

# The Rocky Hock Anchor



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



*4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.*

~ Romans 6: 4 - 5

As we approach the Easter season, it is my prayer that each of you will spend some time thinking about Jesus' death and resurrection.

Jesus Christ died, and the man I used to be has joined him in that death. I am not long the man I used to be, but because I am in Christ, the old self is gone.

And in the same way, I have been given a new life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I am a new creation because Jesus Christ rose from the dead. I am not who I used to be, I am completely different. And it is all because Jesus Christ conquered death for me on Easter Sunday.

I hope this is a worshipful Easter for you as you reflect on the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace!

**Pastor Matt Dupuy**  
Senior Pastor



**Sunday - Wednesday, April 6th - 9th**  
**with Jordan Drake, Youth Pastor**  
**at Memorial Baptist Church**  
**in Williamston, NC**

Jordan joined Williamston Memorial Baptist Church as Associate Pastor in April of 2023. He and his wife Emma are originally from Albuquerque, New Mexico where Jordan and Emma met while attending the University of New Mexico for undergraduate studies. Jordan and Emma have three awesome kids that keep them on their toes. They have served at various churches and in a variety of ministry contexts in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and North Carolina. He is a graduate of the University of New Mexico and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Jordan is passionate about Jesus and desires to see lives changed, the gospel preached, and God glorified.

Make plans now to attend!

**Covered Dish Meals: nightly @ 6 PM in the Special Function Room**  
**Revival: Sunday morning @ 11 AM and nightly @ 7 PM in the Sanctuary**



## “The Day I Threw My Class Ring into the Atlantic Ocean”

*“Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”*  
~ Jude 24-25

In this month’s edition of *The Anchor*, I’d like to tell you about the time that I married my sister — to her husband Billy — and managed to lose my class ring in the process!

The year was 2014 and I was a Senior in High School. Lacey and her fiancé Billy had been dating for quite some time and our entire family liked him. So we were excited when we found out they were getting married! But we were even more excited to learn that they were getting married *at the beach!* Billy insisted on sweeping our entire family away to a fancy condo in North Myrtle Beach for a destination wedding vacation! To top it off, they asked me to officiate the wedding ceremony. I felt so honored.

In all, there were about 25-30 of us who made the trek. It was definitely a trip to remember! My cousins and I spent the whole week swimming in the pool, walking to the pier, making up random songs about baby palm trees, and eating home-cooked meals!

*However, things would sadly take a turn for the worst.* The day before the wedding, my cousin and I went down to the water to throw some football. And of course, just like any other time... I was wearing my class ring. This particular ring was very special to me; it was encrusted with diamonds (i.e., the cubic zirconium kind), rubies, and topaz, and was engraved with a special message from Jude 24 (my favorite scripture at the time). Little did I know, I was about to sling my ring into the Atlantic Ocean, never to be seen again.

I’ll never forget the moment that it slipped off my finger. I had dropped back for the pass, and I threw the ball with all my might... and, there it went. There was nothing I could do but drop to my knees and blindly grapple around beneath the foaming waves; hoping and praying that it would find its way back home! *But it never did.* And while this was just a small blip on the radar of the week... it was still kind of a bummer!

Where am I going with this? I’m glad you asked. Any time I’m reminded of that fateful day in 2014... I don’t think of what I lost. My mind is instead drawn to that special message that was engraved on the side of my ring. *In times of uncertainty and loss, it always helps me put things into perspective.* “Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.” (Jude 24)

Isn’t it wonderful knowing that God is able to “keep us?” Amidst our disappointments, He keeps us! In our failures, He keeps us! In times of sadness and loss, He keeps us! In the midst of strife, He keeps us! When we’re about to lose our minds, He keeps us. And, when everything is falling apart... He is the God “who is able to keep [us] from falling!”

Maybe you’re having one of those days where everything seems like it’s falling apart. You’ve experienced some kind of loss — be it a class ring or something else not eternal — and you’re feeling a little sorry for yourself. Let me encourage you with the truth found in Jude 24... no matter what the situation may be, you serve a God who is totally in control, He’s aware of your situation, and He’s strong enough to *keep you*. And, the truth is, that’s all that really matters!

P.S. - Lacey & Billy are doing well! They have a little girl who is currently in Elementary School and they make their home in Western NC.

**Pastor Trey**  
Associate Pastor of Youth & Children

**BAPTIST MEN**

The Baptist Men’s Breakfast this month will be on Sunday, April 20th at 7:30 AM in the Special Function Room. Gentlemen, please join us for good food, fellowship, and devotion!



# Baptist Women



## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering - Sunday, April 20th

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is an annual offering for North American Missionaries. Through these gifts, more than 5,000 missionaries and 3,800 chaplains are supported.

In 1888, Annie Armstrong was a key part of the formation of WMU. She knew that missionaries desperately needed support and local churches needed mission education. Under the leadership of Annie Armstrong, WMU organized the offering to support home missions. Gifts to the offering are used to train and resource missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries.

New churches are being planted, relationships formed, hurts healed, and lives transformed by the Gospel because you give. Through your support, our missionaries will be able to continue to share the Gospel and change lives.

