

The Rocky Hock Anchor

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



Pastor's
Corner

In 2 Chronicles 20, we find the king of Judah, Jehoshaphat, in a terrible circumstance. The nations of the Moabites, the Ammonites, and the Meunites were all rising up against the nation of Judah and it seemed hopeless for the people. In this moment, the king falls on his face before God in the midst of the assembly on the temple mount and prays. After recounting the history of God's providence over His people, the king simply says in verse 12, *"O our God, will You not judge them? For we are powerless before this great multitude who*

are coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on You."

God brings trials in our lives. He brings us into situations in which we feel helpless so that we can get to the same point that Jehoshaphat is in here, *"our eyes are on You."* If this was the end of this text, it would be a helpful word, but it's not the end.

In verse 14, God sends a prophet to the king and God says to the people, *"do not be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but God's."* He then instructs the people to go out and meet them on the battlefield, but then He says something very strange in verse 17. *"You need not fight in this battle; station yourselves, stand and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out and face them for the Lord is with you."*

Beloved, I do not know what you are facing this day, but when you turn your eyes to God and surrender your steps to Him, you can know that through the work of Jesus Christ, He will fight your battles. He is with you. This doesn't mean everything will go the way you want it to go; it means God will use the outcome for His Glorious purpose in your life. Let Him fight the battle.

Grace and Peace!

Pastor Matt Dupuy
Senior Pastor



Senior Adults are invited to join in an evening of fellowship and fun! We will enjoy Hamburgers in the Special Function Room and Games in the Gym. Sign-up sheets are located in the Vestibule, the Senior Adult Building, and the Connecting Corridor. Please sign up by Sunday, June 8th so that we will know how many hamburgers to prepare. For more information, contact Betty Bass or any member of the Senior Adult Committee.

Saturday, June 14th @ 5 PM



“My Long-Lost Oregonian Great Aunt, Who Brought The Balm!”

“... astonishment hath taken hold on me. Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?”

~ Jeremiah 8:21b-22

One of my earliest memories is a happy one. I was just 3 years old when some of our rarely-seen relatives from Oregon came in for a visit. That side of my Mom’s family had left the mountains after the Great Depression — seeking work and better opportunities out west. Apparently, they found what they were looking for because they hardly ever came home!

I’m not sure why I remember this day so well — but it must’ve been such a momentous event that my little brain decided to flip the switch of awareness. I have no memory of anything prior to that visit... but from that moment on, I was totally aware!

I remember riding over to my Great-Grandmother’s house in Murphy, North Carolina that day where everyone had gathered. It was a true southern porch scene — some sat on the swing, others on the stoop, and a few in those old-school webbed folding chairs. Everyone was glad to be together. And I was happy, too... that is, until I felt something strange and painful inside my mouth.

A quick inspection by the family council revealed the culprit: a mouth ulcer. My kinfolk were sympathetic, but one woman in particular — one of those long-lost Oregonian Great-Aunts — took action! She drove down to the local Kerr Drug and came back with two items!

The first was a Twix bar. I had never had one before and to this day, it’s still my favorite candy bar. Second, she brought a small green and white bottle labeled *Ulcer Ease*. The taste was horrendous — like antiseptic with a splash of peroxide — but the moment it touched the sore... the pain vanished. *Sweet relief!* For the next few days, whenever the discomfort returned, I knew I could ask for more of that stuff and it would carry me through until healing came.

I never saw those people again, and they’ve all passed on now. Truthfully, I couldn’t tell you any of their names. But I’ll never forget their kindness — *especially the kindness of my Great-Aunt who knew just what to do!*

Did you know that people had medicines and remedies like this even in Bible times? One of the most famous was known as the *Balm of Gilead*, which was a fragrant, healing ointment from the region east of the Jordan River. In Jeremiah 8, the Prophet uses this medicine as a metaphor as he mourns the spiritual condition of his people. *“Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?”* (v. 22)

In other words, Jeremiah was asking, *“Isn’t there anything that can heal us? Isn’t there anyone who can help?”* The tragedy is compounded in Jeremiah 46:11 when it says, *“In vain shalt thou use many medicines; for thou shalt not be cured.”* We find that their deepest wounds weren’t physical — they were spiritual; no earthly cure would help. What they needed was Divine intervention; true healing that only comes through repentance.

