

The Rocky Hock Anchor



**The Mission of Rocky Hock Baptist Church is
to magnify Christ and make disciples of all people.**



*Jesus said..., "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
~ Acts 1:8*

Jesus' words to His disciples in His later days give believers the encouragement to be an influence in our day. Vance Havner, a great preacher of North Carolina, has said, "We are not going to move this world by criticism of it nor conformity to it, but by the combustion within it of lives ignited by the Spirit of God." As believers, we should examine ourselves by asking questions of introspection. Do I possess the Holy Spirit? Have I been filled with the Holy Spirit? Have I experienced continued infillings of the Holy Spirit? Have I come to the place of total surrender and dependance upon God? If the answer is no, then we are probably still living a significant portion of our lives in our own strength. Jesus said, "without Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). These are hard questions, and answers are not supposed to be easy. I offer them because Martyn Lloyd-Jones, a Welsh minister, often said Christianity is about asking good questions. Here is why . . . It is easy to misunderstand things in the Bible. If we are not careful, we construe our beliefs through the tradition of experience rather than from our revelation of the living God. We should straighten our question marks into exclamation marks of belief by responding to God's promises. Do we live by the promise of influence, "you will receive power?" Have you ever experienced the Person of influence, the Holy Spirit?

Did you know there is an example in Scripture where people had not received the Holy Spirit when they believed (see Acts 19:1-6)? One question that towers over all the others in the book of Acts concerning salvation is, "have you received the Holy Spirit?" The Holy Spirit is the One who influences us the most. What does the Holy Spirit influence us to be and do? A witness! Jesus desires to live through us by His Holy Spirit, which affects our words and our walk with God and others. To say it another way, when Jesus is in control of our lives, we act less like ourselves and more like Him, full of Grace and Truth (John 1:14). I prefer the way the evangelist said it, "full of..." This is exactly what Paul meant when he said, "be filled with the Holy Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). As Havner pointed out, we need to be ignited by the Spirit of God. He is the light this dark world desperately needs. He is the life this world is dying without. Some have chosen to live without Him. Others live without Him because they have not heard of His Indwelling powerful presence. Where are we to start being witnesses? Jesus tells His disciples, "in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." For us, we start right where we are and move out in concentric circles. To say it another way, we start right here in our own Rocky Hock community, move out to influence those in Chowan County, move out from there to influence individuals in our State and Country. Finally, we fulfill the Great Commission by influencing people around the World with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The month of May will be an exciting month of influencing activities:

- May 8th, Mother's Day and Baby Dedication, 11 AM Worship
- May 15th, Baptist Men's Breakfast, 7:30 AM and Parents Meeting for Camp, 7:00 PM
- May 25th, Quarterly Conference at 7:00 PM with meal beginning at 6:30 PM
- May 29th, Memorial Day Service / 5th Sunday Missions Offering, 11 AM Worship

Grace and Peace,

Dr. Rusty Womack
Senior Pastor



Hello. My name is Andrew Bass. I wanted to take a moment to formally introduce myself as your interim Youth Minister here at Rocky Hock Baptist Church. I grew up in Edenton, where I attended Macedonia Baptist Church. I am the third of four brothers. I am a graduate of Baylor University (Sic 'em, Bears!) and am currently finishing up my first year at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. I spent the last two years working for a parachurch youth ministry in Waco, Texas and am excited now to serve inside a church setting with familiar faces. Some personal things about me are that I am a big history nerd and love to talk about theology. I also love college football and am (unfortunately) a Cincinnati Bengals and New York Mets fan. I have already felt the warm welcome of this church and look forward to serving alongside you all in the mission of God!

Baptist Women



God is at work in Ukraine

by Dr. Paul Chitwood, IMB President

With the recent Russian invasion of Ukraine, we join all those in Eastern Europe in praying for peace. We know that God is sovereign in all situations, and Scripture reminds us that He is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. We keep our focus on Him, asking for His protection of the innocent and trusting that His justice will prevail.

Pray with us that Jesus Christ would be glorified through the crisis in Eastern Europe, and that Southern Baptists would remain vigilant in meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those who are suffering.



The Baptist Men's Breakfast is on the third Sunday of each month. Gentlemen, please join us on May 15th at 7:30 AM in the Special Function Room for breakfast, devotion, and fellowship.



Graduate Sunday is June 5, 2022!

High School and College Graduates, please contact the Church Office to let us know that you are graduating. If you are graduating from a high school other than John A. Holmes, please let us know that, as well.

College Graduates, be sure to inform us what degree you received and the College or University from which you graduated. You may also include any honors your were awarded.

Baby Dedication



Mother's Day, May 8th, 2022

Married couples who are members of RHBC (*at least one parent must be a member*) and have had a baby born since last Mother's Day (*who hasn't already been dedicated*) are invited to participate in a service of Parent & Child Dedication on Sunday, May 8th during Morning Worship. If you wish to be included, please call the Church Office or email Church Secretary, Linda Bunch at lbunch@rhbce.org to add your name to the list. Also, please email 4 or 5 photos of the baby to Pastor Justin Smith at jsmith@rhbce.org by **May 1st**.

MEMORIAL DAY

Join us on Sunday, May 29th for a special Memorial Day Tribute during the 11 AM Worship Service. If your loved one was included in last year's video, you do not need to submit a new picture. However, if your loved one who served in the military passed away since last Memorial Day, May 30, 2021, you may submit a picture to the Church Office or email it to Pastor Justin Smith at jsmith@rhbce.org by Monday, May 23rd for it to be included in this year's presentation.



5/1/22 - 5/7/22

Keith Nixon, Scott Noble, Phil Smith

5/8/22 - 5/14/22

Russell Byrum, Mike Evans, Chris Sykes

5/15/22 - 5/21/22

Ted Peele, Bill Smith, Sam Tynch

5/22/22 - 5/28/22

Adam Bunch, Steve Evans, Allen Peele

5/29/22 - 6/4/22

Fenton Eure, Ruston Howell, Fred Smith

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
3/27/22:	186	241
4/3/22:	185	278
4/10/22:	209	241
4/17/22:	191	376 (Easter)

Children's Page

For children
of all ages!



Spring



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SUMMER CAMP

2022 Camp Registration
information is on our
website!

CentriFuge for Youth is
June 13 - 17 at Ridgecrest.

CentriKid for Children is
June 20 - 24 at Gardner
Webb University.

**ALL Camp Payments are
due in full by May 1st!**

There will be a Parent
Camp Meeting on Sunday,
May 15th at 7 PM in the
Special Function Room for
parents of children and
youth who are attending
camp this summer.
Parents, please be in
attendance for important
information.

APRIL	BASEBALL	BREAK
BREEZE	CLEANING	CLOUDS
JACKET	KITE	MARCH
MAY	PICNIC	PUDDLES
RAINBOW	RAINCOAT	SEASON
SHOWERS	SPRING	SUNSHINE
THAW	UMBRELLA	WINDY



Tree Valley Academy



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

Fruit Cups



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

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ORGANIZATION
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EDENTON, NC
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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") - Adults in Sanctuary, Youth in Youth Suite, Children in Gym

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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