

# 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,

November brings crisp air, blue skies, and golden leaves. It is a season of Thanksgiving. God is good. We are thankful. What are you thankful for?

As your pastor, I am thankful for a people who represent Christ, not just in the church house, but also in the community. Rocky Hock is an extraordinary place and people. While in seminary years ago, I read behind a man, Larry Crabb. He described an inter-

connected system of Christian relationships which take place in a community where people find help and hope in Jesus. He called it the community model. My conclusion is that Rocky Hock is a living example. Could this be the reason we are seeing people move into our area and visit our church? God is good and we are making strides to welcome everyone He brings our way.

Starting this month you will see a few new things on Sunday morning. After training thirty individuals in August and September, we are going to start intentionally welcoming all of our guests. This group will work in tandem with our greeters. As you come on campus, you will see signs directing our guests to guest parking spaces. As they enter the vestibule, we want to welcome them, connect with them, and involve them in the life of our church.

How can you help? Thank you for asking!

As I mentioned last month, everyone can help by being aware of those around us on Sundays. We have many people who are new to RHBC. Being in a new place can be challenging and visiting a new church can be overwhelming. Guests may need our help finding the restroom, a Sunday School class, or the children's area. Guests may need a warm welcome and a few minutes of our time. When you see someone new, make the effort to introduce yourself and let them know that I would like to meet them. The guests we do have could watch our services online at home. So, if they brave all the obstacles and push through every excuse, let's make sure to welcome them warmly and be available to assist them if needed.

Many of our guests are here because of you; your time, your love, your invitation, and your availability. So let's welcome them, connect with them, and involve them at RHBC.

**Pastor Rusty**



Join us for Evening Worship  
**"Sundays @ SIX"**  
 every Sunday night at 6:00 PM.  
 Adult Bible Study in the Sanctuary,  
 Youth in the Youth Suite,  
 and Children in the Gym.

# Baptist Women



## PHOEBE, LIVING AUTHENTIC FAITH IN CHRIST

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by Brenda Morris

*“I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church in Cenchreae. So you should welcome her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints and assist her in whatever matter she may require your help. For indeed she has been a benefactor of many—and of me also.” (Romans 16:1-2, CSB)*

Are you relentless in praying and serving the Lord? This is a question I often need to ask myself. What does relentless, authentic faith in Christ look like in women today? We are given some clues when we look at different women in the Bible who lived out their faith in Christ.

At the end of his letter to the Roman churches, Paul named eight women who deserved to be greeted or treated with respect. The first woman named was Phoebe. We learn that Phoebe was a servant, a helper, and a benefactor. Reread the verses listed above. Think of the servant jobs people in your church perform as service to the Lord. Phoebe was heavily involved in serving in some of the same ways.

Most importantly, Paul recognized Phoebe’s authentic faith in Christ. Paul met Phoebe while he was in Corinth. She lived and served in a church at Cenchreae, which was about six-to-eight miles from Corinth. Apparently, Phoebe was wealthy and spent her resources on the Lord’s work. This was obvious since Paul named her as a benefactor to others and to himself. Some biblical scholars believe she delivered the letter from Corinth to Rome.

We learn from Phoebe to give ourselves in heartfelt service to the Lord and to the church. Using our God-given gifts, talents, and resources, we are to show authentic faith in Jesus and help however and whenever we see a need or open door. God will provide opportunities for being a servant, a helper, or possibly a benefactor. Whether the task is working with preschoolers, helping in the church music ministry, or serving in the church ministry for the homeless, we should follow Phoebe’s example and be generously relentless as we live out our authentic faith in Jesus.

**Pray:** *Father, thank You for loving us and sending Your Son Jesus Christ. Help us to serve You wholeheartedly and joyfully, knowing that our greatest reward is to spend eternity with Jesus. Give us courage and grace as we serve You by leading those in our care. For Your glory and in Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.*

The **Annie Leary Circle** will meet on the second Monday of the month, November 8th, at 7:30 PM at the home of Susan Nixon.

