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The Rocky Hock Anchor

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





It's hard to imagine, but I am approaching one year at Rocky Hock. As I reflect on the past year, I am struck by all that the Lord has done in our Church. We have seen several Baptisms as the Lord is drawing people to life in His Son. We have seen a movement of discipleship through the Pure Milk Studies. God has brought a great addition to the Pastoral Staff. But perhaps the thing that best catches my attention is how he has united us together with this church family. Rocky Hock feels like home now and for that, I am so grateful. I am

grateful for this past year and I am looking forward to the year to come. Thank you for all of your support and friendship—you mean the world to me!

Grace and Peace!

Pastor Matt Dupuy



Sunday - Wednesday, April 7 - 10 Covered Dish Meal nightly at 6 PM Revival nightly at 7 PM

Speaker: Rev. Bob Young

Pastor Bob, retired Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church and 2-time Interim Pastor at Rocky Hock Baptist Church, will be leading our Revival Services on Sunday, April 7th, beginning with Morning Worship at 11 AM and continuing Sunday Evening through Wednesday Evening, April 10th, at 7 PM. Anyone who would like to join us before the service nightly at 6 PM for a Covered Dish Meal in the Special Function Room is invited to do so, just bring a dish or two to share. Begin praying now for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit during these services!

"Let's return to the LORD. He has torn us to shreds, but he will bandage our wounds and make us well."

~ Hosea 6:1

Our next Quarterly Church Conference will be on Wednesday, April 24th, beginning with a meal at 6:30 PM. The Conference will begin at 7 PM. Everyone will meet in the Gym. Please complete a connection card if you plan to attend. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, April 17th!



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"Worshipping As We Work"

We've had a busy week at Rocky Hock! In the last 7 days, we've had a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross, Senior Food Distribution, Associational Bible Drill, Churchwide Q & A Conference, a 4-H meeting, and preparation for our upcoming "Glow-in-the-Dark" Easter Egg Hunt; plus, all of our regularly scheduled events, such as: Women's Circle Groups, Bible Studies, Staff Meetings, Youth &

Children's Ministries, etc. That's not to mention our students' sports games from Lawrence Academy, to JAHHS, to Northern Chowan, and beyond!

But, wait! There's more! We also have some important upcoming events: A Good Friday Service, Easter Sunday, a Baptism Ceremony for 3-4 young men on April 7th, and Spring Revival starting that same day!

This is great news! And I rejoice in knowing that God is using the people and facilities of Rocky Hock in such a way! These facilities were meant to be used for His glory and it does my heart good to see this place alive, active, and worshipping through service and preaching the Gospel!

Yet... it's also in busy seasons such as this that we can be in danger of losing sight of the main thing amidst our work.

Have you ever been there? I know I have! It's easy to start magnifying the "stuff" that needs to get done... all the while losing sight of what matters most!

So, how exactly does Christ want us to navigate these busy seasons?

In Luke 10:38-42, we read the story of Jesus visiting the home of Mary and Martha – two devout followers – who responded to His visit in two very different ways.

³⁸ "Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. ⁴⁰ But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, 'Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me.' ⁴¹ And Jesus answered and said unto her, 'Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: ⁴² But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.'" (Luke 10:38-42)

Notice that Jesus never condemned Martha for her work; He never inferred that her work wasn't necessary or appreciated! But... her attitude stunk! So, He lovingly addressed it!

Martha had become so focused on everything being perfect that she had forgotten that Jesus Christ, the perfect Lamb of God, was in her home! While she should've been joyful and worshipping Him with her work... she was just busy and bitter. On the other hand, Mary kept "the main thing, the main thing," and Jesus commended her for it!

How will Jesus find us amidst our "busyness" as we prepare our hearts for revival? As for me and our AWESOME Youth & Children's Ministry Teams, our goal is to "keep the main thing, the main thing." We will worship as we work.

Pastor Trey

CentriFuge for Youth is June 10 - 14

CentriKid for Children is June 24 - 28



Camp Payments

The second deposit of \$75 is due April 12. The final payment of \$100 is due May 1. Or, you can pay the full amount of \$250 any time before May 1.



Saptist Women





Ladies Event - Painting Scripture Rocks April 6th from 10 AM - 2 PM in the Special Function Room

Join us as we paint rocks with Christian messages to place downtown in Edenton. Catina Byrum, White Oak School teacher and artist, will be here to help us! Everyone bring a salad dish of your choice and we will have lunch and fellowship together. Please sign up if you plan to attend. Sign-up sheets are located in the Vestibule, Connecting Corridor, and Senior Adult Building.



The Baptist Men's Breakfast this month will be on Sunday, April 21 at 7:30 AM in the Special Function Room. Gentlemen, please join us for good food, fellowship, and devotion!



