

The Rocky Hock Anchor

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



"Not that I am speaking from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

~ Philippians 4:11-13

One of the most remarkable parts of this verse is that Paul is in a Roman prison while he is writing it. Could you imagine saying, "I have learned to be content in whatever circumstance I am," while sitting in a prison cell for your faith? Let's face it, if the air conditioning isn't working, I get grumpy. I have certainly never had to face a prison. And Paul is saying with confidence, that in the circumstances that he has no food or provision, he can be content with what is happening. It's one thing to say it, but he is living it.

In this context, he writes some of his most famous words, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Here, Paul is not saying that you can do anything you want to if God strengthens you to do it. He is not saying that if you trust God you can do something mighty, like run a marathon. He is saying that when God strengthens you, you can learn to be content even when you're in prison, even when you haven't eaten in days, even when you have been abandoned and forsaken. When it is God who we rely on for strength and not our circumstances, no circumstance can shake our faith.

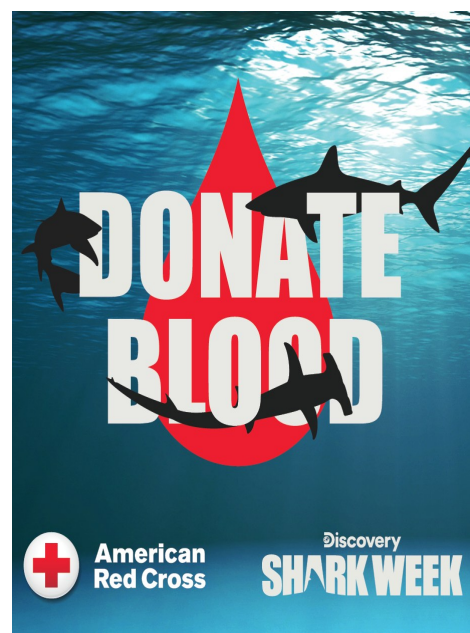
Grace and Peace!

Pastor Matt Dupuy
Senior Pastor

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT RHBC

Take time out of your busy summer schedule . . . **DONATE BLOOD!** Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, July 22nd from 1 - 6 PM. Between ball games, swimming, vacations, and picnics, come join us and donate blood! Give us 1 - 2 hours to save a life. You won't regret the feeling you get knowing you've helped someone. Those who donate in July will be entered nationally in a raffle to win an exclusive Shark Week merchandise package by Discovery which includes a beach bike, a smokeless portable fire pit, a paddle board and kayak, and a \$500 gift card for accessories. In addition, our drive is during Shark Week so you'll receive a limited-edition Shark Week T-Shirt, while supplies last. To make an appointment, call 1-800-REDCROSS, visit www.redcrossblood.org, or download the Red Cross Blood Donor App. The app allows you to schedule and manage your appointments and complete your RapidPass. It also serves as your ID. You may call me at 252-337-5766 with any questions. Not only do we need donors, we need volunteers! Hope to see you at the Multi-Purpose Building on July 22nd! Thank you!

~ Rhonda Bass and our Blood Drive Team





“Can You Hear Me Now?”

Lessons from a South Georgia Hunting Club and Walkie Talkies that Work from All Over!”

“In my distress, I called upon the Lord and cried unto my God; he heard my voice out of his temple and my cry came before him, even into his ears.”
~ Psalm 18:6

One of the great joys of my childhood was an annual pilgrimage to a South Georgia Hunting Club that we affectionately called, “The Deer Camp.” Every winter, a convoy of Rogers boys would load up the trucks, hitch up

the campers, and head south for some good old-fashioned “man time.”

I looked forward to it all year long. The best part was getting some uninterrupted time with my Dad — something rare during the workweek, since he was typically on the road 4-5 days at a time. It was also prime bonding time for all of the boy cousins. Out in the woods, we’d race four-wheelers through the brush, invent games, and eat breakfast with other hunters.

You can almost see it now... a pine-covered patch of sandy Georgia woods, deep in the middle of nowhere. At the heart of the camp stood an aging white house, owned by an eccentric European gentleman, whom we never met. Built in the 1930s, and never once renovated — it felt like stepping into a time capsule! As a kid, I was mesmerized by the old clawfoot bathtubs and creaky spring beds. And the smell? Let’s just say when the front door is left open for most of the year, you get more than just a breeze — you get critters, and the unmistakable musty smell of a never cleaned man-cave. To make matters worse... if you didn’t bring your own camper, you had to sleep in there! *We always brought ours.*

But the real treasure of that house wasn’t in the creaks or the quirks. It was in the walls. Nearly every square inch was covered in faded polaroids — a visual legacy of hunters and their successful Saturday morning hunts. We called it “The Wall of Aim.” I spent hours upon hours inspecting those old photos — hunting for familiar faces and trying to determine who had bagged the biggest buck. Spoiler alert: Uncle David always had the biggest buck. Every single year.

