

The Rocky Hock Anchor



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

Good-Grace Confrontation

“If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”
~ 1 Corinthians 12:26-27

Did you know that Americans have a new favorite verse of the Bible? It used to be John 3:16, but we have replaced it with Luke 6:37: “Judge not.” I am joking, but that is the spirit of our age—there is no standard of behavior, and if there were, we certainly do not have the right to hold people accountable to it.

As Christians, we have that attitude when it comes to church discipline. There are numerous passages in the New Testament that remind us of our responsibility to identify and correct sinning church members. So, why are we hesitant to confront other Christians who are caught up in immorality, addiction, or harmful relationships?

One reason is the consumer mentality many churches have fallen into. My late professor Haddon Robinson said, “Too often now when people join a church, they do so as consumers. If they like the product, they stay. If they do not, they leave. They can no more imagine a church disciplining them than they could a store that sells goods disciplining them.” The unspoken fear of church leaders is if we take church discipline seriously, it is going to drive people away.

Other people are reluctant to exercise church discipline because of bad experiences they have had or witnessed in the past. But the fundamental reason I think we do not apply these passages today is we have what I call a club mentality. We think when we join a church, we are joining a club—a group of people who have similar interests, but everybody remains pretty anonymous. But when we join the church, we are not part of a club; we are part of a body. If your liver becomes diseased, every other organ in your body does whatever it can to help heal the liver. Why? Because as goes the liver, so goes the whole body. Paul said it this way in 1 Corinthians 12:26: “If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice with it.”

Bad grace teaches that we have no right to judge the behavior of other church members. But a true understanding of grace recognizes that we not only have the right but the responsibility to correct sinning Christians in an effort to lead them back to a right relationship with God.

This article by Dr. Robert Jeffress was excerpted from “Good-Grace Confrontation,” 2020.

Haddon Robinson, as quoted in “Church Discipline: A Remedy for What Ails the Body,” Christianity Today, May 8, 1981.

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Join us for our **Annual “Back to School”**
Sunday on August 28th at 11 AM as we
pray for our students and school staff as they
prepare to return for the new school year.
Dr. Tanya Turner will be our guest speaker.



Baptist Women



Encouragement for this Anxious World

Written By: Amy Boone

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." (Psalm 103:2)

The New Living Translation interprets it this way: *"Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things He does for me."*

Lately, people have been asking each other: "What is happening to this world?" I have heard others say that "Things have never been this bad before" and "The world has gone crazy."

Granted, these are hard times. We are having problems that we haven't had before. Granted, a lot of bad things have happened at the same time. Some are so grievous and our hearts are heavy. Anxiety and fear seem to have taken a hold of our lives.

But, we must never forget all His benefits. In this Psalm, after David mentioned not forgetting the benefits, he spends the whole Psalm telling us what benefits we have as believers. Do you know all the benefits you get as a follower of Christ?

- *Forgives all our sin and removes our transgressions from us
- *heals our diseases
- *renews our strength when we are weak
- *is compassionate and gracious
- *slow to anger, and abounding in love
- *will bring justice to the oppressed
- *His love for us is as high as the heavens
- *wants a relationship with us and has made His way known to us

Have we focused on the bad and not all the good things He has done? Some of my friends and I have begun to text Bible verses of encouragement to each other. Do this in your Women on Mission group and to other friends and family. It will be a huge encouragement as we encourage those in our community.

Verse 19 says, "The Lord has prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom rules over all."

He is still on the throne of this world. I am so thankful for His presence in my life and for all the benefits His grace bestows on us.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."



The Baptist Men's Breakfast this month will be on August 28th at 7:30 AM.

Gentlemen, please join us in the Special Function Room for breakfast, devotion, and fellowship.



Thanks to all the donors and volunteers who participated in our Blood Drive. We also had several businesses who participated with advertising. We met our goal and got 31 pints. Every pint is urgently needed at our local hospitals. Our winner of the \$10 DQ gift card is Gail Boyd! Congratulations! Next Blood Drive: November 22.



**American
Red Cross**

VBS 2022

Average Attendance

Students: 94

Volunteers: 62

Offering: Over \$2,700.00
to the International Christian School of Vienna in Austria
(where Evan Miller teaches) to benefit refugee students
who have been displaced by the crisis in Ukraine.

Many thanks to all the wonderful workers (adults and youth) who made this year's VBS a success! And thanks to all the children who participated, learning that they are God's workmanship, designed to use their talents to bring glory to Him!

We're already looking forward to next year's VBS:
Twists & Turns - Following Jesus Changes the Game
"Make your ways known to me, Lord; teach me your paths." Psalm 25:4 (CSB)



Our next Quarterly Church Conference will be on Wednesday, August 24th, beginning with a meal at 6:30 PM. The Conference will begin at 7 PM. Everyone will meet in the Gym that night. If you are planning to attend, please complete a connection card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate so we will have an accurate count of how many meals to prepare. Thanks!



Deacon Ministry



7/31/22 - 8/6/22

Lee Bass, David Spruill, Oscar White

8/7/22 - 8/13/22

Donald Bass, Carroll Evans, Chris Turner

8/14/22 - 8/20/22

Wayne Bunch, Keith Rollins, Allen Nixon

8/21/22 - 8/27/22

Keith Nixon, Scott Noble, Phil Smith

8/28/22 - 9/3/22

Russell Byrum, Mike Evans, Chris Sykes

Attendance:

7/3/22:

7/10/22:

7/17/22:

7/24/22:

SS

170

177

175

145

Worship

224

193

253

168

Children's Page

For children
of all ages!



Summer Time CROSSWORD PUZZLE



4 Children & Youth

Thursday, August 4

Movie Night / Pool
Party for Youth @
Sam & Meredith
Tynch's home

Saturday, August 13

Edenton United Back to
School Bash @
John A. Holmes
High School
10 AM - 2 PM
(for all students)

Wednesday, August 17

Youth Summit for
upcoming Youth @
8 PM

Wednesday, August 24

Meal & Quarterly
Church Conference
@ 6:30 PM
(Everyone will meet in
the Gym)



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

Pasta



Items needed for the Children's Summer Nutrition Program

Mixed Fruit Cups (single serve)
Nutri Grain Bars
Potato Chips (single serve)

Jell-O Cups (single serve)
Fruit Snacks (Welch's or similar)
Pudding (single serve cups)

Ramen Noodles (chicken flavored)
Apple Sauce (single serve)
Lance Snack Crackers

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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 @ 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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