

The Rocky Hock Anchor



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



In my devotional time, I noticed something recently. In Psalm 33:18 it says, "Behold the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, On those who hope for his lovingkindness." In the very next Psalm, verse 15 says something similar, "The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry." In both of these texts, we see an idea that the eyes of the Lord are upon someone. I found myself asking the question what does it mean that the eyes of God are upon me? After all, doesn't he see everything? Doesn't he know all? It does not mean that by my actions I

have caught God's attention and caused Him to notice me; he sees all and knows all. It means that God is looking upon me with care. If I tell my children that I am watching over them, it doesn't mean that they have finally gotten me to notice them, it means that in love and tenderness, my protective and loving attention is devoted to them. I am seeing them in love and pursuing them in care. This is what it means: He sees and hears you and He cares.

Notice who his eyes are over. They are described in 3 ways: those that fear Him, those that hope for His lovingkindness, and those who are righteous. In essence, these are 3 ways of describing the same thing: a person who seeks to surrender to the mighty hand of God while living a life of worship to Him. And as we do this, we can delight Abba is watching, His caring, protective, tender gaze is upon us. So I encourage you this month to seek Him. Hope in His lovingkindness. Pursue the righteousness provided in Christ.

Grace and Peace!

Pastor Matt Dupuy

Please join us on Friday, March 29th at 7 PM in the Sanctuary for a Good Friday Service. There will be music (led by Pastor Matt) and we will celebrate The Lord's Supper. All are invited!



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

RHBC is responsible for feeding the Boys & Girls Club on the following dates for the rest of this school year: March 26 and April 23. There are 150 children registered in the club, with a normal after-school attendance of 125 – 130. There are two options for feeding them: 1) You can prepare a hot meal and deliver it to the club at 3 PM on the appropriate date, or 2) You can bring food the preceding day for their kitchen staff to prepare. Some groups bring hot dogs or hamburgers (to be cooked by the kitchen staff) and buns,

along with potato chips, while others bring pizza and a sweet treat or chicken tenders and macaroni & cheese.

If your Sunday School Class or Women's Circle would like to volunteer to feed the Boys & Girls Club, there is a church budget line item to reimburse a portion of your cost, up to \$150. If you would like to sign up for one of the dates listed above or if you have any questions, please contact Keith Rollins at 337-5392 or 221-8993. Thanks for helping us fulfill this mission opportunity!



*The Lord said, "I will go with you and give you peace."
~ Exodus 33:14 (CEV)*

On Sunday, November 3, 1996, a group of mountain folk gathered for a special church service. Nestled in the rural backwoods of North Georgia, just a stone's throw from the NC State Line, they convened for a "note-burning" ceremony; their debts had been paid!

In the late 80's, this church was on the "leaving side" of a bitter split from a church only 2 miles down the road. After several months of meeting in a schoolhouse, they contacted my recently-retired Pawpaw about being their first Pastor. His response was simple and to-the-point: "I don't want to come unless the Lord is going with me." After much prayer, he discerned that the Lord was, indeed, leading Him to the church, and it was a blessed time in the Lord.

Some years later, my Dad became their Pastor. And on November 3, 1996, *my first birthday*, he oversaw their "note burning" ceremony. I don't remember much... but, fortunately, we have video footage of the event! My Pawpaw preached the Sermon of Consecration. In it, he reiterated his earlier sentiment to the church – he had accepted the Pastorate for one reason, and one reason only -- because God had given His blessing.

It was mere happenstance that I came across this old VHS tape at my parents' house in December 2023. We were in the process of seeking God's will, and were still in conversations with the Search Committee here at Rocky Hock. From the beginning, we knew that God was in it... yet, we knew we would be leaving a lot of family and friends to accept this call – not to mention, the mountains, which we love.

As I sat there, amidst my wondering... my Pawpaw's voice pierced through the TV screen, and I heard him say: "I didn't want to go unless God was going with me." And I'm glad I came, because look at what God has done through you wonderful people.

In this moment, God granted us peace and serenity. I knew it wouldn't be long before we would be "east bound and down, loaded up, and truckin'" for Edenton. And, I knew that we would be going with God's full endorsement and help.

