

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 . . .

LOVE

One fellow said that whenever he was asked to define love, he would stop and think for a minute, then spin around and pin the questioner's arm behind his back and say, "NOW who's asking the questions?"

Most of our difficulty in defining love arises from a fundamental confusion. Often we are thinking of that curious event called "falling in love." No one that I know is capable of defining that phenomenon. Even Albert Einstein would say no more than this: "Gravity is not to be held responsible for people falling in love." "Falling" is an apt description of an otherwise inexplicable behavior.

The Bible recognizes the reality of falling in love but offers little in the way of explaining it. Three things are too wonderful for me; four I do not understand: the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a serpent on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas, and the way of a man with a maiden (Proverbs 30:18-19). I will not attempt to explain that which was beyond the understanding of Solomon.

There isn't a lot in the Bible about falling in love, but there is a lot about love. Perhaps that in itself is a great lesson. If "falling in love" doesn't make the transition to "loving," the relationship will last no longer than the feeling. Feelings come and go. But true love is enduring.

The enduring nature of love rests on the solid foundation of God's love for us. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). God saves us, not because we are lovable, but because he loves. We love, because He first loved us (1 John 4:19).

Euripides said, "He is not a lover who does not love forever." By that definition, God is the first and only real lover. We become true lovers when our love becomes like his.

Have you noticed that God did not make love the criteria for entering the Kingdom? We are commanded to love God with all that we are and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Yet love is not the key to the kingdom.

"To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved" (George MacDonald). There was a time when I did not believe what George MacDonald said. I thought that being loved was the greatest compliment of all. But I have come to see that loving says more about the one who loves than about the one who is loved. Trust, however, is always about the other person.

In salvation, God does not first ask us to love him. We failed to keep that commandment long ago. Rather, he first asks us to trust him, for that is about who he is. While we often fail in loving as we should, he has never failed. Therefore, he is worthy of our trust. Before we can walk the heights of love ourselves, we must learn to trust the unfailing love of God.

Love is not the key to the kingdom. Rather, it is the evidence that we found the key, opened the door, and entered. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:35). As our love becomes more like God's love, we do not boast except to say that we learned it from him. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16).

Love,
Interim Pastor Bob



**AMERICAN
RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE**

**Rocky Hock Baptist Church Multi-Purpose Building
Tuesday, March 21st from 2:00 - 7:00 PM**

Baptist Women



wmu.org
written by Aileen Mejia

Missions Is All About Doing What Jesus Commanded Us To Do

Growing up in the church and attending GA class, I would always hear about these amazing missionaries who traveled across oceans to different places around the world and participated in missions.

However, as the years went by, I formed the common misconception that missions had to be a grand gesture, like week-long missions trips abroad, to be considered missions. It wasn't until much later that I realized the things I was already doing in my community were missions. The times I helped in the food pantry or helped with the kids during the summer were both a part of missions.

I think sometimes we overthink and overcomplicate missions. Missions is all about doing what Jesus commanded us to do. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus commanded us to go and make disciples of all nations.

We also tend to lose sight of the main motive of living a mission lifestyle. We live on mission and go on missions trips to bring others to Christ. We disciple people and share the good news with them because we want them to be a part of God's kingdom.

Missions can be an expensive trip to rebuild houses in a third-world country, but it can also be a morning spent helping with a canned food drive in your community. The most important part of missions is the action you take to help someone come to know and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

I feel called to missions because it is something that I love doing. Knowing that my acts of service can spread the light of Jesus to others that desperately need it is enough reason to keep doing missions. Missions is something that Jesus called all followers to do, and that is exactly what I want to do.

I also feel called to missions because you can form life-changing connections with people. I love hearing the life stories of the people I meet and what they have gone through.

In the same way, it is amazing to be able to share my life experiences and get to tell others how God has changed my life. The ability to form these connections and to serve in missions have been significant moments in my life.

Doing missions and ministering to others can be difficult, which is understandable. There are moments in my own life when it is hard for me to feel comfortable talking to people, too. But as a follower of Christ, the Holy Spirit resides in you and He will be the push that moves you to connect with other people.

By leaving your comfort zone, with the power of the Holy Spirit, you can do amazing things. God can do amazing things through you. All you have to be is open to what God asks of you, whether it is moving to another country to share your belief in God or simply having a heart-to-heart conversation with your neighbor. Either way, the impact you could have on others by allowing yourself to leave your comfort zone for God is too big for you to ignore.



