

The Rocky Hock Anchor

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



Pastor's
Corner

"When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven all your transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and he has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross."
~ Colossians 2:13-14

Throughout my life, I had a certificate of debt that I owed for my sins. It was vast, thorough, and condemning. The result of it would be the eternal condemnation of myself before the almighty God. Because of this, I was a walking dead man; my soul was dead in the transgression of my life as I suffered under the condemnation of the Most High. At the moment of my salvation, God took this certificate and nailed it to the cross, and there the entirety of my debt was paid by the suffering of my Savior. I am alive because my sins are forgiven in Christ. Though the trials of this life are real, and the difficulties are strong, I can face tomorrow not only because He lives, but because the debt has been paid by the one who died for me.

Grace and Peace!

Pastor Matt Dupuy
Senior Pastor

Serve NC Week - August 2 - 9, 2025
Any project. Any day.

Serve NC is an opportunity for every NC Baptist Church to love its community in Jesus' name through service projects. Every church. Every community.



Sunday, August 3rd
@ 6 PM
in the Sanctuary

Children, Youth, and Chaperones who attended CentriKid and FUGE Camps will offer highlights of their week at Summer Camp. Be sure to join us for this exciting time of sharing how the Lord worked in and through them this summer!



“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”
Strands of Hope and Glory That Hold God’s
Church Together Over Time and Into Eternity

“... but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.”

~ Ephesians 5: 18b - 20

Not long ago, Steve Evans and I were in my office chatting about one of our favorite pastimes — Gospel music. As we talked, we discovered a mutual fondness for the old hymn, “*Blest Be the Tie That Binds.*” It’s a classic tune, sung many a’ time here at Rocky Hock. And if you know it...chances are the tune is already humming through your head!

But the *story* behind the song is just as moving as the *melody*. It was written by John Fawcett (1740–1817), an orphan-turned-pastor who served at a small church in Wainsgate, Yorkshire, England. History records that, after several years of faithful ministry, Fawcett received a call to pastor a church in London. He accepted the invitation, preached his farewell sermon, and loaded his wagons to leave. But as the congregation gathered in tears to say goodbye... he was overcome by their love and chose to stay. It is said that this encounter inspired the words of “*Blest Be the Tie That Binds.*” Fawcett remained at Wainsgate until his death in 1817.

The verses of this hymn paint a vivid portrait of what it means to belong to the Lord’s Church. They speak of fellowship, shared burdens, and the eternal bond we have in Christ. Each line invites us to overlay our own memories — the joys, the tears, the answered prayers — making the hymn deeply personal. *Let’s walk through the lyrics together and rediscover why this timeless tune continues to resonate today.*

Verse 1 – “*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*” The first time I heard this song was in 2016 at a community worship night at the church that my Dad still pastors. At the end of the service, he lifted up his copy of the 1975 Baptist Hymnal and asked everyone to come forward, join hands, and sing this song. I had never heard it before, but I’ll never forget how stricken I was by the words on that page — people from different churches, different walks of life, all lifting their voices together, crooning about our common tie in Christ. It truly was a blessed tie. As we look ahead to Homecoming in October, I’m reminded that the same love that kept Fawcett in Wainsgate continues to draw people to this place — a fellowship knit together by Christ Himself. *Blest be the tie that binds!*

Verses 2–3 – “*Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares. We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*” What a gift it is to belong to a church where burdens are shared, and prayers are lifted with sincerity. We don’t face life alone — we have each other. That’s what makes Rocky Hock so special. Moreover, that’s why we have a “prayer chain;” it’s not just a way to keep everyone informed — it’s a way to get people praying, *and quickly!* When someone hurts, we all hurt. When someone prays, we all pray. It’s not just fellowship — it’s family. *Blest be the tie that binds!*

Verse 4 – “*When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain; But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.*” Here, Fawcett captures the sorrow of earthly goodbyes — especially when someone we love is called home to be with the Lord. Yet, even in grief, God’s people can have hope. Because the tie that connects us in this life carries into eternity. It’s not severed by death — it’s sealed by the blood of Jesus. And one day, we will meet again. What a promise. What a tie. *Blest be the tie that binds!*

Allow me to issue a challenge: Don’t take the fellowship at Rocky Hock for granted. Immerse yourself in it. Get involved. Worship alongside people who love Jesus, and love you. Get back into the swing of things and share your burdens with people who care. Rejoice in answered prayers. Grow in grace — together. There is joy in doing life with a church family that is grounded in Christ. To God be the glory — and *blest be the tie that binds!*

Pastor Trey Rogers
Associate Pastor of Youth & Children

Baptist Women



Being an Unshakable Leader in a Shaky World

by Amanda Martinsen, WMU NC Leadership Development Consultant and Resource Coordinator

"My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile." — 1 Corinthians 15:58 (CEV)

Our world seems to be changing with each passing day. Did you know that with the dawn of the Technology and Internet Era, we have experienced more growth in the last 30 years than we had in the previous 100 years? It seems like there is always some new technology coming out or a new way to connect with people. We don't have to wait to read tragic headlines in the paper anymore because our phones notify us within moments of something happening.