That same need still exists today. Many of us walk around wounded — “spiritually ulcered,” so to speak; trying everything under the sun to numb the pain. But there is only one balm that truly works, and that’s the healing grace of Jesus Christ. So, if you’re hurting today — if you’ve got something deep in your soul that stings — don’t turn to the world for relief. Turn to the Lord! He knows exactly where it hurts. And, just like my long-lost Great-Aunt from Oregon... *He’s already gone to get just what you need.*

Pastor Trey
Associate Pastor of Youth & Children



Baptist Women



Why Teenagers Need Missions

By Sara Lamkin, Mission and Student Catalyst, from www.wmunc.org

Teenagers today face numerous distractions that can pull them away from their faith. Peer pressure, social media, and academic pressures can be overwhelming. One of the most powerful experiences to help them grow spiritually and develop a heart for service is learning about and doing missions.

Missions provides young people with opportunities to deepen their faith, serve others, and spread the Gospel. Encouraging teenagers to engage in mission work is a gift that helps them grow into strong, faithful, and compassionate individuals.

Spiritual Growth - One of the greatest benefits of mission work is spiritual development.

- **Stronger Faith** - Witnessing God's provision and love in the mission field strengthens their belief.
- **Prayer Life** - Away from their usual comforts, teens learn to depend on prayer in powerful ways.
- **Biblical Understanding** - Engaging in mission work deepens their comprehension of biblical principles.

Developing a Heart for Service - Jesus calls us to serve, and mission work instills this value deeply in young hearts.

- **Selflessness** - Teens learn to put others before themselves.
- **Gratitude** - Seeing others with less fosters appreciation for their blessings.
- **Compassion** - Working with those in need opens their eyes to struggles outside their own world.

Exposure to Different Cultures and Ways of Life

- **Broadened Perspective** - Interacting with new cultures or types of people breaks down stereotypes.
- **Diversity Appreciation** - Teens experience the vastness of God's creation and His love for all people.
- **Stepping Out of Comfort Zones** - Adjusting to new environments strengthens adaptability and trust in God.

Building Stronger Relationships

- **Christian Friendships** - Bonds form through shared faith and service.
- **Mentorship** - Teens receive guidance from strong Christian leaders.
- **Family Unity** - Families who serve together grow closer through shared experiences.

Strengthening Identity in Christ

- **Understanding Purpose** - Teens see how they fit into God's plan.
- **Confidence in Faith** - Sharing their faith reinforces their beliefs.
- **Inspiration for the Future** - Many feel called to ministry or faith-based careers after learning about and doing missions.

Strengthening the Church - Teen involvement in missions benefits both the individual and the church.

- **Future Church Leaders** - Many gain a stronger sense of purpose and a desire to serve their own church and community.
- **Inspiring Others** - Teens sharing their experiences encourages others to serve.
- **Passion for Evangelism** - Mission work fosters a lasting commitment to sharing the Gospel.

Developing Life Skills

- **Responsibility** - Teens learn accountability for their actions and commitments.
- **Communication Skills** - Engaging with new people builds confidence in expressing their faith.
- **Problem-Solving** - Missions requires creativity, adaptability, and trust in God's guidance.

Encouraging Lifelong Service - One of the most significant outcomes of participating in missions is a lifelong dedication to helping others.

- **Continued Volunteerism** - Many teens continue serving their communities.
- **Heart for Missions** - Some feel called to full-time mission work.
- **Legacy of Faith** - Encouraging mission work nurtures the next generation of believers.

In conclusion, encouraging teenagers to participate in mission work is one of the greatest investments in their spiritual and personal development. As parents, mentors, and fellow believers, we have the privilege of guiding and praying for them as they step out in faith.

Mission work strengthens faith, builds character, and instills a lifelong commitment to service. Let us continue to support and encourage them as they go forth to spread God's love and make a lasting impact on the world.



The **Baptist Men's Breakfast** this month will be on **Sunday, June 15th** at **7:30 AM** in the Special Function Room. Gentlemen, please join us for food, fellowship, and a devotion!





