

The Rocky Hock Anchor

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



New Chapters and New Beginnings

I am incredibly excited about getting started at Rocky Hock. I am excited about settling into a new routine of ministry. I am excited about leading you in the worship of our Savior. I am very excited about getting to know each of you and building relationships in the church. I am excited to begin

the process of making disciples and ministering the Gospel. Perhaps, more than anything, I am excited to see God move through the proclamation of His Word to His church.

At Rocky Hock Baptist Church, we have a unique opportunity ahead of us. It is the opportunity to start over. We face a fresh beginning; one in which we will build a new staff, cast a new vision, and embark on a new journey together. This church has been through some hard times over the past few years. And, there are a lot of hurts that need to be healed, tears that need to be cried, trust that needs to be rebuilt. But, the scriptures tell us something important about hard times: God never wastes them. He uses them to produce fruit and build faith in the life of His children and His church. God will not waste the tears of the past; He will use them to produce in us a deeper hunger for the Gospel, and perhaps, richer unity in Christ.

The question we all must ask is where will we fix our eyes? Will we look to the past to deal with the pains and disappointments? We certainly need to seek healing for the past, but generally speaking, fixing our eyes on the past only stirs up the pain without healing it. Perhaps we can then look to the future and place our hope in what is to come. Unfortunately, none of us knows what is coming in the future, and fixing our eyes on our desires in the future will only set us up for further disappointment. Instead, we must fix our eyes on Christ, who will not disappoint. It is only in Christ that we find healing for the past, meaning for the present, and hope for the future. Our path forward is clear. Let us fix our eyes on the author and perfecter of our faith. It is only in Him that we find our new beginning.

Grace and Peace,

Matt Dupuy

Our next Quarterly Church Conference is on Wednesday, May 24th, 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 May 17th.



Baptist Women



Will You Leave Your Jar at the Well?

by Amanda Martinsen

WMU NC Leadership Development Consultant and Resource Coordinator

“Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” ~ John 4:28-29 (NIV)

The woman at the well. I’ve read and studied her story many times. Maybe you have, too. But there is a detail in her story that stood out to me recently that I had not caught before in all the times I have read it.

“Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town...”

She left her water jar. The very thing that is the reason she had gone to the well in the first place, gets left behind. All because of a radical encounter with Jesus.

She had a past and He knew it. She was there alone in the heat of the day and He knew why. She needed the hope of redemption and He could offer it. Being in the presence of Jesus changed her forever. So much so, that she couldn’t keep the transformation to herself. She left everything behind, and we see her become the first to go and tell about Jesus.

But what if she had remained hindered by her past? What if she let everything else and everyone else define who she could be for God? So often we let our past define us for Kingdom service, but God is the one who defines us and refines us for His service. Our identity is rooted in Him.

One of the lies the enemy likes to use the most is that God can’t use you because of your past. But nothing could be further from the truth. The woman at the well is one of many examples we see in scripture of God using the least likely of people to carry out His commission to go and tell. Watch for the ways God has redeemed you and how the circumstances in your life can be used for His glory. That then becomes part of your testimony, and it’s part of who you are as a leader.

The truth is we will never have it altogether. I’ve not met a leader yet that has it altogether. We all have a past and we will all struggle with things at times. Remember God calls you, He prunes you, He refines you, and He wants to use you. Don’t let the fear of your past stop you from leading.

After being with Jesus, the woman at the well was so transformed that she couldn’t help but run back into town to tell others about Him. She left it all behind - - the shame, judgement, and the fear of what others thought about her, to go and tell everyone about Him.

May you and I have that same fervor to go and tell. To share our testimonies of God’s faithfulness and redemption in our lives. To be ready to make a move and respond to His leading. To always be open to the ways He calls us to live on mission right where we are.

May we be ready and willing to always leave our jars at the well.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the NC Baptist Children’s Homes **Food Roundup** during the month of April! Your generosity in providing food, supplies, and gift cards ensures that the BCH can provide 3 meals a day plus snacks to the children they serve. By filling their plates, you fill their hearts. For more information on how you can get involved in “sharing hope and changing lives,” visit bchfamily.org.



The Baptist Men’s Breakfast this month will be on May 21st at 7:30 AM. Gentlemen, please join us in the Special Function Room for breakfast, devotion, and fellowship.



Baby Dedication

Mother's Day, May 14

Married couples who are members of Rocky Hock Baptist Church (*at least one parent must be a member*) and have had a baby born since last Mother's Day are invited to participate in this service of dedication during Morning Worship. If you wish to be included, please call the Church Office (221-4133) or email Linda (lbunch@rhbce.org) to add your name to the list.



Widow / Widower Dinner

Friday, June 2 @ 6 PM in the Special Function Room



The Deacons are hosting a 3 course meal for the widows and widowers of the church. The meal starts with a salad. The main course includes hamburger steak with onions and gravy, mashed potatoes, and green beans. There will be sliced cake for dessert. Mr. Sammy Morris will be singing and Mr. Chris Sykes will give a devotion. Sign-up sheets are in the Senior Adult Building, Vestibule, and Connecting Corridor. Deacons will be able to pick up members who need a ride. Please indicate if you need a ride on the sign-up sheet. The deadline to sign up is May 26. All Inactive and Honorary Deacons are invited to help serve.



