

The Rocky Hock Anchor

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



"That which we have seen and heard, we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ."
~ 1 John 1:3

This text gives us a picture of what the church should be. John says that he has written this entire book so that the people reading it may have fellowship with Him. His purpose for the proclamation of the Gospel is for the sake of their fellowship. Is fellowship that important to you? Do you see fellowship as the reason you are proclaiming the Gospel? Or even the reason that engagement in church is good or pleasing? John is writing with a different definition of fellowship than we usually work with. John then points out that his fellowship is not primarily with other people but with the Triune God. God has existed eternally in perfect fellowship. The Father loves the Son and the Spirit. The Son perfectly loves the Father and the Spirit. And the Spirit loves and glorifies the Father and the Son. They are perfectly unified and happy in their relationship with each other.

The Gospel is an invitation to join them in that fellowship. We are invited into the perfect, glorious, and eternal relationship in the Godhead. The closer we draw to God, the closer we get to the Father through the blood of Christ and the indwelling of the Spirit. But it is also the case that the closer we get to God, the closer we get to other believers who have also joined in the fellowship of the Trinity. The Gospel binds us to God and it binds us together. The more passionately we seek Christ, the more tightly we are bound to one another. So let us pursue the God who has pursued us by sending his only Son as a propitiation for our sins.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Matt



Sunday - Wednesday, October 8th - 11th

Beginning with a Covered Dish Meal @ 6 PM
(Please bring a dish for your family and one to share!)

Followed by Revival @ 7 PM

Speaker: Dr. Heath Faircloth

Dr. Heath Faircloth has been shepherding Hillcrest Baptist Church in Kernersville, NC since April 2019. He is married to his bride Leann and together they have 3 children: Joshua, Savannah, and Asher. He is a graduate of both Southeastern College in Wake Forest and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also has a second Master's Degree from Piedmont Divinity School at Carolina University, as well as a Doctorate of Ministry with a Concentration in Church Leadership from the same school. He is a lover of Jesus, his family, others, and all things SC Gamecocks!



Baptist Women



Oneness in Christ - Live in Love through Unity with Fellow Believers

by Susan Lafferty

As missionaries serving with the International Mission Board, my family and I came back to the United States every few years for our stateside assignment. We looked forward to speaking in various churches and sharing with missions groups about how we'd seen God at work in our place of service.

My husband and I spoke to both large congregations with multiple services and small churches with few members. What never failed to inspire and encourage me was the fact that no matter the size, every congregation could take part in spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth. How? Through praying, giving, going, and sending.

The Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention collects offerings of various amounts from churches of all sizes. Combined, these offerings fund many different ministries that impact people around the world. When we give together, we can do much more than as individual congregations. We cooperate and seek unity in taking the good news to our communities, states, nation, and world.

The early church learned the importance of oneness for the sake of the gospel. With one heart and mind, believers joined their resources to provide for church members' needs.

Before Jesus went to the Cross, He had a final evening of teaching with His disciples. John 13-16 reveals what happened that night and what Jesus taught them.

John 17 records the prayer Jesus prayed that same evening for Himself, His disciples, and all believers. In His petition for all believers, He prayed "that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you" (v. 21). As we study Acts 4:32, we will see answers to His prayer as well as attempts to destroy that unity.

The immediate events leading up to our focal passage in Acts 4 were dramatic. Peter and John had healed a lame man in the name of Jesus. A crowd gathered and Peter began to preach the gospel. The two apostles were then arrested by the religious leaders for "teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead" (v. 2). Despite their arrest, many who heard the message believed.

When Peter and John were brought before the religious leaders, Peter again spoke the truth of the gospel. The leaders found it hard to bring a case against them, so they let them off with a warning, ordering the apostles not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter responded courageously in the face of opposition. He assured them, "We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard" (v. 20).

Pray for believers who face opposition and persecution even as you read this. Pray they would have a holy boldness to seek the Lord and keep sharing the gospel with those who have never heard.

Pray Philippians 2:1-5 for your church. Thank God for church unity, and pray He would expose any attempt of the enemy to destroy it.

