

The Rocky Hock Anchor



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



I was recently convicted by a verse of scripture that I have read many times before — 1 Timothy 6:6, which says:

"But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment."

I often don't see a need to put any qualifiers on the idea of godliness; godliness seems like a good thing in and of itself. But, our motive is the most important factor in our pursuit of godliness.

Do you pursue godliness so that God will be obliged to do the things you want in your life? Do you pursue godliness with the hope that it will improve your standing in the eyes of others? Is there a self-driven reason for your pursuit of godliness? Or, are you content with what God has provided in your life, and your desire for godliness is simply a means of surrender and pursuit of God?

You see, the Bible calls us to more than just doing the right things. It calls us to do the right things for the right reason. The reason to pursue godliness in our lives and behavior is because God is the sovereign orchestrator of your life. He calls you to surrender to Him and follow Him in all things so that He might be glorified through the submission of your heart.

Is your pursuit of godliness a means to worship God? Or, are you seeking to receive something else from it? In the coming year, as we examine our lives, let's examine our motives as well. Let us be content in all that our God gives us.

Grace and Peace!

Pastor Matt Dupuy
Senior Pastor

New Deacons elected for 2025:

Keith Rollins
Ruston Howell
Allen Nixon
Adam Bunch
Chris Turner



Officers:

Carroll Evans, Chair
Ellis Tynch, Vice-Chair
J. C. Forehand, Secretary

RHBC is responsible for feeding the Boys & Girls Club on the following dates: February 25th and May 27th. 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 3:00 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) with buns and potato chips, while others bring pizza and a sweet treat or chicken tenders and mac & cheese.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

If your Sunday School Class or Women's Circle is willing to volunteer to feed the Boys & Girls Club, please contact Keith Rollins at 337-5392 or 221-8993. Thanks for helping us fulfill this mission opportunity!



“Let Christ Be Your KEY this Christmas!”

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”
~ Matthew 6:33

When I was a child, Christmastime was always special. On Christmas Eve, my extended family (of about 60-70 aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends) would

gather at my Nana and Pawpaw’s house for a “bigger-than-Thanksgiving” meal. Here, we would exchange gifts and sing Christmas carols and mountain music. This was our custom.

As I look back over this Yuletide nostalgia, I’m reminded of a special Christmas memory that I’d like to share. Let’s take a step back in time. The year is 2006. I had just turned 11 years old and it was Christmas morning in the Rogers Home. As my sister and I were taking turns opening gifts, my parents began to urge me to “open the little blue bag” behind the Christmas tree! But I wanted to open the bigger gifts first and I was almost certain it was a prank. Every time I’d open a present they’d say, “I really think you should open the little blue bag!” But I didn’t listen. *I saved the little blue bag for last.*

As I reached my hand inside, I felt the cold metallic touch of a key ring. I pulled it out of the bag and gave it a close examination... my heart leapt. This was a key to a four-wheeler.

The plot thickens! Rewind: A couple weeks before this, my parents had taken me to a local ATV store to help pick out a new helmet for my cousin C. J. who was supposed to be getting a four-wheeler for Christmas. Unbeknownst to me... they were getting me fitted for a helmet, and I was the one getting a four-wheeler for Christmas.

After realizing what was going on, my sister and I darted out of the living room, through the kitchen, and onto the carport, where there sat a beautiful, new red four-wheeler. Little did I know... I would spend the next 5-6 years getting every mile out of that little four-wheeler. And, I’m mighty grateful my parents got that for me!

I believe we can draw out a spiritual message from this story that applies to all our lives. But what is it? Good things come in small packages? No. Always check your carport before opening presents on Christmas morning? No, but it’s not a bad idea!

I think that a lot of times, during the holidays, we treat Christ the same way that I treated that little blue bag.

We get so focused on the “bigger boxes” (e.g., holiday traditions, shopping, busyness) that we fail to discover the key. We place Jesus on the back burner instead of making Him the centerpiece of our worship. Church, may this never be said of us!

This Christmas... let the Christ-child — found in a humble manger, born of a virgin — be your key. And may every other box in your life bow before Him, even now!