Deacon Ministry

Deacon Team of the Week

6/1/25 - 6/7/25

Scott Noble, Mike Evans, J. C. Forehand

6/8/25 - 6/14/25

Keith Nixon, Phil Smith, Russell Byrum

6/15/25 - 6/21/25

Ted Peele, Oscar White, Adam Bunch

6/22/25 - 6/28/25

Chris Turner, Steve Evans, Bill Smith

6/29/25 - 7/5/25

Sam Tynch, Donald Bass, Allen Peele

June Deacon Greeters

Senior Adult Building: Keith Nixon

Sanctuary Main Entrance: J. C. Forehand

Connecting Corridor: Carroll Evans

Multi-Purpose Main Entrance: Chris Turner

LOVE GROW SERVE



June Ushers:

Adam Bunch, Wayne Copeland,
J. C. Forehand, Allen Nixon,
Mike Nixon, Bill Smith, Jay White

June Offering Team:

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

June Counting Committee:

Emily Byrum, Jasper Evans,
Lee & Ruth Jordan, Bill Smith



Sunday Attendance:

	<u>SS</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
4/27/25:	175	272	52
5/4/25:	137	205	54
5/11/25:	166	263	No Service
5/18/25:	158	302	No Service

Wednesday Evening Attendance:

4/23/25:	45
4/30/25:	66 (Church Conference)
5/7/25:	79
5/14/25:	73
5/21/25:	90



The request from RHBC this month is:

Canned Green Beans - 15 oz.



Children's Page

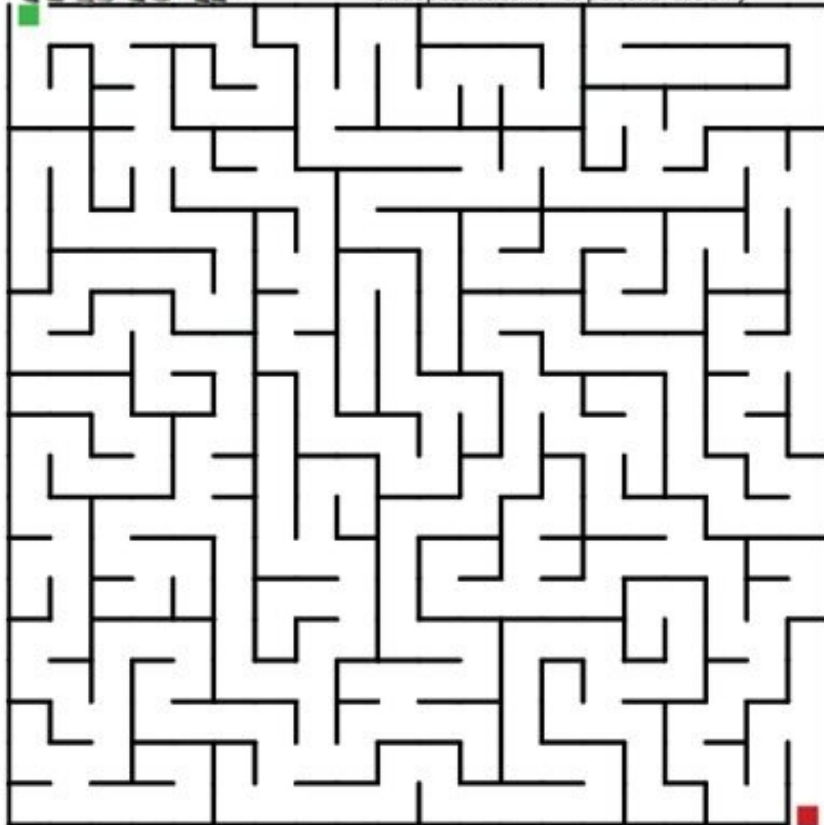
For children
of all ages!

Summer Camp Maze



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**Vacation Bible
School 2025**

July 7th - 11th

**5:30 - 8:30 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!



FUGE CAMP

**Youth Camp
June 9th - 13th**

**Children's Camp
July 21st - 25th**



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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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