I want you to know that we're excited to be here... and we're here on call from God. I'm so excited to serve alongside you all and worship Jesus with you each and every week! Something special is happening in our Youth and Children's departments... I can feel it, and I think you can, too! Can I get an "Amen?"

Pastor Trey

We are now collecting Easter candy (no chocolate) for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt which will be in March.

A collection bin is in the Connecting Corridor.

Glow-in-the-Dark Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 23rd from 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Ages: Preschool - 5th Grade

Hot dogs, devotion, music, games and CANDY!



Camp sign-up sheets are in the Multi-Purpose Building Foyer.
CentriFuge for Youth is June 10 - 14.
CentriKid for Children is June 24 - 28.
The 2nd deposit of \$75 is due April 12.



Baptist Women



Missions Here and There / This Month's Spotlight

by NAMB Staff

from Missions Mosaic, March 2024

Closing lines are important. For better or for worse, some of history's greatest figures are remembered for their last words. Benjamin Franklin's final words were, "A dying man can do nothing easy." As he was dying, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, author of the Sherlock Holmes stories, turned to his wife and said, "You are wonderful." And moments before he passed away, Winston Churchill whispered, "I'm bored with it all."

We read about them, and we talk about them. Sometimes we might even etch them in stone. We assign special significance to famous last words.

The Gospel writer Mark recounted the most famous last words in all of history. In Mark 16, just before Jesus' disciples watched Him ascend into heaven, Mark wrote, "He said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.' " (vs. 15, ESV)

Jesus' final earthly command was for everyone, then and now, who would believe in His name and commit to follow Him. For the last 2,000 years, anyone who has crossed a street, a continent, or an ocean to "proclaim the gospel to the whole creation" has done so in obedience to this Great Commission.

When some people hear the word obedience, they picture an unwelcome list of troublesome but necessary chores. Yet, for those of us who've embraced Jesus' free gift of salvation, obedience is a by-product of the grace we've received. As Jesus told His disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." (John 14:15, ESV)

The task of making Jesus known is not a burden but rather a privilege.

Your North American missionaries are committed to making Jesus known. In cities, small towns, and everywhere in between, they are striving to reach the 281 million people estimated to be lost across the United States and Canada.

Here are ways you can pray:

- Strength for every missionary family to be steadfast in obedience to their calling
- God to reveal to every believer the role we're called to play in fulfilling the Great Commission

The Week of Prayer for North American Missions is observed annually by Southern Baptist churches to pray for missionaries, their ministries, and their families. As you give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and pray alongside your Southern Baptist brothers and sisters, you are helping make Jesus known.

Belva White, RHBC Baptist Women



March 9, 2024 - VIP Party for Mentally and Physically Challenged Adults @ Camp Cale

Registration begins at 9:45 AM and the program starts at 10:30 AM. Lunch will be served. Please contact Nancy Scaff, Associational WMU Director, at 252-339-4328 if you can volunteer or you would like to make a donation to help with the event expenses.

BAPTIST MEN

The Baptist Men's Breakfast this month will be on Sunday, March 17 at 7:30 AM in the Special Function Room. Gentlemen, please join us for good food, fellowship, and devotion!





Deacon Team of the Week

2/25/24 - 3/2/24

Allen Nixon, Ellis Tynch, Lee Bass

3/3/24 - 3/9/24

David Spruill, Chris Sykes, Wayne Bunch

3/10/24 - 3/16/24

Scott Noble, Mike Evans, J. C. Forehand

3/17/24 - 3/23/24

Keith Nixon, Phil Smith, Russell Byrum

3/24/24 - 3/30/24

Ted Peele, Oscar White, Adam Bunch

March Deacon Greeters

Senior Adult Building: Chris Sykes

Sanctuary Main Entrance: Allen Peele

Connecting Corridor: Wayne Bunch

Multi-Purpose Main Entrance: Ellis Tynch



March Ushers:

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

March Offering Team:

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

March Counting Committee:

Ed & Judy Hughes,
Leon Hemmings, Keith Rollins



<u>Sunday Attendance:</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
1/21/24:	150	209	83
1/28/24:	181	275	85
2/4/24:	180	225	93
2/11/24:	178	242	80
2/18/24:	171	258	76