Pastor Trey

Associate Pastor of Youth & Children

YOUTH BONFIRE EVENT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH FROM 5 - 7 PM
@ ADAM & DAWN BUNCH'S HOME
335 EVANS BASS ROAD, EDENTON



Baptist Women



From Tarheel Talk, Winter 2023-2024

By Rebecca Lindhout,

Consultant for Adults & Children and Ministry Involvement

You Need Only Be Still

In Exodus 14, God forced Pharaoh's hand with ten plagues. With the plagues, the freedom of the Hebrew people was won, but once again, Pharaoh's heart was hardened and God's people found themselves in one of the most epic chase scenes in the Bible. Imagine millions of Hebrew men, women, and children with all of the possessions they could carry, being chased by the most lethal army on earth. One group has donkeys and oxen and the other group has horses and chariots!"

The Israelite people find themselves pursued to the edge of the sea. They cannot walk or run any further. They have hit a wall. In their panic and desperation, the people screamed at Moses that this was all his fault!

¹⁰As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians?' It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

In their minds, the Lord had led the Israelites there to die! They could not see God's hand at work. Despite the plagues and wonders, they could not believe that God had a plan for rescue. But notice what Moses says in that moment:

¹³... Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

In their moment of greatest fear and panic, Moses reminds his people that the LORD is still in control. He has not brought them all this way to die! He will be their rescue! And then Moses says five words that are everything: "You need only be still."

Be still. Stop struggling. Stop running. God has got this.

Have you hit a wall in your life? Have you come to the end of your rope with a situation or a relationship? Does it seem like you keep hitting the same wall again and again, or have you been trying to find a way over or around the wall but find that it is too high or too wide to overcome? Perhaps it is time to stop struggling. Stop running. Stop trying to figure out a way and... **Just. Be. Still.** When we are still, we can see God move. When we quiet ourselves and pray, we find that God clears a path forward for us. Our stillness is our message to God that HE is in control. It is like saying, "Go ahead, God, and part the waters."

Be still. Give God control. Hold out your cup. Let yourself be rescued by the Light of the World.

PRAYER: Holy God, help me to stop running into walls and instead, run into your arms. Amen.



BAPTIST MEN

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





Deacon Ministry

Deacon Team of the Week

12/29/24 - 1/4/25

Ted Peele, Oscar White, Adam Bunch

1/5/25 - 1/11/25

Chris Turner, Steve Evans, Bill Smith

1/12/25 - 1/18/25

Sam Tynch, Donald Bass, Allen Peele

1/19/25 - 1/25/25

Ruston Howell, Danny Lewis, Carroll Evans

1/26/25 - 2/1/25

Allen Nixon, Ellis Tynch, Lee Bass

January Deacon Greeters

Senior Adult Building: Mike Evans

Sanctuary Main Entrance: J. C. Forehand

Connecting Corridor: Oscar White

Multi-Purpose Main Entrance: Ruston Howell

LOVE GROW SERVE



January Ushers:

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

January Offering Team:

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

January Counting Committee:

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



<u>Sunday Attendance:</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
11/24/24:	183	257	94
12/1/24:	186	237	45
12/8/24:	169	231	196
12/15/24:	180	247	126

Wednesday Evening Attendance:

11/20/24:	87
11/27/24:	? (Thanks & Praise Service)
12/4/24:	89
12/11/24:	36



The request from RHBC this month is:

Cereal



Children's Page

For children of all ages!

WINTER MAZE



Basketball Practice Schedule



Week of December 29

Thursday, 6 - 7 PM	K - 2nd Grade Co-ed
7 - 8 PM	3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed
8 - 9 PM	Middle School Boys
Friday, 6 - 7 PM	Middle & High Girls
7 - 8 PM	High School Boys

Game: January 4, RHBC vs. SP/OD @ RH

Week of January 5

Monday, 6 - 7 PM	K - 2nd Grade Co-ed
7 - 8 PM	3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed
Tuesday, 6 - 7 PM	Middle School Boys
Wednesday, 8 - 9 PM	Middle & High Girls
Thursday, 7 - 8 PM	High School Boys

Game: January 11, RHBC vs. BBBC @ BB

Week of January 12

Monday, 6 - 7 PM	K - 2nd Grade Co-ed
7 - 8 PM	3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed
Tuesday, 6 - 7 PM	Middle School Boys
Wednesday, 8 - 9 PM	Middle & High Girls
Thursday, 7 - 8 PM	High School Boys

