

The Rocky Hock Anchor

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



from our Interim Pastor . . .

Thanksgiving

*"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,
and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."
~ Psalm 50:14-15*

Many pastors have had a conversation that went something like this.

"Hello, Pastor? I don't know if you remember me. I was at your church some years ago when our little girl was going to Sunday School."

"Yes, I think I recall. So, how are you?"

"Well, that little girl isn't little anymore and we are having some problems. I was hoping you could give me some guidance and I would sure appreciate it if you would remember us in your prayers."

"I hope I can do the first and I'm sure I can do the second."

Then after an extended conversation, it closes something like this.

"Pastor, I know I need to get back in church. But I don't want people to think I'm only coming back because we're having trouble now. It doesn't seem right somehow, only running to God when things are going bad."

"Well, if you won't call on him when you are in trouble, when will you call on him?"

That last line usually ends the conversation for there is nowhere to go after that but to worship.

Like a lot of people, we know almost by instinct the pattern of Psalm 50:15. "Call upon me in the day of trouble... I will deliver you... you will glorify me." We find ourselves in distress and cry to the Lord. In grace and mercy he rescues us. Thanksgiving comes easy.

Wouldn't it be good if we knew Psalm 50:14 by instinct too? But instinct will never teach us the "sacrifice of thanksgiving." Thanksgiving becomes a sacrifice just at that point where we are not inclined to give it, where it costs us something to say, "Thank you, Father." Such thanksgiving does not come naturally.

To look among the ruins of a broken home and give thanks for glimpses of grace in our hurting lives is hard stuff. When you really don't know how the obligation will be met, giving thanks over what appears to be not enough is a test for faith. To lift the voice of thanksgiving out of the midst of grief stretches the weak muscles of our faith. Such thanksgiving isn't natural. It is supernatural. It is born in a heart that knows the grace of the cross. For in the light of the cross, we can no longer doubt the ultimate good that God intends for us. After all, he who did not spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how will he not also with him freely give us all things? (Romans 8:32)

When the day we call Thanksgiving arrives, you may clearly see the hand of God's grace and giving thanks will come easy. Or you may be one whose present trouble makes thanksgiving a sacrifice. Such sacrifices may go unnoticed by the world, but nothing passes the notice of our Father in heaven. He who sees each sparrow fall also knows when thanksgiving comes easy and when it costs us something.

Let us offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving. See you in worship.

Interim Pastor Bob

Baptist Women



What Took You So Long?

by Sandy Wisdom-Martin, Executive Director / Treasurer, WMU
Missions Mosaic

This is the story provided by a former missionary kid, Anne Lucas, who grew up in Nigeria.

Children were playing and dogs were barking. No one had ever seen a motorcycle or a white man. As the villagers peeked out from their huts and nearby trees, the pastor identified someone who could speak a familiar dialect. The pastor explained they had an exciting story to share.

Daddy began playing the accordion. The pastor started clapping his hands and they started singing. Then through a translator, Daddy began telling the simple, powerful story of God's love through Jesus. As Daddy spoke, he noticed an elderly woman sitting on the ground. Her facial expressions and body language showed she was not happy with what he was telling them.

As Daddy finished sharing, he told the people he would be glad to tell them more stories from the Bible. The elderly woman motioned for men from the village to help her up. She dusted off her threadbare skirt and slowly made her way toward Daddy.

The woman got very close to Daddy's face and pointed her finger at him. She was obviously angry. With great emotion, she said, "I have been the priestess of the village most of my life. My family have been priest and priestesses for many generations. I go from village to village searching for any new god to be sure my family and village are worshipping the right gods. I have always known in my heart there had to be a God who loves us. Look at these flowers and the birth of a baby. They have to be from something beautiful! We are afraid of gods. We sacrifice goats, chickens, and fruit to make them happy so they will give us what we need. It doesn't work!"

With her finger still wagging in Daddy's face, she continued, "What took you so long to come tell us about this man you call Jesus? Why haven't you come before now to tell us about this God who really loves us? We are very angry that you were so slow to come!"

May we sense the urgency of the moment and share hope in Christ with our neighbors, friends, and family members.