If your Baptist Women’s Circle has decided to begin meeting again, please let Laura Turner and the Church Office know! You may submit a list of your Circle dates, times, and hostesses for each month to be included in the bulletins and newsletters.



**The Baptist Men’s Breakfast is on the third Sunday of the month, November 21st at 7:30 AM in the Special Function Room. Gentlemen, please join us!**





The Young at Heart Adult Bible Study has resumed on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Carey Evans Sunday School Classroom in the Senior Adult Sunday School Building. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend!

**BAPTISM SUNDAY**



November 14th will be Baptism Sunday. Please see Pastor Rusty or Pastor Mike if you would like to be baptized!

**VETERAN'S DAY SERVICE**

On Sunday, November 14th, we will celebrate and honor the Veterans in our congregation for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Thank you, Veterans, for your service!



**EMERGENCY BLOOD SHORTAGE:**

**More Donors Needed Now!**

**Tuesday, November 23rd from 2:00 - 7:00 PM  
Rocky Hock Baptist Church  
Multi-Purpose Room**



Right now, the American Red Cross has an emergency blood shortage. The Red Cross national blood inventory is the lowest it's been at this time of year since 2015, with less than a day's supply of certain blood types in recent weeks. The Red Cross is working around the clock to meet the blood needs of hospitals and patients--but can't do it alone. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please make your appointment now at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter RHBC. Volunteers are also needed to make our blood drive a success. All individuals at blood drives must wear a face mask regardless of vaccination status. Call Rhonda Bass at 252-337-5766 if you would like to volunteer or have questions.

**DEACON MINISTRY TEAMS**

**10/31/21 - 11/6/21**

Donald Bass, Carroll Evans, Chris Turner

**11/7/21—11/13/21**

Wayne Bunch, Keith Rollins, Allen Nixon

**11/14/21—11/20/21**

Keith Nixon, Scott Noble, Phil Smith

**11/21/21—11/27/21**

Russell Byrum, Mike Evans, Chris Sykes

**11/28/21—12/4/21**

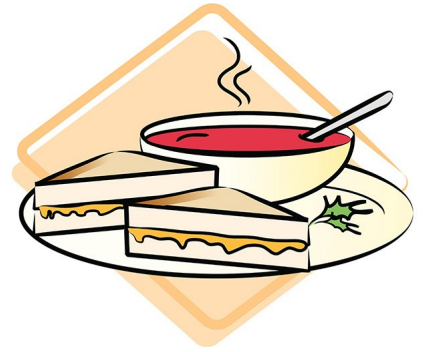
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**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
9/26/21	178	218
10/3/21:	151	212
10/10/21:	190	239
10/17/21:	159	196
10/24/21:	155	229



Join us for a  
**Thanksgiving Service and  
 Soup & Sandwich Meal**  
 on **Wednesday, November 24**  
 at **6:30 PM** in the Gym.



It's time to pack a shoebox for **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!** We will be collecting items now through November 28th. Suggested items to donate are: toys (dolls, stuffed animals, toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yos), hygiene items (toothbrushes, hairbrushes, combs, wash cloths), school supplies (crayons, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, markers, notebooks, solar calculators), and accessories (socks, sunglasses, jewelry, flashlights with batteries). **DO NOT** include any food, candy, or gum, toothpaste, war-related items, liquids or lotions, or breakable items. Shoeboxes and labels are available in the vestibule. We will continue to collect filled shoeboxes until December 1st. Our church-wide Packing Party will be on Sunday, November 28th at 6 PM in the Gym.

### Christmas "Lights of Love"

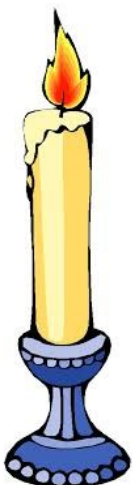
It will soon be time to decorate our church campus for Christmas. We will again be placing battery-operated candles in the windows all around our facility, as well as adding lights to the shrubbery around the buildings. All lights will shine in memory or in honor of loved ones throughout the month of December. A list of names will be provided in the bulletin for those who wish to commemorate their loved ones.