The Baptist Men's Breakfast this month will be on February 19th at 7:30 AM. Gentlemen, please join us in the Special Function Room for breakfast, devotion, and fellowship.



Region 1 Missions Rally - February 28th at Edenton Baptist Church

The Rally highlights the variety of opportunities NC Baptists have to be involved in missions across our state, nation and world. Featured will be worship, testimonies, mission videos, and a prayer time for missions. A main focus will be state, national, international partnerships and projects (including Disaster Relief) and the NC Missions Offering. A meal is provided at no charge, but reservations are necessary one week **PRIOR** to the event to ensure an accurate meal count. You may register by sending an email to Melanie Crawford at mcrawford@ncbaptist.org or online at <https://baptistsonmission.org/events/region-rallies> or by calling 919-459-5596. The meal will begin at 5:45 pm, followed by the program from 6:50 pm-8:30 pm.

“Instruct them to do what is good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share.”
~ 1 Timothy 6:18

Join us as we live out this scripture through our **Richly Give Campaign**. Once again, our church has chosen the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry to be our focus and receive our love for the month of February. We hope to fill 400 bags for those in our community who are struggling to provide food for their families. Thanks to Food Lion for providing the paper bags, which you may fill and bring back to the church. Bags of food can be dropped off in the Connecting Corridor on Monday - Friday from 8 AM - 4:30 PM or in the vestibule at designated tables on Sunday mornings and evenings and Wednesday evenings.



Sunday, February 26th will be our Richly Give Sunday. We will have a Packing Party that evening at 6:00 in the Gym. Last year, we collected over 1,800 lbs. of canned goods, dry goods, and personal products, as well as gift cards. Please join us this month as we show God's love to our neighbors and community!



Our next Quarterly Church Conference is on Wednesday, February 22, beginning with a meal at 6:30 PM. The Conference will begin at 7 PM. Everyone will meet in the Gym. 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 February 14.

Senior Adults Appreciation Supper
(for those age 60 and up)
March 6th at 6 PM in the Gym

Please sign up for this catered meal by February 26th in order for us to be prepared for the correct number attending. Sign-up sheets are in the Vestibule, Senior Adult Building, and Foyer of the Multi-Purpose Building. Please sign up on only ONE list! For more information, contact Betty Bass.



Youth Summer Camp @ Ridgecrest
Monday - Friday, June 12th - 16th
for Students in Grades 6 - 12

Children's Camp @ Eagle Eyrie Conference Center
in Lynchburg, VA
Monday - Friday, June 26th - 30th
for Children in Grades 2 - 5



Sign-up sheets are in the Foyer of the Multi-Purpose Building. Deposit of \$75 due by February 20th to hold your spot. Total cost of Camp is \$250 (minus the \$75 deposit). Space is limited, so sign up today! For more information or any questions, contact Pastor Justin.



Deacon Ministry



Deacon Team of the Week

1/29/23 - 2/4/23

Lee Bass, Allen Nixon, Ellis Tynch

2/5/23 - 2/11/23

Wayne Bunch, David Spruill, Chris Sykes

2/12/23 - 2/18/23

Keith Rollins, Scott Noble, Mike Evans

2/19/23 - 2/25/23

Russell Byrum, Keith Nixon, Phil Smith

2/26/23 - 3/4/23

Adam Bunch, Ted Peele, Oscar White

Attendance:

SS

Worship

12/25/22:	N/A	205
1/1/23:	185	208
1/8/23:	190	261
1/15/23:	177	239
1/22/23:	190	222

February Deacon Greeters

Senior Adult SS Center: Allen Nixon

Sanctuary Main: Keith Rollins

Connecting Corridor: Chris Turner

Multi-Purpose Main Entrance: Sam Tynch

LOVE GROW SERVE



February Ushers:

Adam Bunch, Wayne Copeland,
J. C. Forehand, Allen Nixon,
Mike Nixon, Bill Smith, Jay White

February Offering Team:

Allen Peele (Chair), Adam Bunch,
Keith Rollins, Phil Smith,
Chris Sykes, Ellis Tynch

February Counting Committee:

Emily Byrum, Jasper Evans,
Lee & Ruth Jordan, Bill Smith



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

Cereal



Children's Page

For children of all ages!



