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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.





Wow, what an awesome spring we have had so far!

- the celebration of the Cross and Resurrection at the end of March.
- a wonderful time during our Revival Services with Pastor Bob Young from April 7th - 10th; I am grateful for his faithfulness in the proclamation of the Word.

However, it remains to be seen if it was indeed a Revival. Remember, Revival is not a kind of Church Service. It's also not a scheduled event. Instead, Revival is the movement of the spirit of

God that causes a renewed love for his Word in the personal lives of the revived.

This Renewal causes a fervency in prayer and a deep and reverent fear of God. So, did we have a Revival at Rocky Hock Baptist Church? My answer is, "We can!"

True Revival isn't measured in moments or days, it's a renewal that lasts years and decades. The work of Revival will be seen in the lasting effects of the proclamation of the Word. So, the real question is: "Are you seeking Revival now?" Now that Revival Services have ended, are you allowing the Word of God to continue to change you? Oh Lord, bring Revival!

Grace and Peace!

Pastor Matt Dupuy Senior Pastor



# **Baby Dedication**

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th

Married couples (in which at least one parent is a member of RHBC) who 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, call or email Linda at the Church Office to add your name to the list. Also, please email 4 or 5 pictures of the baby to Pastor Trey no later than Monday, May 6th so he can prepare the video for the service.



The Baptist Men's Breakfast this month will be on Sunday, May 19th at 7:30 AM in the Special Function Room. Gentlemen, please join us for good food, fellowship, and devotion!



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### "Rescued from Lostness"

In the spring of 2009, I was a 6th grade student at Hayesville Middle School. Mrs. Bourne, my Social Studies teacher, had nominated me to be a delegate at the *People to People World Leadership Ambassador's Program* in Washington, D.C. I had the privilege of being 1 of 2 students representing the state of North Carolina that year, and it was a great week! We got to see all the sites, including the nearby

Gettysburg Battlefield. *And, this is where things get interesting...* 

While in Gettysburg, we were given some free time at the Museum. I'm not sure how it happened, but somewhere along the way... I got separated from my group. I couldn't find them anywhere! After several minutes of trying to keep calm, I began to panic...and then I began to run. I ran through the museum from start-to-finish... *twice!* To top it off, our bus driver had already told us that "if we got left behind, it was our own fault." So I knew I was in trouble.

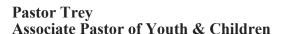
In a moment of total desperation, I approached an older couple and asked for help. Within minutes, I was reunited with my group... who had apparently been waiting on me! Needless to say, I was thankful they didn't leave me behind, and I was thankful I had asked for help.

Have you ever gotten *lost* like this? I'm not talking about taking the wrong exit off the interstate. And I'm not talking about how you feel when you're unable to understand your son's or daughter's trigonometry homework. I mean... LOST, lost. At some point, we've all been there; we realize that we're lost, and *we need to be rescued*.

Is that you, today? Do you need God to meet you amidst your "lostness" and show you the way out? Do you need Him to *rescue you*? Christ, the Good Shepherd (Jn. 10:11), is able to locate you and lead you on your journey and restore your soul! All you've got to do is ask!

"The Good Shepherd searches the 'far country' for His lost sheep... He goes into the hard wilderness of cold indifference and wasteful pride and desolating sin, searching "high and low" for His foolish sheep. And no place is unvisited by the Great Seeker! Every perilous ravine, where a sheep can be lost, knows the footprints of the Shepherd. And He knows my far-country and He is seeking me!"

~ J.H. Jowett







# **Graduate Sunday - June 2nd**

We are preparing to honor our graduating High School and College Seniors with a special service to cover them in prayer as they step into the next stage of their life journey. Please send any names to Pastor Trey so that he can make sure they are included. College grads should inform the Church Office of their degree and the college or university from which they graduated. Also, if there are any Junior Class Marshals, please let us know that, as well. Information is needed no later than May 26th. Pastor Trey will reach out to the graduates to let them know more details about this special day. We look forward to sharing in this momentous occasion with each one!

# Baptist Women



from Missions Mosaic, May 2024 by Audrey Hector, Retired Mental Health Therapist and Engineer, Freelance Writer and Author, Conference Speaker and Life Coach

# Nine-to-Five Opportunities Sharing the Gospel While at Work

Evangelism in the workplace looks quite different from, say, going door to door. To effectively share our faith, we must prayerfully ask God for opportunities, build good relationships, and let our lifestyles be a witness.

#### PRAY FOR OPPORTUNITIES

As a mental health counselor, I couldn't speak about my faith with clients unless they were the first to mention it. I decorated my office with items that subtly spoke of my relationship with Christ and asked God for opportunities to share my faith.

I used counseling techniques aligned with biblical principles. Whenever a client mentioned God, I explained, "We're not supposed to talk about our faith unless you initiate the conversation. Since you've brought up the subject . . ." Then I shared biblical principles related o the client's circumstances more directly during that visit. Colossians 4:3 exhorts us to pray for such opportunities: "And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ."