Our Red Box item this year for the women prisoners is soap. It has to be at least 4 oz. and no more than 5 oz. and in the box or cover it came in. We will collect soap until October 22. If every woman in our church will bring at least one bar of soap, we can make a difference in the lives of the women prisoners.

November 4th is a very important date! Come and SPARKLE FOR JESUS at Edenton Baptist Church, 200 S. Granville St., Edenton. Breakfast will begin at 9:30 AM. Our speaker is Caroline Jones, former missionary to Chile, former staff member of National WMU in Birmingham. She is going to teach us how to use our jewelry to inspire us to pray. Bring a piece of jewelry that is special to you. We will have a wonderful time of prayer.



The Baptist Men's Breakfast this month will be on October 15th at 7:30 AM.

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





(for all those who consider themselves as such)

**Friday, October 6th
@ 6 PM in the Gym**

Hosted by the Deacons and Youth

Entertainment provided!

Menu: Pork loin, mashed potatoes,
green beans, and desserts

The Youth and Deacons of Rocky Hock Baptist Church would like to invite our Senior Adults to a dinner in their honor. We would like to show our appreciation and serve you in this special way over a meal and light entertainment. We believe it is very important for all ages to unite in fellowship and service to God. Please save the date and plan to join us! Sign-up sheets are available in the Senior Adult Sunday School Center, Vestibule, and the Connecting Corridor. Deacons will be available to give rides, so please let us know on the sign-up sheet. Deadline to sign up is Friday, September 29th.

Painting Class

The Senior Adult Committee is hosting a Painting Class with Susan Birckhead for our Senior Adults. The class will be painting angels on Sunday, October 29th at 2:30 PM in the Special Function Room. Sign up sheets are located in the Vestibule, Connecting Corridor, and Senior Adult Building. Please sign up if you plan to attend so proper supplies will be available for each person. The deadline to sign up is October 22nd.



Special Offerings in October

October 8th - World Hunger / NC Baptist Children's Homes

October 29th - 5th Sunday Missions Offering

The Chase Bateman Memorial Blood Drive

in coordination with the American Red Cross will be held on Tuesday, November 21st from 1:00 - 6:00 PM in RHBC's Multi-Purpose Building. Appointments can be made at redcrossblood.org and enter RHBC. Please come out to donate blood in memory of Chase who passed away on November 9th, 2021 as a result of an ATV accident.



BLOOD DRIVE



Deacon Team of the Week

10/1/23 - 10/7/23

Russell Byrum, Keith Nixon, Phil Smith

10/8/23 - 10/14/23

Adam Bunch, Ted Peele, Oscar White

10/15/23 - 10/21/23

Steve Evans, Bill Smith, Chris Turner

10/22/23 - 10/28/23

Donald Bass, Allen Peele, Sam Tynch

10/29/23 - 11/4/23

Carroll Evans, Ruston Howell, Danny Lewis



<u>Sunday Attendance:</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
8/27/23:	185	257	83
9/3/23:	170	247	66
9/10/23:	196	245	106
9/17/23:	189	250	97

Wednesday Evening Attendance:

8/30/23:	83
9/6/23:	93
9/13/23:	72
9/20/23:	82

October Deacon Greeters

Senior Adult SS Center: Chris Turner

Sanctuary Main: Sam Tynch

Connecting Corridor: Chris Sykes

Multi-Purpose Main Entrance: Allen Peele



October Ushers:

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

October Offering Team:

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

October Counting Committee:

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



The request from RHBC this month is:

Rice

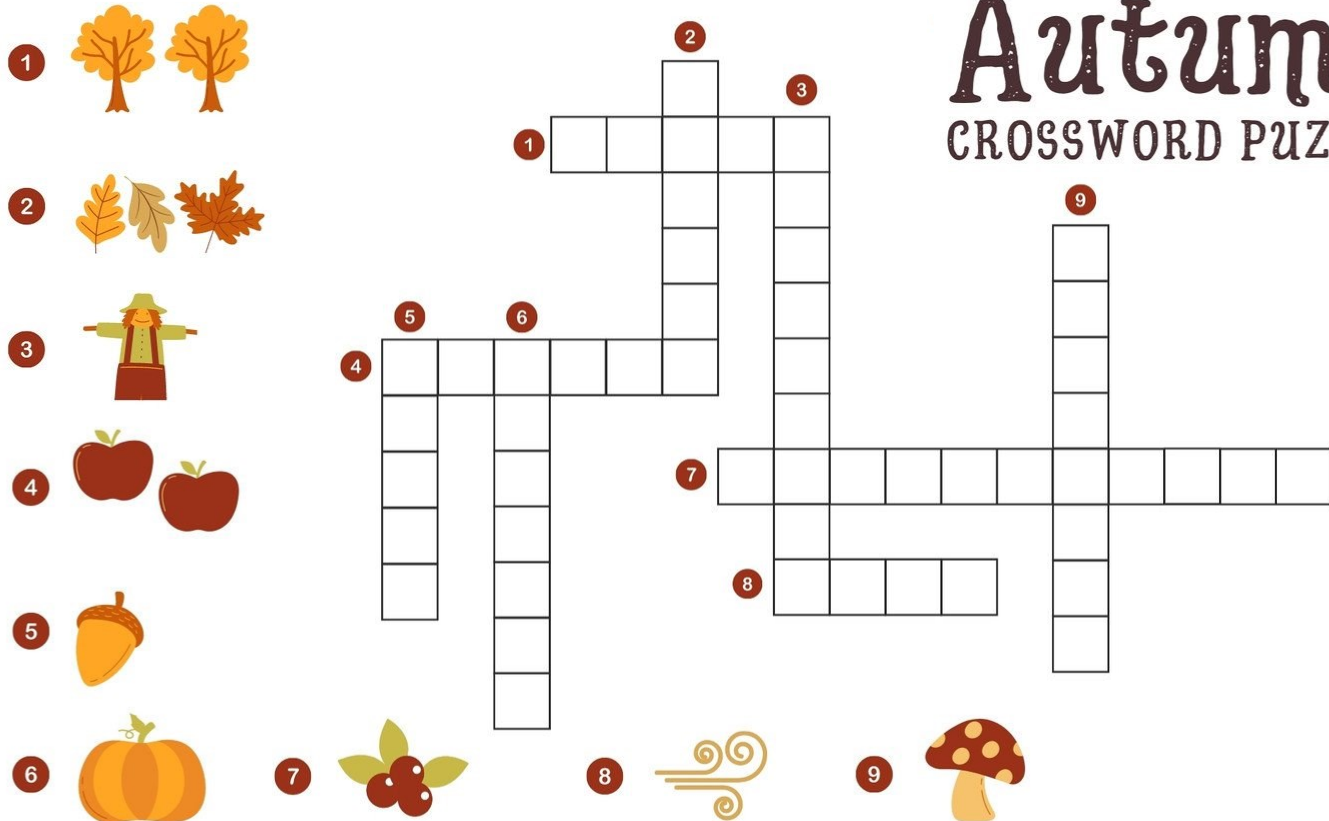


We also received word that they need
canned corn, canned chicken, canned tuna,
Spaghetti-O's, Ravioli, jelly, and
assorted soups and gravy packets.

Children's Page

For children
of all ages!

Autumn CROSSWORD PUZZLE

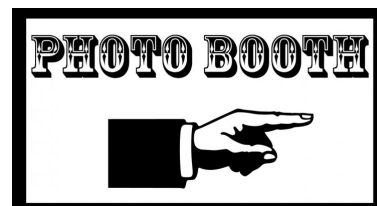


RHBC's Annual Trunk or Treat

When: Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Where: Church Parking Lot

Please bring a bag for your treats!



We will be collecting candy for this event in the Connecting Corridor. There will be a sign-up sheet in your Sunday School Class and in the Connecting Corridor for those who would like to decorate a trunk. We would love to have 50 trunks this year! For more information, contact Kimberly McPherson at 252-722-3642.

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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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