## Christmas Programs

**Each donation of \$10.00 will represent a loved one you wish to commemorate.**

This will be the fourth year that we have continued this tradition. Please complete the form inserted in your bulletin and return it, along with your payment, to the Church Office. Or, you may call the Church Office if you do not have a form. The deadline to submit names is Wednesday, December 1st.



**Children's Choirs**  
**Sunday, December 5th**  
 at **6:00 PM**

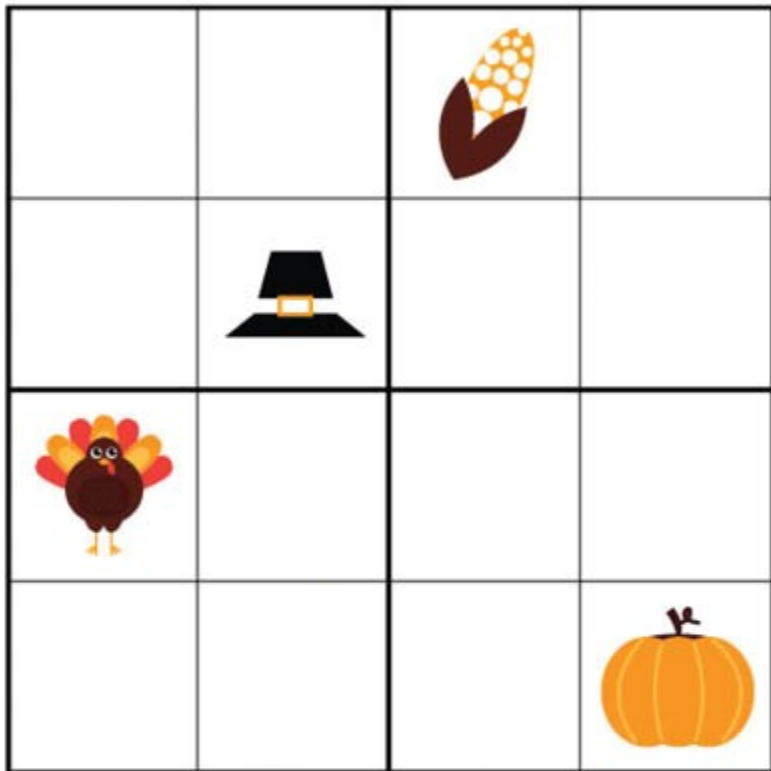
**Hand Bell Choir**  
**Sunday, December 12th**  
 at **6:00 PM**

**Sanctuary Choir**  
**Sunday, December 19th**  
 at **6:00 PM**

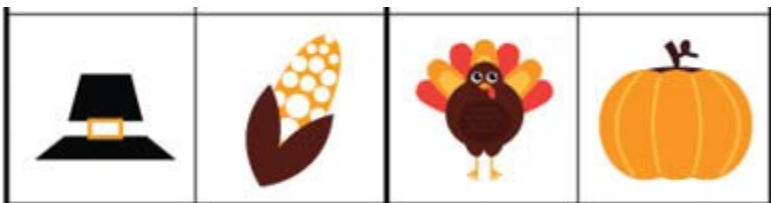
# Children's Page

For children of all ages!

## Thanksgiving Sudoku



CHOOSE FROM THESE PICTURES:



**Bible Drill Training Classes** for children in Grades 3-6 meets every Sunday in the 1st & 2nd Grade Sunday School Classroom at 4:45 PM.

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

**Cereal**



**ANGEL CHORUS**  
3 year olds - Kindergarten

**LIVE WIRES**  
1st - 5th Grades

Join us Sunday nights at 6 PM. We will meet in the Gym and then divide into age-appropriate groups for Bible Study, Games, Snacks, and Choir Practice. We are now working on our Christmas Program.



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**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](http://www.rhbce.org) and our Facebook page  
6:00 PM - Evening Worship ("Sundays at SIX")

***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 - Kindergarten Classroom

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