Kids and youth today are facing tremendous stress and pressures that weren't there years ago, church programming is different, WMU's structure and resources are changing in a lot of ways, and many of our churches are facing hardship and the effects of an everchanging world and culture.

Our world can feel shaky at times, but we are called to stand firm and not be shaken, especially as leaders. So how do we remain steadfast? How can we be unshakable leaders in what feels like a very shaky world?

In order to be unshakable leaders, we must pursue God first and foremost. As leaders, if we want our ministries to produce fruit and for our lives to produce a rich faith, we must keep in constant pursuit of God. Where we place God on our list of priorities affects everything in our lives.

How connected we are to our Father shows. We will have a hard time leading others to have a close relationship with Jesus if we aren't seeking Him in prayer and communicating with Him ourselves. God is our unshakable foundation. It is essential that we seek Him first in all that we do.

Secondly, if we want to be unshakable leaders we must step out of our comfort zones and embrace change. We are often creatures of comfort. We really don't like to be uncomfortable, and we don't like when things change or look different. We often don't like God asking us to do anything that pushes us too far out of our comfort zone. But pursuing God and being an unshakable leader means stepping out of your comfort zone!

It means serving in roles you may never have dreamed of. Working with people who are vastly different from you. Doing things you never thought you would do, and trusting that God will equip you for the assignment He has called you to do.

And we must embrace change, not run from it. I heard a pastor once say, "the past isn't really better, it's the anxiety of an unknown future that causes people to cling to it." We spend a lot of time focusing on the past because we are fearful of the changes that await us in the future.

Being an unshakable leader means that even when we face change, good or bad, we don't fear the future because our future rests in the hands of an all-knowing God. If our foundation is the steadfast love and pursuit of Jesus—the winds of change won't break us. Step out of your comfort zone, embrace change, and rest on the unchanging love of our Father.

And finally, if you want to be an unshakable leader, keep your focus on an unshakable God. I know you feel weary at times. I know things can feel scary and everything seems to be changing, but I want to encourage you to stand firm. The truth is we may not always get to see the fruits of our labor, or the harvest from the seeds we plant, but God wastes nothing. And our work, the work we do for Him, to glorify Him, is never in vain.

You can be an unshakable leader because you love and serve an unshakable God. The world needs unshakable leaders of the faith right now. The world needs to see leaders who are passionate for seeing people come to know Christ and grow in their faith, and the world needs leaders who are relentless in their pursuit of God.

Remember, being an unshakable leader has little to do with who we are and everything to do with who Jesus is. Keep pursuing Him. Keep being on mission for Him. Remain steadfast in who He is. If you will unshakably pursue Him and stand firm, you will see Him do immeasurable things not only in you, but through you, and for generations to come.



The **Baptist Men's Breakfast** this month will be on **Sunday, August 17th at 7:30 AM** in the Special Function Room. Gentlemen, please join us for food, fellowship, and a devotion!





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.

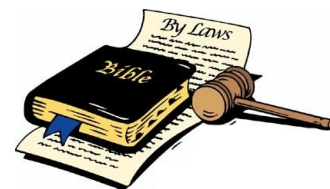
You may contact Trey Bass (484-9406), Neal Tynch (312-9362), or Ellis Tynch (333-0388) for more information, or call the Church Office (221-4133).

Our next Building Fund Offering will be on Sunday, August 17th. There are envelopes designated specifically for this in your boxed set, or you may use a pew envelope. The offering will be taken at the doors at the end of the Morning Worship Service.



Our next 5th Sunday Mission Offering will be on Sunday, August 31st. All funds received will go towards shipping and purchasing items for **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes.

Our next **Quarterly Church Conference** will be on Wednesday, August 27th, 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 for the meal is Wednesday, August 20th!**



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

7/27/25 - 8/2/25

Scott Noble, Mike Evans, J. C. Forehand

8/3/25 - 8/9/25

Keith Nixon, Phil Smith, Russell Byrum

8/10/25 - 8/16/25

Ted Peele, Oscar White, Adam Bunch

8/17/25 - 8/23/25

Chris Turner, Steve Evans, Bill Smith

8/24/25 - 8/30/25

Sam Tynch, Donald Bass, Allen Peele

August Deacon Greeters

Senior Adult Building: Danny Lewis

Sanctuary Main Entrance: Mike Evans

Connecting Corridor: Allen Nixon

Multi-Purpose Main Entrance: Carroll Evans



August Ushers:

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

August Offering Team:

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

August Counting Committee:

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



Sunday Attendance: SS AM PM

6/29/25:	168	274	66
7/6/25:	145	252	No Service
7/13/25:	159	316	52
7/20/25:	154	244	48

