

# The Rocky Hock Anchor



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



It's a new year and with it comes new and exciting adventures for Rocky Hock Baptist Church. I am very excited about the new year and it looks like we will be kicking things off with a bang! As of right now, we have two candidates who will be presented to the church for our two vacant positions. I can't wait for you to meet these guys! I have found them to be men of God who desire to lead Rocky Hock to a deeper walk with Christ, while also impacting the world around us

for the Kingdom of God. Hiring for these positions is a major hurdle that we have been trying to get over since I have been here, and hopefully, this is the moment that we will be able to get there.

I want to say a short word about resolutions in the coming year. It is my prayer that in the coming year, our resolve will be more than just physical, but that we will be committed to growing spiritually. Perhaps you want to strengthen your prayer life, or maybe you wish to go deeper into the Word of God. No matter what you are seeking in your resolutions, there is something you should know: nothing about January 1st makes you any more resolute than you were on December 31st. So, if you think that the change of a year will make you any better at seeking these new goals, then you are deceiving yourself. I would like to suggest something to help with this endeavor: instead of just making a goal, make a plan. Don't just say I want to pray more; plan out how you are going to accomplish that goal. Set aside a time that you are planning to pray, make a list of things you desire to pray about, and then find somebody to help keep you accountable for these goals. Often what we characterize as a lack of resolve is a lack of planning. So, as you make your New Year's Resolutions, remember, they will only be as successful as the plans that you make with them.

Happy New Year!

**Pastor Matt Dupuy**



## New Deacons for 2024:

Carroll Evans	J. C. Forehand
Keith Nixon	Scott Noble
Oscar White	

## Deacon Officers for 2024:

Chair: Phil Smith  
Vice-Chair: Carroll Evans  
Secretary: Danny Lewis

# News from our Search Committees...



**The Search Committee for the Associate Pastor of Youth & Children** is excited to bring candidate Trey Rogers before the congregation. Trey and his wife, Julianna, will be here January 3rd - 7th to fellowship and worship with us. An itinerary of events is as follows . . .

**Youth Worship:** Wednesday, January 3rd from 6:45 - 8 PM in the Youth Suite. Food will be provided. *Pastor Trey will lead/teach the Youth.*

**Youth Event:** Friday, January 5th from 6:30 - 8:30 PM in the Gym. Food will be provided. *Game Night with Pastor Trey.*

**Children's Event:** Saturday, January 6th from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM in the Multi-Purpose Building. *Pizza with the Pastor: Games, lesson, and lunch with Pastor Trey.*

**Church Basketball:** Saturday, January 6th - Games begin at 4:30 PM in the Gym (RHBC vs. St. Paul's / Open Door). Pastor Trey will be cheering us on!

**Sunday School:** Sunday, January 7th at 9:45 AM in the Multi-Purpose Building - *Pastor Trey will teach the Next Level Sunday School Class.*

**Morning Worship:** Sunday, January 7th at 11 AM in the Sanctuary - *Special music provided by Pastor Trey & Julianna.*

**Sunday Evening:** Sunday, January 7th at 6 PM in the Gym - *Church-wide Social with Refreshments.* Pastor Trey will give his testimony and answer questions from the congregation.



**The Search Committee for the Associate Pastor of Worship & Discipleship** is also excited to bring a candidate before the congregation. Fernando Castro, his wife, Amanda, and their three children, Manuela (8), Olivia (5), and Benicio (3) will be here January 10th - 14th to worship and fellowship with us.

Fernando has a Bachelor of Arts in Music and Piano, as well as a Master's Degree in Education. He is gifted with the ability to create welcoming and uplifting environments, fostering spiritual growth and community through music. His ministry is marked by his strong commitment to leading worship and directing choirs, as well as organizing events that cater to a wide range of audiences and engage the congregation in meaningful musical expressions of worship.

Several events are currently being planned, including a Church-wide Lunch in the Gym following Morning Worship on Sunday, January 14th. Look for a complete itinerary of events in an upcoming bulletin.