ATTENTION PARENTS!

If you have children who participate in RHBC's Children's Ministry, please sign up for the new REMIND account. There are two ways to sign up . . .

Online:

<https://www.remind.com/join/rockyhoc>

or Text:

@rockyhoc to 81010

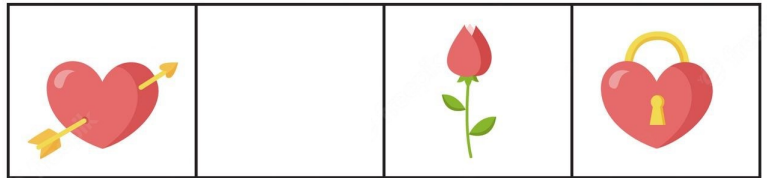
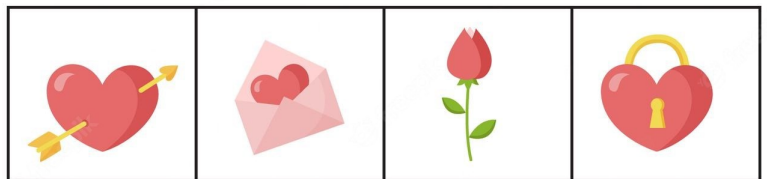
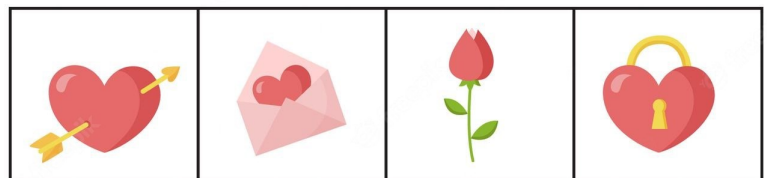
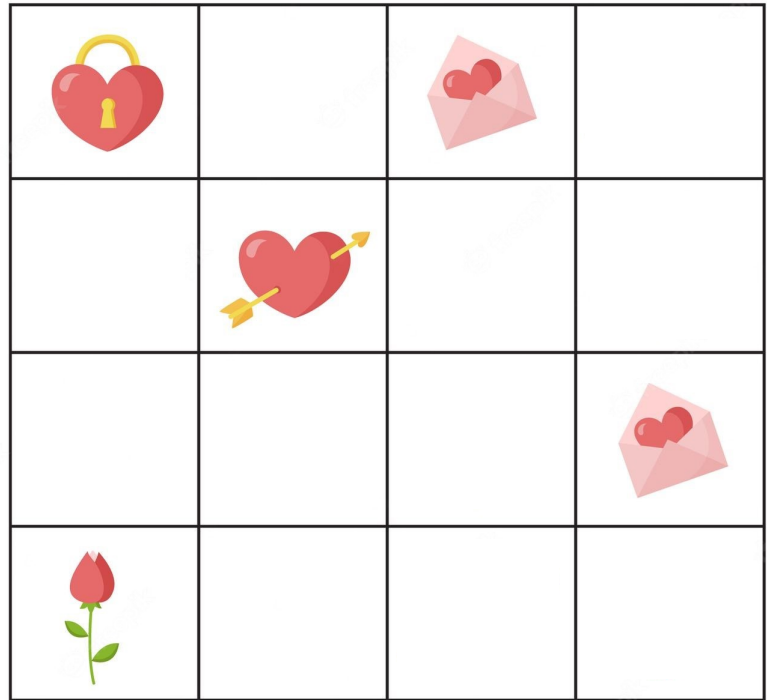
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENT



Manteo Trampoline Park - Sunday, February 19th following Morning Worship. We will return to the church by 6 PM. The deadline to sign up is January 31st. Please RSVP via the REMIND app.

RA's Derby Race

Friday, February 24th at 7 PM in the Gym



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Practice Schedules, Game Schedules, Church League Rules, and Parent Assignments (officials, clock operators, score keepers, concessions, and clean-up crews) are now available in the foyer of the Multi-Purpose Building. For those who would like to come out and cheer on our children and youth, the **Home Games** are as follows . . .

2/4/23 - Rocky Hock vs. Ballard's Bridge

2/11/23 - Rocky Hock vs. Edenton Baptist

Games begin at 4:30 PM with Grades K - 2 (Co-ed).

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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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