Wednesday Evening Attendance:

6/25/25:	51
7/2/25:	66
7/9/25:	No Service due to VBS
7/16/25:	85



The request from RHBC this month is:

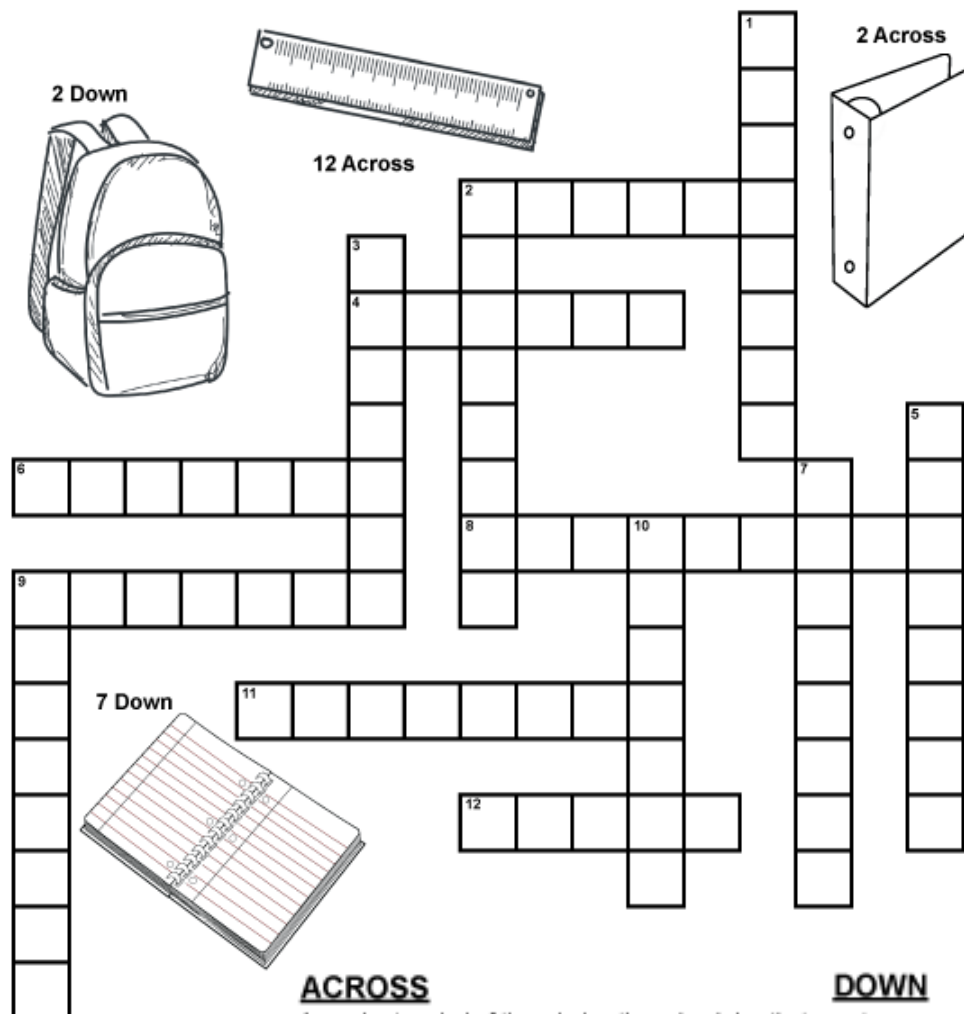
JELL-O Cups



Children's Page

For children
of all ages!

Back to School



ACROSS

4. a short period of time during the school day that children can play, usually outside
6. to provide schooling for;
another word for teach that starts with an E;
Teachers work hard to _____ their students.
8. a room where classes are taught in a school
9. an area of knowledge that is studied in school;
Math is my favorite _____.
11. another word for completed that starts with an F;
"Have you _____ your homework?"

DOWN

1. process of gaining knowledge by studying, practicing, being taught, or experiencing something;
"I am _____ about fractions."
3. a planned piece of work that has a specific purpose and that usually requires a lot of time;
"I'm doing a science _____ on volcanoes."
5. school work a student is given to do at their house
9. reading or memorizing facts to learn about a subject
"I am _____ for my math test."
10. "I _____ for my math test yesterday."

CHILDREN'S



Saturday, August 23rd

Join us for lunch and bowling! We will leave the church at 10:45 AM and head to Elizabeth City for lunch at Sonic, followed by bowling at Albemarle Lanes. See Pastor Trey for more information.



On August 3rd, we will be hosting **Youth Sunday** here at Rocky Hock Baptist Church! If you are a Sunday School Teacher, Ministry Leader, etc. and would like for one of our children or youth to have your job for the day, please reach out to Pastor Trey so he can assign you a student! Likewise, if you have a student who wants to participate in Youth Sunday, please let Pastor Trey know ASAP! We look forward to serving our Lord together on this special day!

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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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