#### **BUILD GOOD RELATIONSHIPS**

I worked for a company that purchased a new facility, and many of us worked more than 60 hours each week for months. The stress was evident in my demeanor and behavior. I asked God to help me stop complaining, and I began to pray silently for every person I passed.

I suggested we share potluck lunches each Friday. We talked with whoever grabbed a bite at the same time. People became more engaging and friendly. My coworkers questioned why I was more friendly, Positive, and peaceful. I could then "give the reason for the hope that [I] have." (1 Peter 3:15)

#### LET YOUR LIFESTYLES BE A WITNESS

There was something different about Blue Suit, my coworker who was nicknamed for an outdated casual suit he wore. He was always genuine, encouraging, diligent, and empathetic. I'm sure he heard all the derogatory remarks from the rumor mill. Coworkers made comments as he passed them, but he always smiled. He avoided gossip, never complained, and continued loving, serving, and encouraging.

After observing his behavior for several months, I asked, "Are you a Christian?" "Yes," he responded. His lifestyle was exemplary of Matthew 5:16, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Witnessing on the job requires a delicate balance between our responsibilities as employees and Christ followers. We begin by praying for opportunities, building good relationships, and living lifestyles that witness.

# Prayer Walk at Camp Cale - May 28th at 6:30 PM

The session will begin with all staff to encourage them for the summer activities. Then everyone will spread out all over the camp to pray for all areas.

Please be in prayer for Amanda Turner as she prepares for her mission trip on May 29 - July 25 to Clearwater, Florida. She will be with the CRU Team from her college campus. They will be doing mission projects and witnessing to people on the beach. They will be involved in classes to learn witnessing conversations and working together as a team to grow their own personal relationship with the Lord.

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#### **Deacon Team of the Week**

#### 4/28/24 - 5/4/24

David Spruill, Chris Sykes, Wayne Bunch

#### <u>5/5/24 - 5/11/24</u>

Scott Noble, Mike Evans, J. C. Forehand

#### 5/12/24 - 5/18/24

Keith Nixon, Phil Smith, Russell Byrum

#### <u>5/19/24 - 5/25/24</u>

Ted Peele, Oscar White, Adam Bunch

#### 5/26/24 - 6/1/24

Chris Turner, Steve Evans, Bill Smith

#### **May Deacon Greeters**

Senior Adult Building: Carroll Evans

Sanctuary Main Entrance: Oscar White

Connecting Corridor: Phil Smith

Multi-Purpose Main Entrance: Scott Noble



Sunday Attendance:	<u>SS</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
3/24/24:	188	304	100
3/31/24:	193	385	No Service
(Revival) 4/7/24:	197	331	182
4/8/24:			141
4/9/24:			130
4/14/24:	165	249	73
4/21/24:	150	243	89

#### Wednesday Evening Attendance:

3/27/24: 64 4/3/24: 73

4/10/24: 150 (Revival)

4/17/24: 63

# LOVE GROW SERVE







#### **May Ushers:**

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

#### **May Offering Team:**

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

#### **May Counting Committee:**

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



The request from RHBC this month is:

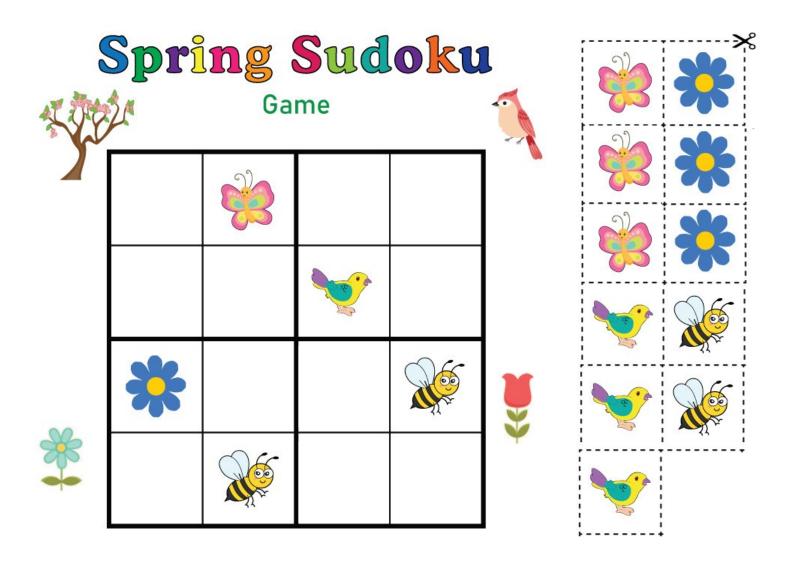
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# Children's Page

For children of all ages!



**Youth Camp is June 10 - 14** 

Children's Camp is June 24 - 28



# **Camp Payments**

Final payment of \$100 is due May 1st. Or, you can pay the full amount of \$250 any time before May 1st.



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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; 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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