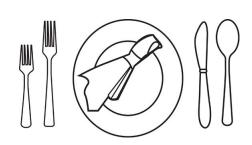


Three Nights of Stewardship with *PROVISION*

Join us on Sunday evenings, April 21st, April 28th, and May 5th at 6 PM in the Sanctuary as Scott Setzer, a representative of *PROVISION Financial Resources of NC Baptists, Inc.* shares the variety of services offered to individuals, churches, and organizations. *PROVISION* aims to encourage and enable faithful and wise financial stewardship for **the glory of God** and **the good of the world**.

Widows & Widowers Supper Friday, April 26 @ 6 PM in the Multi-Purpose Building

The Deacons will be hosting a meal for the widows and widowers of the church. The meal includes hamburger steak with onions and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and dessert. Pastor Trey & Juli will entertain us with music and Chris Sykes will give a devotion. Sign-up sheets are in the Senior Adult Building, the Vestibule, and the 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 April 19th. All Inactive and Honorary Deacons are invited to help serve.



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Deacon Team of the Week

3/31/24 - 4/6/24

Chris Turner, Steve Evans, Bill Smith

4/7/24 - 4/13/24

Sam Tynch, Donald Bass, Allen Peele

4/14/24 - 4/20/24

Ruston Howell, Danny Lewis, Carroll Evans

<u>4/21/24 - 4/27/24</u>

Allen Nixon, Ellis Tynch, Lee Bass

4/28/24 - 5/4/24

David Spruill, Chris Sykes, Wayne Bunch

April Deacon Greeters

Senior Adult Building: Donald Bass

Sanctuary Main Entrance: Danny Lewis

Connecting Corridor: Mike Evans

Multi-Purpose Main Entrance: Steve Evans



Sunday Attendance:	<u>SS</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
2/25/24:	187	270	59+adults
3/3/24:	180	274	89
3/10/24:	180	262	111
3/17/24:	171	260	56

Wednesday Evening Attendance:

2/21/24:	64+adults
2/28/24:	85
3/6/24:	98
3/13/24:	83
3/20/24	102



April Ushers:

Lee Jordan, Ellis Tynch, Paul Ward, Aundra Harrell, Jay Parrish

April Offering Team:

Ellis Tynch (Chair), J. C. Forehand, Allen Peele, Phil Smith, Chris Sykes, Sam Tynch

April Counting Committee:

Aundra Harrell, Mary Louise Phelps, Phil & Rene` Smith, Ellis Tynch



During the month of April, we will be collecting specific items for the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry's Children's Summer Nutrition Program (Backpack Buddies). Following is what we need: Station #1 - boxed mac & cheese, canned green beans, peanut butter, jelly, canned chicken, baked beans. Station #2 - pasta, pasta sauce, canned corn, SpaghettiOs, cereal. Station #3 - individual size: fruit cups, applesauce, pudding cups, and Jello cups; Nutri-grain bars, Lance crackers, ramen noodles, fruit snacks. For more information, please contact Amanda Howell by phone at 252-258-9521 or by email at winkhowell@gmail.com.

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Children's Page

For Children of all ages!



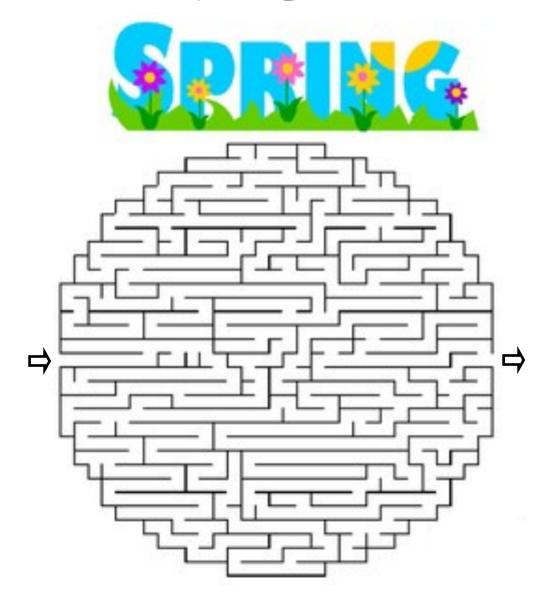
State Bible Drill is on Saturday, April 13th at Mt. Airy Baptist Church in Pembroke, North Carolina

Students participating at the State Level are:

Suzanna Dupuy Hosea Dupuy Ayden McPherson

Please be in prayer for our students and parents who are attending.

We are so proud of our ENTIRE team! Thanks for all your hard work!



Baby Dedication

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th

Married couples who are members of RHBC 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 or email Linda at the Church Office to add your name to the list.



Food Drive

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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; 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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Mr. Trey Bass, Security
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Mrs. Doris Tynch, Custodian