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



Full camp payment is due May 1st. Total cost of Camp is \$250.
 For more information or any questions, contact Meredith Tynch.



VBS 2023 - Twists and Turns

July 10 - 14 from 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! You'll need to bring your A-game for this VBS! **Twists & Turns** is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives. They'll find that even when they mess up, it's never "game over."



Deacon Team of the Week

4/30/23 - 5/6/23

Steve Evans, Bill Smith, Chris Turner

5/7/23 - 5/13/23

Donald Bass, Allen Peele, Sam Tynch

5/14/23 - 5/20/23

Carroll Evans, Ruston Howell, Danny Lewis

5/21/23 - 5/27/23

Lee Bass, Allen Nixon, Ellis Tynch

5/28/23 - 6/3/23

Wayne Bunch, David Spruill, Chris Sykes

May Deacon Greeters

Senior Adult SS Center: Ruston Howell

Sanctuary Main: Adam Bunch

Connecting Corridor: Phil Smith

Multi-Purpose Main Entrance: Allen Nixon

LOVE GROW SERVE



May Ushers:

Neal Bass, Tony Bass, Matthew Evans,
Leon Hemmings, Stanley Tynch,
Bob Wallace

May Offering Team:

Allen Nixon (Chair), Donald Bass,
Wayne Bunch, Ruston Howell,
Danny Lewis, Chris Turner

May Counting Committee:

Mike Evans, Frank & Hope Gosser,
Billy & LouAnn Elliott



<u>Sunday Attendance:</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
3/26/23:	197	242
Evening		57
4/2/23:	185	247
Evening		82
4/9/23:	1 87	329
No Evening Worship - Easter		
4/16/23:	181	254
Evening		81

Wednesday Evening Attendance:

3/29/23:	77
4/5/23:	76
4/12/23:	63
4/19/23:	92



The request from RHBC this month is:

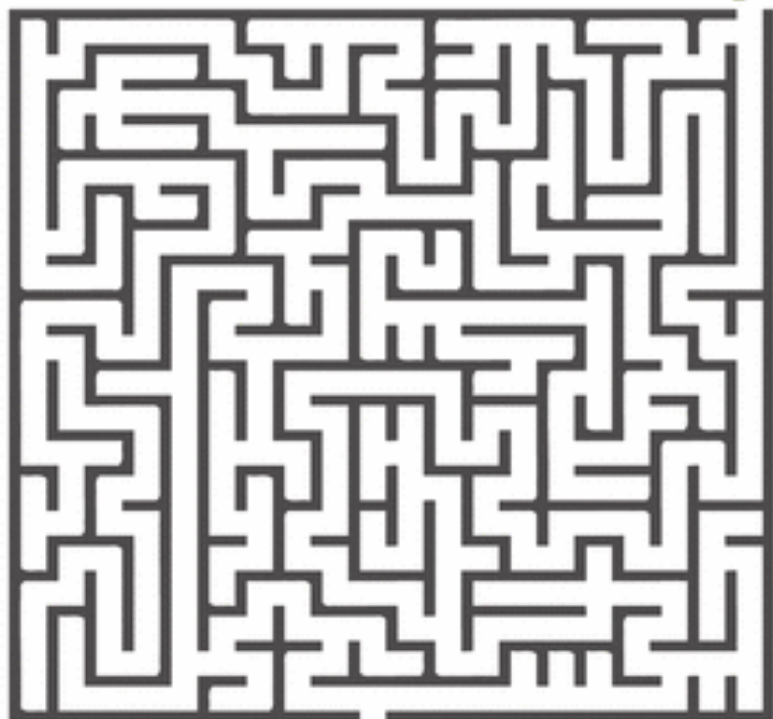
Soup



Children's Page

For children
of all ages!

**Help the
Butterfly find
the Flower!**



Children in Grades K - 5 are invited to join us as we put on the "full armor of God" (Ephesians 6:10-18) at this Children's Ministry Event on Sunday, June 4th from 2:00 - 5:00 PM on the Church Campus.



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The God Loves You Tidewater Tour with Franklin Graham will be at the American Legion Fairgrounds in Edenton on Sunday, May 7th at 4 PM. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket for sitting, as this is an outside event. The music, program, and parking are **FREE!** For Senior Adults and others who might worry about parking and walking some distance on uneven ground while carrying a lawn chair, we plan to take the church bus and drop you off at the entrance. Lawn chairs can be stored in the luggage compartment of the bus. We will return

to the entrance to pick you up at the end of the service. Due to the expected crowd, we will need to leave the church by 3 PM, so please be here in time to load the bus and depart by then. Sign-up sheets are in the Senior Adult Building and the Connecting Corridor. Please sign up no later than April 30th so we know how many would like to ride the bus. **We encourage everyone to attend this special event, so Evening Worship and Children & Youth Activities have been canceled at RHBC for May 7th.**

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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)
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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Mrs. Donna Peele, Pianist
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