As you can imagine, there were a lot of things that I loved about Deer Camp. But, as time marches on, one memory rises to the top (see below).

The last year that we were members of that hunting club, as we were packing up to leave, someone passed out a set of two-way radios. But these weren’t the flimsy kind you get in the toy aisle — the kind that barely work from one room to the next. No, these were serious walkie talkies. Hi-tech. Long-range. Strong signal. *I was in awe.* I didn’t even know things like that existed! And I figured they must have cost at least \$100!

Naturally, the whole way home, I talked back and forth to my cousins. In hindsight, it was probably annoying for the parents. But I wanted to see how far the signal would go! And to my amazement... it held strong the whole way. As long as we were on the same channel, the connection never dropped. *Not one time.*

As believers, we’ve been given something far better than a high-powered radio. *We have a direct line to God.* No matter how far we’ve wandered off — no matter how deep in the woods we may feel — we can call out to Him and He will hear us!

Psalm 18:6 says, “In my distress, I called upon the Lord and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple and my cry came before him, even into his ears.” What a joy it is to know that no matter how distant we feel, or how long it’s been since we last reached out — the signal is still strong and God still listens when we cry out!

This month, I encourage you to dust off your “spiritual walkie talkies.” Put some fresh batteries in your prayer life! Rekindle that passion for His Word, and bow down in that prayer closet you used to frequent with such regularity! If you do... you’ll find that the channel hasn’t changed... and the connection is still crystal clear. *Praise God!*

Pastor Trey, Associate Pastor of Youth & Children



Baptist Women



With All My Heart — Finding the Desire to Serve

By Dianne Swaim, Missions Mosaic contributing author

I could hardly wait for the day to come — my first day at my first job as a legal secretary. I proudly approached the attorney's desk, took a seat in my best stenographic posture, my shorthand pad in front of me, ready to take notes on just what my duties would be. "Your first job every morning, as soon as you arrive, Miss Warren, will be to clean the toilet." He wasn't kidding. The building had a plumbing backup problem. My feathers fell flat and never puffed up again in that office.

Had someone suggested to me at that moment to read Colossians 3:23, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters," I'm not sure whether I would have glared at them or sweetly smiled. I doubt it would have been the latter! However, at no time in my career did I need to heed that verse more than then.

SLAVERY IN THE FIRST CENTURY (COLOSSIANS 3:22)

Paul wrote Colossians to a primarily Gentile congregation. After giving instructions for Christian living and guidelines to Christian wives, husbands, children, and fathers, lastly, he wrote expressly to slaves.

In the Roman Empire at that time, people fell into two categories: slave and free. As opposed to American History, where slavery was primarily based on race, under Roman rule, anyone could become a slave, and nearly any slave could become free. A person could even sell themselves into slavery. The city of Colossae was made up of people who worked and lived together and were known by their social status. It was not much different from what you or I experience as we live in our communities and work for someone who pays us a wage. Paul's words, then, apply primarily to employees today.

GIFTED TO SERVE (COLOSSIANS 3:23)

Not all service is done for pay or by demand. We are called to serve one another. In doing so, we also serve God. Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4; and 1 Peter 4 list some of the spiritual gifts bestowed on believers. These gifts, such as to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers, are given "to equip his people for works of service" (Ephesians 4:12).

Even service itself is a gift. Paul told believers in Romans 12:7, "If [your gift] is serving, then serve." And Peter said, "If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 4:11). Spiritual gifts empower and inspire us in certain areas. From our gifts, we get our passions. However, we are not limited to these God-given talents or abilities. Paul also said in Ephesians 6:7, "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people." Whatever we do, whether we are using our spiritual gifts or even serving outside our talents and preferences, we should do it as service for the Lord.

Reflect: Read Matthew 22:37-39. For reflection only, substitute the word *love* with the word *serve*. Does this change anything? If so, what? Can you love God or your neighbor without service to confirm it? Can you serve God without serving people? If so, how? Read Colossians 3:24b.

FROM GOD'S OWN HEART (COLOSSIANS 3:24)

When our desire meters run low, we can fuel them by looking simply to how much God loves us and what He has done for us. To start, we need not look any further than John 3:16. How much does God love us? So much that He gave us His Son so we could have eternal life. Samuel told the Israelites in 1 Samuel 12:24, "But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you."