Father, many people are confused about the way to God. We have the truth. Give us courage and boldness to proclaim until all have heard the Good News. Let us not delay one moment. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Belva White
RHBC Baptist Women's Director



The Baptist Men's Breakfast this month will be on November 20th at 7:30 AM.

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



Our next Quarterly Church Conference will be on Wednesday, November 30th, 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 call the Church Office or 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. The deadline to sign up is November 23rd.



Deacon Team of the Week

10/30/22 - 11/5/22

Ted Peele, Bill Smith, Sam Tynch

11/6/22 - 11/12/22

Adam Bunch, Steve Evans, Allen Peele

11/13/22 - 11/19/22

Fenton Eure, Ruston Howell, Fred Smith

11/20/22 - 11/26/22

Lee Bass, David Spruill, Oscar White

11/27/22 - 12/3/22

Donald Bass, Carroll Evans, Chris Turner

November Deacon Greeters

Senior Adult SS Center: Wayne Bunch

Sanctuary Main: Lee Bass

Connecting Corridor: Carroll Evans

Multi-Purpose Main Entrance: Bill Smith



<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
9/25/22:	166	205
10/2/22:	191	237
10/9/22:	169	198
10/16/22:	162	229
10/23/22:	155	186



November Ushers:

Billy Elliott, Jasper Evans, Danny Lewis,
Phil Smith, Gail Boyd, Josh White

November Offering Team:

Carroll Evans (Chair), Lee Bass,
Wayne Bunch, Ruston Howell,
Allen Nixon, Bill Smith

November Counting Committee:

Ed & Judy Hughes, Leon Hemmings,
Keith Rollins



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

Stuffing Mix



Harvest Day Walk Offering

Sunday, November 20th

at the 11 AM Worship Service



Deacon Election will take place on Sunday, November 20th at the end of the Morning Worship Service. Sample ballots will be in the bulletin on November 6th & 13th. Please begin praying now about those whom you would call upon to serve as Deacons in 2023! Take the time to familiarize yourself with the biblical qualifications set forth in **Acts 6:2-7** and **I Timothy 3:8-13** as you consider your selections.

"The Chase Bateman Memorial Blood Drive"

Tuesday, November 22nd

2:00 - 7:00 PM

RHBC Multi-Purpose Building



A Letter from Natalie Phelps . . .

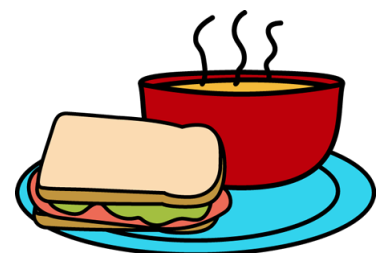
Chase Bateman was 19 years old when he was involved in an ATV accident in October of 2021. Due to severe internal injuries, he received over 64 units of blood products during his hospital stay. A total of 36 units of blood were given within the first 24 hours of his accident. After a 23 day fight to live, Chase succumbed to his injuries on November 9, 2021. If it wasn't for the availability of blood products and the phenomenal health care team, we would not have been blessed with those extra 23 days to love on him. Don't ever think it can't happen to you. Start giving blood every chance you get. We are truly blessed to have this Blood Drive in memory of him. As Chase would say, "I've Got This!"

Visit redcrossblood.org and enter RHBC to make your appointment. Volunteers are needed. Call Rhonda Bass at 252-337-5766.



