

The Rocky Hock Anchor

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



"Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path."

~ Psalm 119:105

Walking the path of Christian life can often feel like walking a mountain path in the dark; not knowing where the cliffs, rocks, and holes are, yet trying to walk and make progress. Sometimes it feels like the best thing you can do is curl up and wait for the light to dawn. But the Bible tells us there is another way. There is a light that can dispel the darkness. The Word of God functions as a lamp amid darkness. It is the Word of God that lights the way in times of darkness. It doesn't make the encroaching darkness go away, rather it shows the next steps. It lights the path so that you can see the next place your feet are supposed to go. If you are in the darkness, the best thing you can do is open your Bible and look for the words that give your life hope.

Grace and Peace!

Pastor Matt Dupuy
Senior Pastor

Baby Dedication



Mother's Day

Sunday, May 11th

Married couples (at least one parent must be a member) who have had a baby born since last Mother's Day are invited to participate in our Baby Dedication Service during Morning Worship on May 11th. If you wish to be included, call the Church Office or email Linda (lbunch@rhbce.org) to add your name to the list. Also, please email 4 or 5 pictures of the baby to Pastor Trey (trogers@rhbce.org) by Monday, May 5th so he can prepare the video for the service.

2025 Graduate Events at RHBC on Sunday, May 18th

Breakfast - All High School Seniors and College Graduates, along with their immediate families, are invited to breakfast at **9 AM in the Special Function Room on Sunday, May 18th**. If your Graduate is planning to attend, please call Pastor Trey and provide the number attending ASAP!

Graduates Sunday - We are honoring our High School and College Graduates with a special service on **Sunday, May 18th**. Please send names to Pastor Trey so that he can make sure they are included in the count for the breakfast and graduate gifts, and that we have proper information for the slideshow and bulletin. College Grads should inform the Church Office of their degree and the name of the College or University from which they are graduating. Also, if there are any Junior Class Marshals, please let Pastor Trey know that, as well. Information is needed no later than May 4th. We look forward to this momentous occasion!

Lawrence Academy Baccalaureate - RHBC will be hosting the Baccalaureate Service for Lawrence Academy this year on **Sunday, May 18th at 7 PM in the Sanctuary**. This will be in place of our usual Evening Worship (Sundays @ SIX). Following the service, there is a reception in the Gym.





“Pawpaw’s Prayer List: Loud Snores & Whispered Prayers From Pawpaw’s Big Ole Window”

“And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.” ~ Matthew 6:5-6

Born on a warm September evening in 1934, Jimmy Rogers — my Pawpaw — was the son of a preacher... and, for a while, he was a bit of a rebel! Before he met Jesus, he was known for running moonshine through the hills of Appalachia. But in 1954, at a Revival Service, everything changed! He got “born again,” and traded the backroads for a Bible. For the next 65+ years, he never looked back.

Pawpaw had the opportunity to Pastor approximately 12 different churches — sometimes more than one at a time! But his ministry extended far beyond the sanctuary: He helped launch a Fire and Rescue Squad for a county that didn’t have one, he started a local High School Football program (where he served as the first Head Coach), and even prayed at a Governor’s Inauguration.

But Pawpaw’s greatest witness wasn’t in the spotlight — it was in the small moments at home. *He was just as faithful in his living room as he was in the pulpit.* Perhaps that’s why I loved visiting as a kid. Pawpaw and Nana were real. Their home was a happy, Jesus-filled place — brimming with music, laughter, and an always-ready buffet of food. I would often spend the night with them and it was always a wonderful experience — except for that one night...

At 3 AM I was still wide awake — Pawpaw’s snoring had reached seismic levels. Desperate, I called my parents and begged them to rescue me. They said, “No!” So I came up with a back-up plan. I crept into the “Florida Room” (our name for the cold, enclosed porch) hoping to find some peace and quiet. It was cold. It was dusty. And the only “bed” was a treadmill. But at least it was silent.

I must’ve dozed off, because the next thing I knew, I was awakened — not by the sound of snoring, but by the soft undertone of prayer. There was Pawpaw, seated by the window, Bible nearby, whispering names into the dawn. *Pawpaw always told us that he prayed over us daily and we believed him — but I never imagined I would have a front-row seat to his communion with God, inside his prayer closet.* His handwritten prayer list was pinned to the wall: family, church members, old friends — even folks who had wronged him. And he prayed for them all. Tenderly. Specifically.

That morning, I didn’t move. I just listened, half-asleep. With the imprint of the treadmill still on my face and a runny nose from the cold, I realized something: The man we all saw at church and in the community was the same man who prayed in secret at 6 AM in the quiet corners of his home, seeking God. I believe God let me witness that moment as a glimpse into what a real “prayer closet” looks like.