Some, or even many, of you may already keep a gratitude journal. I would challenge you to begin one if you have not: Simply take a few moments every day to write down one or two things for which you are grateful. This helps me see that everything I have is from God and for God and an opportunity to serve God. I have found that I can hardly fill a page without the desire to give back to God or help someone. I have also discovered when others have served me in the hard times of my life, I have been so grateful I nearly burst with the desire to serve someone else. Service begets service. The desire to serve is contagious.

Be it a humble task, or be it a proud and impressive accomplishment, whatever you do, "It is the Lord Christ you are serving" (Colossians 3:24). And my attorney boss, Mr. Kruger, thought I cleaned the toilet every day just for him!



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





INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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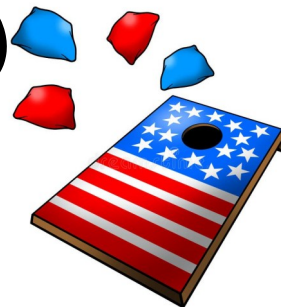
Sunday, July 16th

6:00 - 8:00 PM

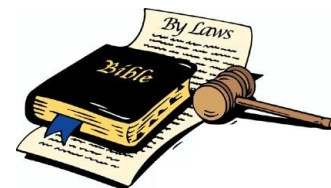
on the Church Grounds

Join us for ice cream, games, fun, and fellowship!
Games include: pickleball, cornhole, and volleyball.

Don't forget to bring a lawn chair!



Our next **Quarterly Church Conference** will be on Wednesday, July 30th, beginning with a meal at 6:30 PM. The Conference will begin at 7 PM. Everyone will meet in the Special Function Room. Please complete a connection card or call the Church Office if you plan to attend so that we will know how many meals to prepare. **The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, July 23rd!**



DATE: Saturday, August 2, 2025
(No Rain Date)

PLACE: Occano
105 Scotch Hall Court, Merry Hill

TIME: Shotgun Start at 9:00 AM,
Pre-Registration at 8:30 AM

FORMAT: Four Man Superball

ENTRY FEE: \$350.00 per team
(Silver Super Tee Shot)



TEAMS CAN BE MADE UP OF ALL MEN, ALL WOMEN, OR MEN AND WOMEN MIX

1st & 2nd Place Teams will be recognized. Lunch will be served after the Tournament.

ALL proceeds from the tournament will go to The North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS FRIDAY, JULY 25TH.

You may contact Trey Bass (484-9406), Neal Tynch (312-9362), or Ellis Tynch (333-0388) for more information, or call the Church Office (221-4133).



RHBC Homecoming - October 12, 2025 Rev. Ron Cava, Guest Speaker

Join us for our 190th Homecoming Celebration!

- Worship, followed by a Covered Dish Meal
- Transportation offered for Senior Adults
 - Church History Display

More details in the coming weeks!



Deacon Team of the Week

6/29/25 - 7/5/25

Sam Tynch, Donald Bass, Allen Peele

7/6/25 - 7/12/25

Ruston Howell, Danny Lewis, Carroll Evans

7/13/25 - 7/19/25

Allen Nixon, Ellis Tynch, Lee Bass

7/20/25 - 7/26/25

David Spruill, Chris Sykes, Wayne Bunch

7/27/25 - 8/2/25

Scott Noble, Mike Evans, J. C. Forehand

July Deacon Greeters

Senior Adult Building: Ellis Tynch

Sanctuary Main Entrance: Adam Bunch

Connecting Corridor: Keith Rollins

Multi-Purpose Main Entrance: Donald Bass



July Ushers:

Billy Elliott, Jasper Evans,
Danny Lewis, Phil Smith,
Gail Boyd, Joshua White

July Offering Team:

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

July Counting Committee:

Ed & Judy Hughes, Leon Hemmings,
Keith Rollins



Sunday Attendance:

	<u>SS</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
5/25/25:	129	222	48
6/1/25:	180	276	No Service
6/8/25:	147	215	60
6/15/25:	161	230	No Service
6/22/25:	147	218	46

Wednesday Evening Attendance:

5/28/25:	112 (Pray for Me Celebration)
6/4/25:	60
6/11/25:	39
6/18/25:	65



The request from RHBC this month is:

Peanut Butter



Children's Page

For children
of all ages!



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!



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The Children's Ministry Team will be sponsoring a **Kid's Night with the Edenton Steamers on Wednesday, July 16th**. Children will have the opportunity to meet the players prior to the game, and even go out on the field with them! They will also get a hot dog and a drink. Parents should drop children off at the ballpark no later than 6:15 PM and pick them up any time up until the end of the game. No money is needed for admission. For more details on this special event, see Pastor Trey.



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

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Edenton, North Carolina 27932
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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
Ms. Deborah Long, Custodian

Mrs. Donna Peele, Pianist
Mr. Trey Bass, Security
Mrs. Doris Tynch, Custodian



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