## NC Baptist Children's Homes Food Roundup - April 2025 (see insert)

**FULL PLATES, FULL HEARTS.**

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES IS ABLE TO PROVIDE MEALS AND THE MESSAGE OF JESUS TO CHILDREN.

**FOOD ROUNDUP**  
BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

PARTICIPATE BY VISITING [BCHFOODROUNDUP.ORG](http://BCHFOODROUNDUP.ORG) OR CALL 336.474.1277

Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) is in the midst of a mission field. When a child is removed from the care of their family or guardian, it is often because they have gone without: without food, without clothing, without kindness, without the love and care they deserve. When boys and girls are brought to BCH, they come from situations of neglect and abuse. They not only arrive physically hungry, but spiritually hungry, as well. God gives the staff at BCH the opportunity to model His unconditional love through the care of the cottage parents and every foster and adoptive parents throughout the state. NC Baptists play a vital role in making this possible.

When children are fed with the food churches provide, the love of Christ comes alive to them. It opens up the opportunity for BCH staff to have Gospel conversations with the boys and girls. They are told that churches collect food because of God's great love for them. The staff is able to share the Gospel because the children can see God's love in action through the donations.

It is impossible to serve hundreds of thousands of meals and snacks to the children that BCH serves throughout the year without the support of our NC Baptist churches.

~ Noted from Brenda Gray, BCH Executive VP, Development & Communications



# Deacon Ministry



### Deacon Team of the Week

#### 3/31/25 - 4/5/25

David Spruill, Chris Sykes, Wayne Bunch

#### 4/6/25 - 4/12/25

Scott Noble, Mike Evans, J. C. Forehand

#### 4/13/25 - 4/19/25

Keith Nixon, Phil Smith, Russell Byrum

#### 4/20/25 - 4/26/25

Ted Peele, Oscar White, Adam Bunch

#### 4/27/25 - 5/3/25

Chris Turner, Steve Evans, Bill Smith

Sunday Attendance:	SS	AM	PM
3/2/25:	180	284	102
3/9/25:	148	231	68
3/16/25:	167	236	56
3/23/25:	195	279	70

### Wednesday Evening Attendance:

2/26/25:	61 (Church Conference)
3/5/25:	84
3/12/25:	72
3/19/25:	54

### April Deacon Greeters

Senior Adult Building: Donald Bass

Sanctuary Main Entrance: Danny Lewis

Connecting Corridor: Mike Evans

Multi-Purpose Main Entrance: J. C. Forehand

## LOVE GROW SERVE



### April Ushers:

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

### April Offering Team:

Allen Nixon (Chair), J. C. Forehand,  
Ruston Howell, Keith Rollins,  
Chris Turner, Ellis Tynch

### April Counting Committee:

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



The request from RHBC this month is:



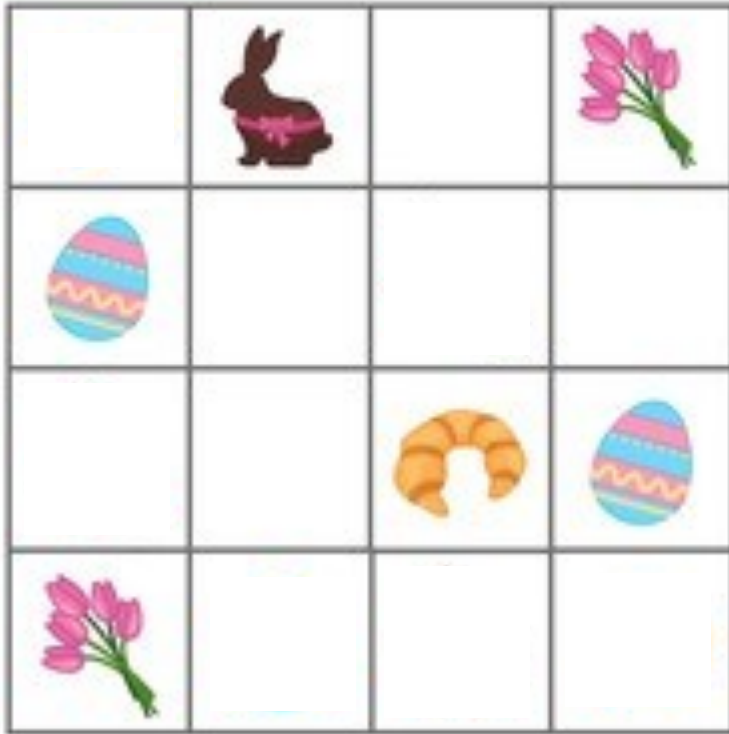
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# Children's Page

For children of all ages!

## EASTER SUDOKU



State Bible Drill is on Saturday, April 12th at Mt. Airy Baptist Church in Pembroke, NC

Students participating in the Children's Bible Drill at the State Level are:

**Suzanna Dupuy**

**Ben Sykes**

Students participating in the Youth Bible Drill at the State Level are:

**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!

**Mark your calendars now!**

**Vacation Bible School 2025**

**July 7th - 11th**

**5:30 - 8 PM nightly**



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### **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](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:** 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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