

The Rocky Hock Anchor

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



For several weeks, the focus of our Sunday morning services has been unity. We are called as the people of God to live in unity, but what does that mean? The reality is in every church, there is a great deal of diversity. We all come from different places with different life experiences, different giftings, different educations, different abilities, different desires, different convictions, different nuances of theology, and different ways of responding to the world around us. So, then, how do you take such diverse and different people and expect them to walk in unity? By focusing on what

we do have in common, Christ. By the work of Christ, we are all living in the reality of the same Gospel, we are all indwelt by the same Spirit, we are all walking in the same redemption, and we are all living for the same inheritance. Our focus should never be unity, our focus should always be the person, work, and Gospel of Jesus Christ; and if it is, we will be unified because we are all going in the same direction. So, then, is your life centered around the pursuit of Jesus? Is that your primary pursuit?

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Matt

The Search Committee for the Associate Pastor of Youth & Children is excited to bring candidate Jesse Burris before the congregation. Jesse, his wife, Krys, and daughter, Piper will be here November 8th - 12th to fellowship and worship with us. An itinerary of events is as follows . . .

Youth Worship: Wednesday, November 8th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Youth Suite. Food will be provided. Pastor Jesse will lead Youth.

Set-up for Church-wide Event: Wednesday, November 8th after Adult Prayer Meeting and Children & Youth Activities. We will need help setting up tables and chairs in the Gym for the Church-wide meal planned for Sunday. Anyone willing to lend a hand, please go to the Gym!

Children's Event: Saturday, November 11th from 9:00 - 11:00 AM - ***Pancakes and Pajamas*** in the Special Function Room. Breakfast, games, and lesson by Pastor Jesse.

Youth Event: Saturday, November 11th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at A. J. Smith & Sons Farm. BBQ, pumpkin cannon, bonfire, s'mores, and fellowship. Please sign up in the Youth Suite if you need transportation to the event.

Church-wide Event: Sunday, November 12th immediately following Morning Worship. Catered Lunch in the Gym. Pastor Jesse will give his testimony and answer questions from the congregation.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party: Sunday, November 12th at 6:00 PM. Everyone will meet in the Gym.

Church members will vote on Pastor Jesse Burris as Associate Pastor of Youth & Children at Rocky Hock Baptist Church on Sunday, November 19th at the Morning Worship Service.

Baptist Women



Is Jesus on My To-Do List?

by Kristin Trick, Missionary with LINC-UP Missions serving in Brazil
(sent from Parkwood Baptist Church in Concord, NC)

Ministry leaders, pastors, and missionaries make many appointments—lunch meetings, evening trainings, speaking engagements, coffee chats. In the US, we are sure to be five minutes early in an effort not to be disrespectfully late. **I had a teacher who drilled into my head that “to be early was to be on time and to be on time was to be late.”** So, imagine my surprise when I entered a new culture as a missionary to an unreached people group in northeastern Brazil. I was convinced that Brazilian clocks and watches must keep time differently than mine. People came to dinner 30, 40, 50 minutes late. Church services started late. Friends showed up to our daughter’s birthday party two hours late. I was beyond confused and often, beyond angry. I could not wrap my head around why people would be so disrespectful.

After spending much time with these same people, I began to see a trend. Being late was not always a show of disrespect. During our early time in Brazil, we did not have a vehicle and relied on others to take us places. I realized our friends would allow themselves to be late to their own scheduled engagements in order to take us to a church service or the grocery store. People would stop to chat with a friend on the street with no regard for time. Relationships were first. People came before appointments. Sometimes tardiness was a result of someone just following custom and coming whenever they chose, but there was never an attitude of disrespect. It was merely cultural.

In John 4, Jesus met the woman at the well at an hour unusual for women to frequent the well. However, it was an appointed hour set by God. Jesus was there for a reason, to speak with a specific lady. **Through this encounter, her town heard the Good News of Jesus.** I can imagine the conversations among the disciples. Surely, they knew that this route, this rest at the well, would change their schedule. I wonder what they had to say to Jesus about this delay. Certainly, they shook their heads in wonder. How often do we get caught up in daily, set schedules, and miss opportunities to share the love of Jesus? How often do we stay tight to our routines and allow relationships to get swept away in to-do lists and reminders?

In our village context, the Gospel is shared through story-telling in homes. Appointments are verbally made and never written on a yellow sticky note. One Sunday, our leaders scheduled a time to story-tell in the home of two nonbelievers. We all headed to the back of the village at the appointed time. We noticed a man walking down the road toward us. It was the gentleman with whom we were to meet. He was headed out somewhere, not our meeting. He told us his wife had something else to do, and we would have to meet another time. Though this is a common, cultural practice that didn’t take us by surprise, we are always frustrated and disheartened when this happens. However, relationships are first. Our leader did not become angry with the gentleman, but casually chatted with him about life. I felt we had missed an opportunity to share the gospel. We had missed an opportunity to tell someone the Good News of Jesus Christ. But our native leader continued building a friendship and relationship with this nonbeliever.