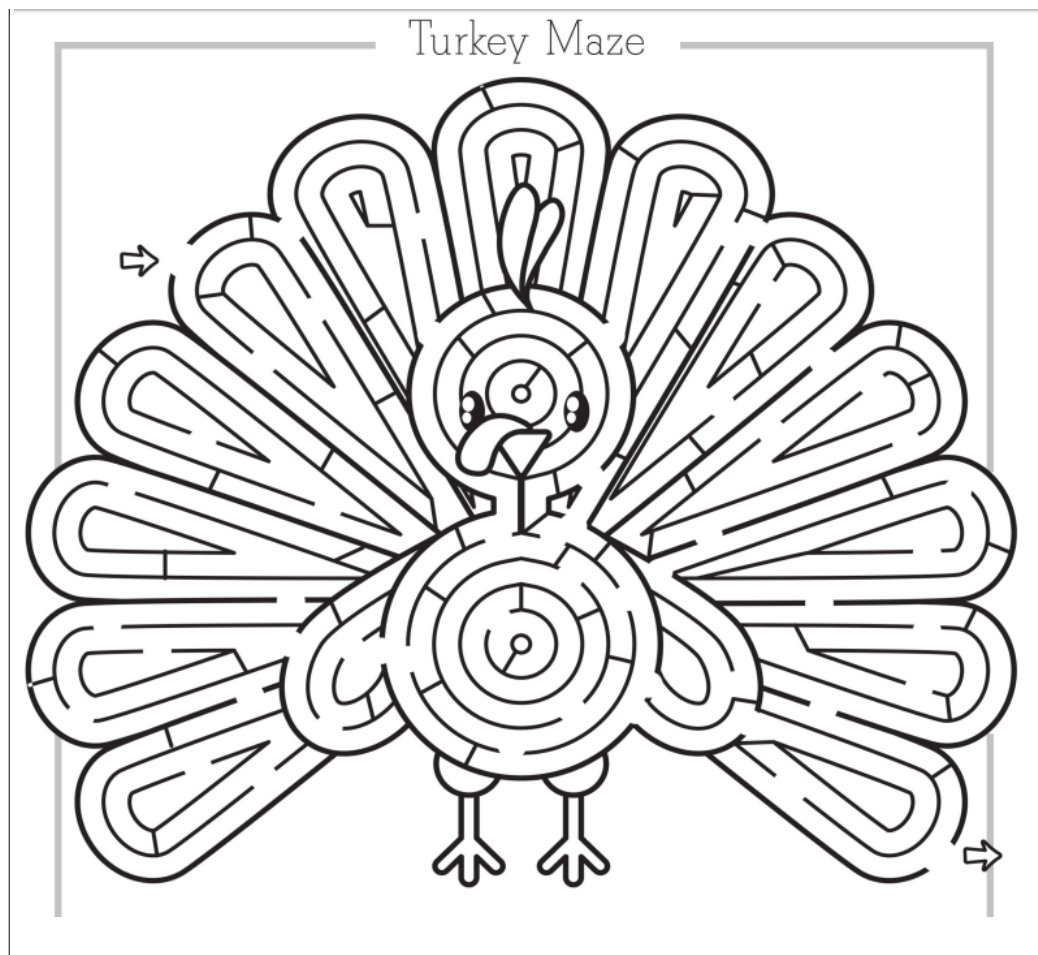
Join us for a Thanksgiving Service and Soup & Sandwich Meal on Wednesday, November 23 at 6:30 PM in the Gym.

Please call the Church Office or complete a connection card and place it in the offering plate by November 20 if you plan to attend.



Children's Page

For children
of all ages!



The Children's Choirs are practicing for the upcoming Christmas Program entitled, "*The Colors of Christmas.*" Mark your calendar for December 4th when the Children's Program will be presented at 6 PM in the Sanctuary.



CHURCH



Sign up now for Church Basketball!

Coaches are needed! Sign-up sheets are in the Foyer of the Multi-Purpose Building. Age groups are as follows:

- Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Co-ed
- 3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed
- 6th - 8th Grade Boys
- 6th - 12th Grade Girls
- 9th - 12th Grade Boys

A schedule of practices and games will be available soon. See Trey Bass for more information.

It's time to pack a shoebox for **Operation Christmas Child!**

Items are needed for boys and girls ages 2 - 14. Suggested items are: toys (dolls, stuffed animals, toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yos), hygiene items (toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, wash cloths), school supplies (pens, pencils, crayons, markers, notebooks, solar calculators), and other accessories (socks, sunglasses, jewelry, flashlights with batteries). **DO NOT** include any food, candy, or gum, toothpaste, war-related items, liquids, or breakable items. Shoeboxes and labels are available in the vestibule. This ministry helps reach children all around the world in the name of Jesus. Help us take the Gospel to the ends of the earth!



Our Church-wide Packing Party will be Sunday, November 13th at 6 PM in the Gym. Contact Michelle Tynch or Meredith Tynch for more information.

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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)
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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