So what about you? Has someone else’s faith ever encouraged you like this? Maybe without them even knowing it? If they’re still around, *tell them.* And if they’re not, thank God for putting them in your life when you needed them most.

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



Baptist Women



ENGAGE IN TELLING THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE OF EVANGELISM

*By Adrianna Anderson, Director of the Ministry Wives Network for the Missouri Baptist Convention
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The word **discipline** either garners a good feeling in you or a feeling of dread depending on your experience with the word. Scripture talks about the importance of spiritual disciplines in the life of a Christian because they promote growth and conformity to the image of Christ.

While discipline of any kind requires work for some, the spiritual disciplines of Bible reading, prayer, and worship, for example, seem attainable and enjoyable. Other disciplines, like evangelism, may seem overwhelming, anxiety inducing, or meant for someone else—someone more suited. But all spiritual disciplines are for our good. They all help us live lives of faithfulness as we conform to the image of Christ. Sometimes we can all use a reminder of why evangelism is important, why we do what we do.

When Christ left the earth to go to His Father, He charged believers with this mandate: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19). Believers don’t accidentally share the gospel with people. We must intentionally share it. If this thought causes angst in your heart because you don’t feel prepared or equipped to share, here are some things to consider:

1. Evangelism is a call from Christ we are to obey (Matt. 28:18-20).
2. Evangelism is a discipline that must be practiced (1 Peter 3:15).
3. Evangelism is a charge to pray for the lost (Matt. 9:37-38).

Here are some practical ways to use the discipline of evangelism in your daily life:

1. Pray specifically that God would open doors for you to share Christ with others.
2. Practice sharing your personal faith story with family and friends, especially if nerves or fear is an issue.
3. Plan a time to share your faith story with neighbors or people in your community who are nonbelievers. Make a list of names of unsaved people you know. Look for gospel opportunities to invite them into your home for a meal and a time to get to know one another. These times should be both planned and spontaneous.

Make the discipline of evangelism a part of your life. Remember, God has called each one of us to share His message of love and forgiveness of sins to everyone who doesn’t know Him. How did you come to know Christ as your Savior? Was it because someone took the time to share the gospel with you? Go and do likewise.



The Baptist Men’s Breakfast this month will be on **Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 11th at 8 AM** in the Special Function Room. **Spouses and widows are invited!** Pastor Trey & Julianna will lead the devotion and share special music with us. Sign-up sheets are located in the Vestibule, Connecting Corridor, and Senior Adult Building. Please sign up if you plan to attend so that we will know how much food to prepare. Please join us for good food and fellowship on this special day!



Deacon Team of the Week

4/27/25 - 5/3/25

Chris Turner, Steve Evans, Bill Smith

5/4/25 - 5/10/25

Sam Tynch, Donald Bass, Allen Peele

5/11/25 - 5/17/25

Ruston Howell, Danny Lewis, Carroll Evans

5/18/25 - 5/24/25

Allen Nixon, Ellis Tynch, Lee Bass

5/25/25 - 5/31/25

David Spruill, Chris Sykes, Wayne Bunch

May Deacon Greeters

Senior Adult Building: Carroll Evans

Sanctuary Main Entrance: Oscar White

Connecting Corridor: Ruston Howell

Multi-Purpose Main Entrance: Scott Noble



May Ushers:

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

May Offering Team:

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

May Counting Committee:

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



<u>Sunday Attendance:</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
3/30/25:	157	228	64
4/6/25:	173	284	141 (Revival)
Monday, 4/7/25:			89 (Revival)
Tuesday, 4/8/25:			100 (Revival)
4/13/25:	162	248	60
4/20/25:	190	423	(Easter)

Wednesday Evening Attendance:

3/26/25:	64
4/2/25:	82
4/9/25:	90 (Revival)
4/16/25:	52



The request from RHBC this month is:

Canned Corn - 15 oz.



Children's Page

For children
of all ages!



Vacation Bible School 2025

July 7th - 11th

**5:30 - 8 PM
nightly**

This year's VBS encourages kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God!



WORD SEARCH



APRIL
BLOSSOM
BREEZE
BUD
BULBS
BUNNY
BUTTERFLY
CHICK
DAFFODIL
EASTER
EGGS
GRASS
GREEN
HATCH
JUNE
MARCH
MAY
NEST
PUDDLE
RAINBOW
ROBIN
SEASON
SHOWERS
SUNSHINE
THAW
TULIP
UMBRELLA



Youth Camp
June 9th - 13th

Children's Camp
July 21st - 25th



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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, 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. Doris Tynch, Custodian



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