Instead of turning around and heading home, we did what we planned to do. Our leader suggested we go back to another house and share the stories we had prepared. Probably similar to some of the disciples, I shook my head and wondered if it was even worth deviating from our set schedule. We shared the gospel with two other nonbelievers that night. Was this the appointed hour God had set for their ears to hear the Good News? Was I allowing man’s schedule to dictate God’s timing? Was one man’s tardiness and cancellation leading us to the open heart of another?

Of course, Jesus knew that the woman would be at the well at the sixth hour. I did not know who else we may encounter that evening. What I do know is that God’s timing often does not align with my iPhone calendar. His timing is just that, His timing. Our eyes must be looking for the next open heart searching for a Savior. Isn’t that what we are charged with in The Great Commission? Go, tell, and make disciples. It doesn’t say, “Go at 8:00 on Friday. Tell at 9:30 on Saturday. Make disciples at 10:30 on Monday.” We must go, tell, and make disciples when He gives us the opportunity. I do not suggest showing up two hours late to a birthday party in the US. I don’t even suggest trashing our sticky notes. But, **I do wonder where sharing the Good News is on my daily to-do list.** Does God allow tardiness and cancellations to write His name back on our list of things to do? That friend stuck in traffic could allow us an extra few minutes with a colleague who needed gentle words of encouragement. Being five minutes late to coffee (or maybe just right on time) allows us an opportunity to support a frightened college student entering his first interview. The cancellation of storytelling in one home may lead to salvations in the next home. Let’s take a page out of the Brazilian playbook and build relationships, encourage friendships, and support one another in the unexpected moments. **Maybe that is the appointed hour God has allowed for someone to hear the Good News of Jesus!**



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 12th at 6 PM. Everyone will meet in the Gym that evening.



The Baptist Men's Breakfast this month will be on November 19th at 7:30 AM.

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



Harvest Day Offering



**Sunday, November 19th
at 11:00 AM Worship**

Donate for the Chase Bateman Memorial Blood Drive

Tuesday, November 21st from 1:00 - 6:00 PM in RHBC's Multi-Purpose Building

Make your appointment now - times will fill up fast! Visit redcrossblood.org and enter RHBC or use the Red Cross app. All blood types are critically needed. If you need help with your appointment or would like to volunteer, please call or text Rhonda Bass at 252-337-5766.

A Letter from a Mom

Chase Bateman was just 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. During the first 24 hours, Chase received 36 units of that blood. 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 care of a 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!"

(Written by Natalie Phelps, mother of Chase Bateman)



Our next Quarterly Church Conference will be on Wednesday, November 29th, 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 Wednesday, November 22nd.



Deacon Team of the Week

10/29/23 - 11/4/23

Carroll Evans, Ruston Howell, Danny Lewis

11/5/23 - 11/11/23

Lee Bass, Allen Nixon, Ellis Tynch

11/12/23 - 11/18/23

Wayne Bunch, David Spruill, Chris Sykes

11/19/23 - 11/25/23

Keith Rollins, Scott Noble, Mike Evans

11/26/23 - 12/2/23

Russell Byrum, Keith Nixon, Phil Smith

November Deacon Greeters

Senior Adult SS Center: Wayne Bunch

Sanctuary Main: Ellis Tynch

Connecting Corridor: Donald Bass

Multi-Purpose Main Entrance: Danny Lewis

LOVE GROW SERVE



November Ushers:

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

November Offering Team:

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

November Counting Committee:

Ed & Judy Hughes,
Leon Hemmings, Keith Rollins



<u>Sunday Attendance:</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
9/24/23:	194	294	92
10/1/23:	173	253	88
10/8/23:	180	287	191 Revival
10/9/23:			136 Revival
10/10/23:			118 Revival
10/15/23:	154	238	81
10/22/23	171	254	97

Wednesday Evening Attendance:

9/27/23:	73
10/4/23:	103
10/11/23:	150 Revival
10/18/23:	84



The request from RHBC this month is:

Jelly



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!

Sign up now for
Church Basketball!



Sign-up sheets are in the
Multi-Purpose Building
Foyer.

Age groups are as follows:

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade
(Boys & Girls)

3rd - 5th Grade
(Boys & Girls)

6th - 8th Grade Boys

6th - 12th Grade Girls

9th - 12th Grade Boys

Coaches are needed, too!

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

PUMPKIN MAZE



PANCAKES AND PAJAMAS



Kids, wear your favorite pajamas!

November 11th
from 9:00 - 11:00 AM
in the Special Function Room

Join Pastor Jesse Burris, our Candidate
for Associate Pastor of Youth & Children,
as we enjoy breakfast, games, and devotion.
Parents, if your children will attend,
please RSVP to Kimberly McPherson by
Saturday, November 4th.

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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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