Wednesday Evening Attendance:

1/24/24:	93
1/31/24:	94
2/7/24:	54
2/14/24:	69



The request from RHBC this month is:

Spaghetti Sauce





A STORY OF HOPE

Kinzie Frey - Blood and Platelet Recipient

After months of vague symptoms and emergency room visits, 6 year old Kinzie Frey was diagnosed with Stage 4, High Risk Neuroblastoma, a type of cancer that can grow into tumors. Her tumor was collectively the size of a mini basketball, originating on her right adrenal gland and was tangled throughout her abdomen, wrapping around veins, arteries and organs from her heart to her pelvis.

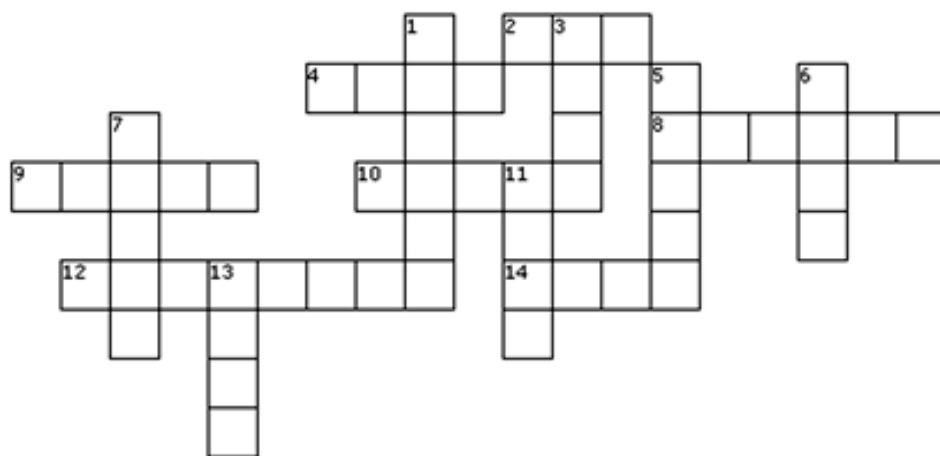
Kinzie's doctor immediately began an aggressive treatment protocol to fight the cancer and prevent it from returning. After her second round of chemo, she had a procedure to remove some of her stem cells. The cells were preserved and given back to her during two stem cell transplants. Each transplant required a month in the hospital and strict precautions that prevented her from returning to school or going to public places.

Kinzie developed a late complication from the stem cell transplant that caused her body to break down blood cells at an alarming rate and required numerous blood and platelet transfusions. Over 18 months, Kinzie received 46 red blood cell transfusions and 72 platelet transfusions. Her mother, Holly Bosse, says, "If it weren't for the generosity of blood donors, Kinzie wouldn't be here with us today. Those blood donations aren't only a gift to Kinzie, but to our family, friends and supporters."

Our next Blood Drive will be on March 19th from 1:00 - 6:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Building. Visit redcrossblood.org and enter RHBC to make your appointment. Also, we cannot have this drive without volunteers. Call or text Rhonda Bass at 252-337-5766 for any questions. There will be a drawing for an original painting by local artist and author, Susan Birkhead. Susan's recent book, ACROSS THE FIELD, with images and history of Warren Grove Missionary Baptist Church was featured at the North Carolina Museum of History in February. Susan has been blessed with the gift of painting and photography. I can't wait to see what she will have for us!

In addition, all presenting donors will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a pet supply merchant of your choice. Please join us at our Blood Drive and give "The Gift of Life!"

Easter Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. To shed tears
4. The opposite of alive
8. A heavenly being
9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus'tomb
10. The color that is the opposite of black
12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

DOWN

1. The male parent
3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
5. The opposite of late
6. A period of seven days
7. An adult female person
11. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
13. The opposite of light

He is not here. He has risen!

Words taken from John 20:1-18 (NIV)

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A review of the newsletter mailing list is in progress. If you do not receive the **April** edition of *The Anchor*, your name was most likely removed. However, if you wish to continue receiving the newsletter by mail, please notify the Church Office by phone (252-221-4133) or by email (lbunch@rhbce.org) and your name will gladly be added back to the mailing list.

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; 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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