Game: January 18, RHBC vs. EB @ RH

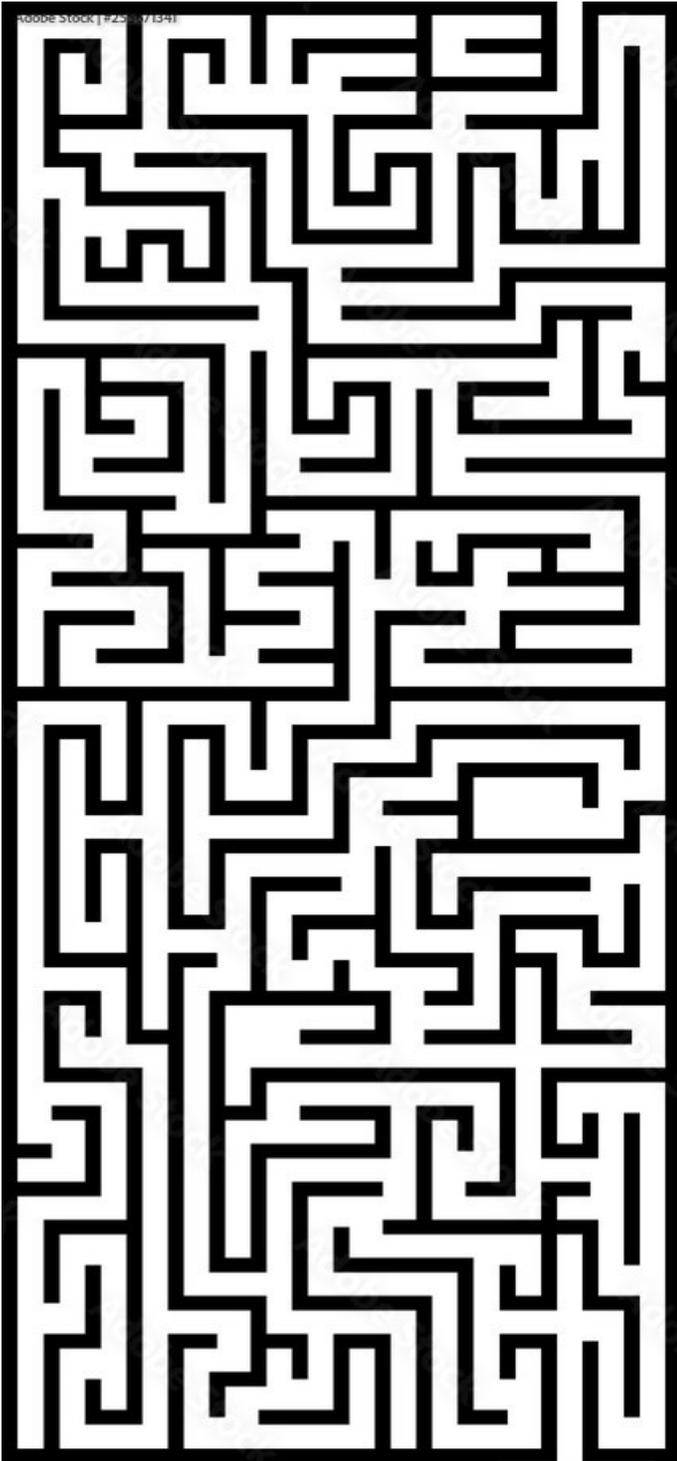
Week of January 19

Monday, 6 - 7 PM	K - 2nd Grade Co-ed
7 - 8 PM	3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed
Tuesday, 6 - 7 PM	Middle School Boys
Wednesday, 8 - 9 PM	Middle & High Girls
Thursday, 7 - 8 PM	High School Boys

Game: January 25, RHBC vs. SP/OD @ RH

Week of January 26

Monday, 6 - 7 PM	K - 2nd Grade Co-ed
7 - 8 PM	3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed
Tuesday, 6 - 7 PM	Middle School Boys
Wednesday, 8 - 9 PM	Middle & High Girls
Thursday, 7 - 8 PM	High School Boys



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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 (Nursery & Children's Church available for 3 year olds 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:** 6:45 PM - Vertical Student Ministries (VSM) - Middle & High School Youth - Youth Suite
7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting/Adult Bible Study - Sanctuary; Mission Friends (3 & 4 year olds) - 2 year olds
Room; GA's (K-5th Grade Girls) - GA's Room, beside foyer; RA's (K-5th Grade Boys) - RA's Room, upstairs
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Mrs. Mary Jo Bass, Treasurer
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Mrs. Donna Peele, Pianist
Mr. Trey Bass, Security
Mrs. Doris Tynch, Custodian



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