# Baptist Women

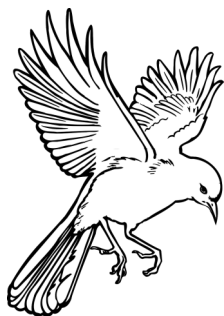


## On the Journey . . .

by Sandy Wisdom-Martin, WMU Executive Director / Treasurer

Think about a new year and your spiritual house. Are you covered? Psalm 91 paints a beautiful picture of God sheltering us beneath His wings. We typically attribute the writing of the Book of Psalms to David. However, Psalms had multiple writers. David wrote about half. Many scholars contend Moses wrote Psalm 91, although I read one who made a pretty strong case the author was David. Whether Moses or David or someone else penned the words, we know God created the content. The beautiful prose provides assurance to those who put their faith in God.

In the New International Version, Psalm 91 is 16 verses with 273 words. Reading the entire Psalm at a medium pace takes less than two minutes. The first four verses can be read in less than 20 seconds.



- <sup>1</sup> Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
- <sup>2</sup> I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."
- <sup>3</sup> Surely he will save you  
from the fowler's snare  
and from the deadly pestilence.
- <sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his feathers,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

This may be a passage you want to read daily in 2024. Amid the chaos that swirls around us constantly, these verses anchor our hope and give great confidence in God. Those who are in communion with the Almighty are under His divine care. You are covered because you trust in Him.

In 2024, will you have to deal with evil attempts to ensnare you? Yes, possibly. But it's OK. You're covered. What about attacks from enemies? It's OK. You're covered. Should you be fearful? No, you're covered. You have been placed in the charge of holy angels. Whether you read these verses, say them aloud, or even sing them, let them remind you to shelter in His care and console you with the truth that He will do what He says.

*Father, thank you for covering me. You are my refuge. You are my hiding place. You are my protector. You are my deliverer. In You, I place my hope and trust. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

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The Baptist Men's Breakfast this month will be on January 21st at 7:30 AM.

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



**Camp sign-up sheets** are in the Multi-Purpose Building Foyer. CentriFuge for Youth is June 10 - 14, 2024 and CentriKid for Children is June 24 - 28, 2024. Parents should have already received a message through the remind app. The first deposit is due by February 2, 2024.





### Deacon Team of the Week

#### 12/31/23 - 1/6/24

Allen Nixon, Ellis Tynch, Lee Bass

#### 1/7/24 - 1/13/24

David Spruill, Chris Sykes, Wayne Bunch

#### 1/14/24 - 1/20/24

Scott Noble, Mike Evans, J. C. Forehand

#### 1/21/24 - 1/27/24

Keith Nixon, Phil Smith, Russell Byrum

#### 1/28/24 - 2/3/24

Ted Peele, Oscar White, Adam Bunch

### January Deacon Greeters

Senior Adult SS Center: Donald Bass

Sanctuary Main: Carroll Evans

Connecting Corridor: Oscar White

Multi-Purpose Main Entrance: Phil Smith



### January Ushers:

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

### January Offering Team:

Danny Lewis (Chair), Donald Bass,  
Wayne Bunch, Carroll Evans,  
Keith Nixon, Oscar White

### January Counting Committee:

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



### Sunday Attendance:

	<u>SS</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
11/26/23:	167	235	100
12/3/23:	185	231	?
12/10/23:	171	251	110
12/17/23:	157	234	?

### Wednesday Evening Attendance:

11/29/23:	80
12/6/23:	75
12/13/23:	75
12/20/23:	Drive-Thru Nativity



The request from RHBC this month is:

## **Dried Beans**





# Children's Page

For children  
of all ages!



**NO Practices on January 1st!**

Tuesday, January 2:

6 – 7 PM - K - 2nd Grade Co-ed  
7 – 8 PM - 3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed

Wednesday, January 3:

8 – 9 PM - Mid/Hi School Girls

Thursday, January 4:

6 – 7 PM - Middle School Boys  
7 – 8 PM - High School Boys

**GAME - Saturday, January 6**

RHBC vs. St. Paul's / Open Door  
@ RHBC

Monday, January 8:

6 – 7 PM - K - 2nd Grade Co-ed  
7 – 8 PM - 3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed

Tuesday, January 9:

6 – 7 PM - Middle School Boys

Wednesday, January 10:

8 – 9 PM - Mid/Hi School Girls

Thursday, January 11:

6 – 7 PM - High School Boys

**GAME - Saturday, January 13**

RHBC vs. Ballard's Bridge  
@ Ballard's Bridge

Monday, January 15:

6 – 7 PM - K - 2nd Grade Co-ed  
7 – 8 PM - 3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed

Tuesday, January 16:

6 – 7 PM - Middle School Boys

Wednesday, January 17:

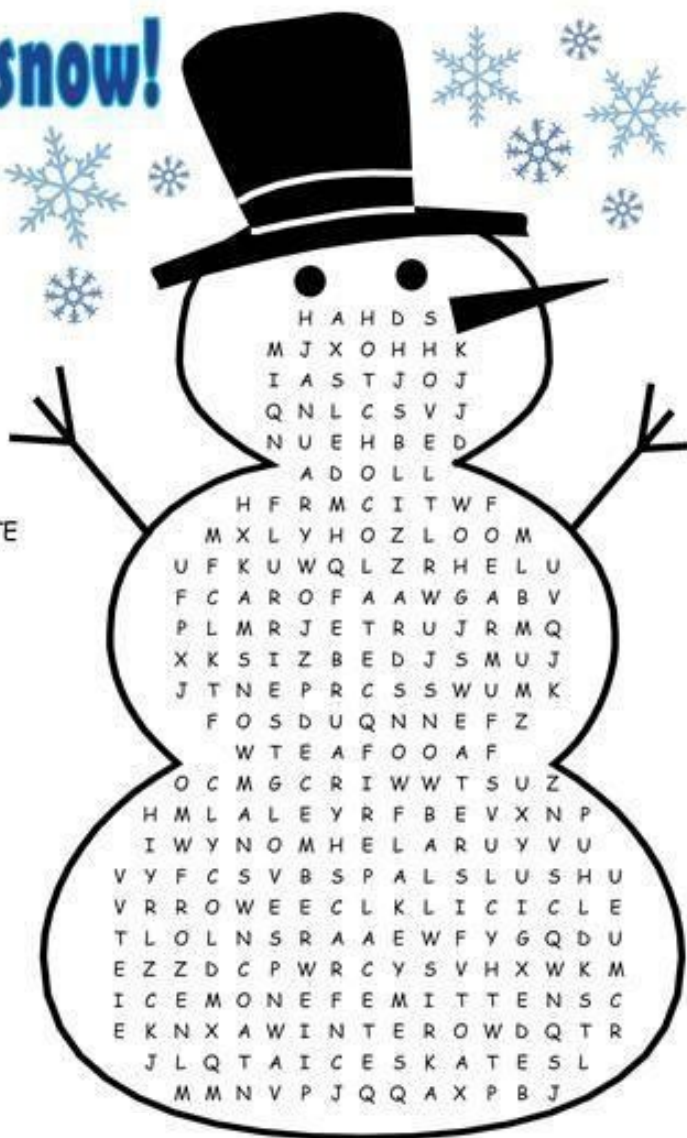
8 – 9 PM - Mid/Hi School Girls

Thursday, January 18:

6 – 7 PM - High School Boys

## Let it snow!

BLIZZARD  
COAT  
COLD  
DECEMBER  
EARMUFFS  
FEBRUARY  
FIREPLACE  
FLURRIES  
FROZEN  
GLOVES  
HOT CHOCOLATE  
ICE  
ICE SKATES  
ICICLE  
JANUARY  
MITTENS  
SCARF  
SHOVEL  
SLED  
SLUSH  
SNOWBALL  
SNOWFLAKE  
SNOWMAN  
SWEATER  
WINTER



**GAME - Saturday, January 20**

RHBC vs. Edenton Baptist  
@ RHBC

Monday, January 22:

6 – 7 PM - K - 2nd Grade Co-ed  
7 – 8 PM - 3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed

Tuesday, January 23:

6 – 7 PM - Middle School Boys

Wednesday, January 24:

8 – 9 PM - Mid/Hi School Girls

Thursday, January 25:

6 – 7 PM - High School Boys

**GAME - Saturday, January 27**

RHBC vs. St. Paul's / Open Door  
@ RHBC

Monday, January 29:

6 – 7 PM - K - 2nd Grade Co-ed  
7 – 8 PM - 3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed

Tuesday, January 30:

6 – 7 PM - Middle School Boys

Wednesday, January 31:

8 – 9 PM - Mid/Hi School Girls

Thursday, February 1:

6 – 7 PM - High School Boys

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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](http://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; ISM - Middle/High School Youth - Youth Suite;  
RA's - RA's Room, upstairs; GA's - GA's Room, beside foyer; Mission Friends - 2 year olds Classroom

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