursday, April 14 - Full Drama Cast and Choir Dress Rehearsal with Costumes - 7 PM (Supper provided for Cast and Choir beginning at 5:30 PM)

Friday & Saturday, April 15 & 16 - Cast arrives at 5:30 PM to dress, Choir arrives at 6 PM to dress, Performance at 7 PM

DEACON MINISTRY TEAMS

2/27/22 - 3/5/22

Wayne Bunch, Keith Rollins, Allen Nixon

3/6/22 - 3/12/22

Keith Nixon, Scott Noble, Phil Smith

3/13/22 - 3/19/22

Russell Byrum, Mike Evans, Chris Sykes

3/20/22 - 3/26/22

Ted Peele, Bill Smith, Sam Tynch

3/27/22 - 4/2/22

Adam Bunch, Steve Evans, Allen Peele

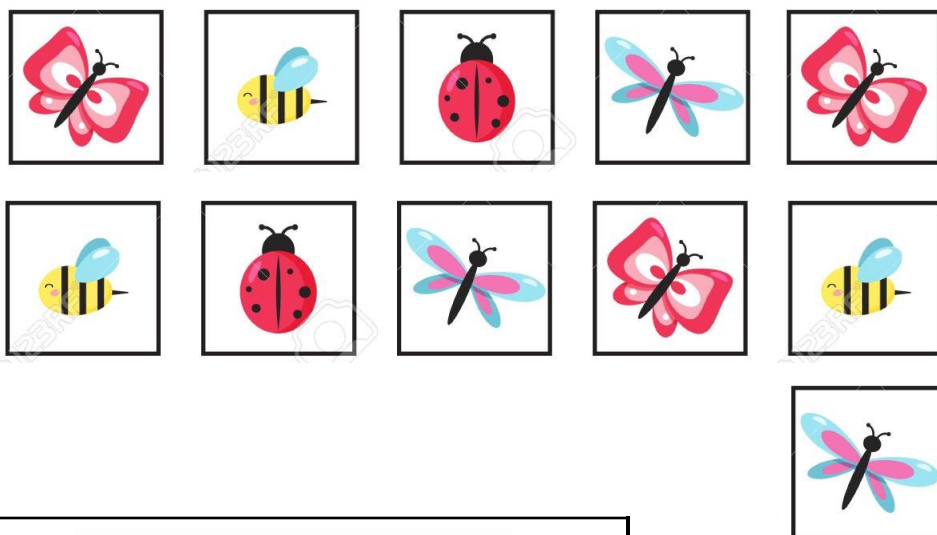
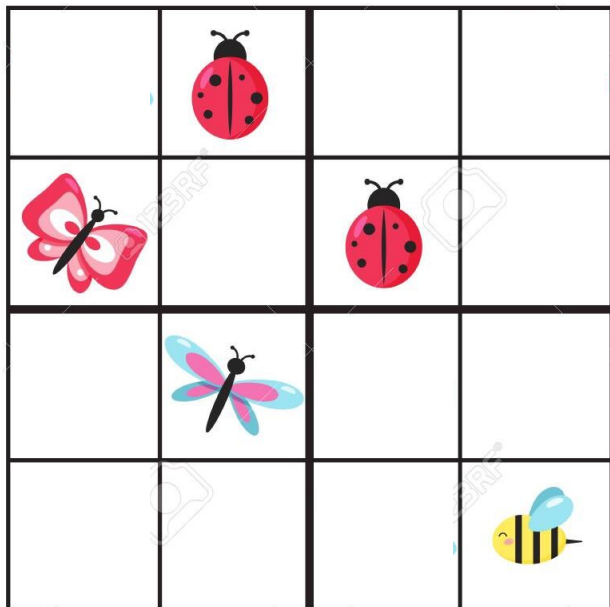
STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
1/30/22:	159	227
2/6/22:	187	209
2/13/22:	208	253
2/20/22:	187	261

Children's Page

For children
of all ages!

SPRING SUDOKU



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. Sign up with Pastor Mike or online.

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

Cereal



Spring
REVIVAL

**Sunday - Wednesday, March 13 - 16
at 7 PM / Covered Dish Meal each
night beginning at 6 PM**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Lee Sheppard of Turning Point at Mabel White Baptist Church

Dr. Sheppard has been in the ministry for over thirty years, having served as pastor and church planter for several churches. He sees it as his personal and biblical responsibility as a Pastor to equip the church to be able to serve and build up the body of Christ for the glory of God. His true passion is seeing others experience the life-changing work of Jesus Christ.

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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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