

The Rocky Hock Anchor

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



"Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!"

~ Psalm 119:36

Psalm 119:36 is a daily part of my prayer life. I ask God everyday that He would cause my heart to be bent toward His word. Or, as I frequently pray, put my heart on a downward slope toward the Scriptures; that my heart and my desires would default to the Word of God. This is so important because the opposite would be that my heart defaults to selfish gain. If God does not help me in my sinfulness to be inclined to the Scriptures, then the natural response of my heart will be to grumble, to complain, to criticize, to self-exalt, and the like. You see, I am a sinner and my heart will naturally be selfish; and that is why the Word of God is so important in my life. It is God working through His Scriptures that will cause my heart to seek Him and not myself. I pray that we would all have an attitude of full surrender in our lives! I would encourage each of you to ask, "What is your heart inclined to today?"

Grace and Peace!

Pastor Matt Dupuy
Senior Pastor



The Homecoming Committee has been working for the past several weeks as we prepare to celebrate the 190th Anniversary of Rocky Hock Baptist Church. Our celebration will be on October 12, 2025 and the service will begin at 10:30 AM. There will NOT be Sunday School that day. After the service, we will gather for a meal and time of fellowship. **Everyone is encouraged to bring enough food to feed your family plus 2 more people.**

The food drop-off will begin at 9:30 AM. There will be signs directing where you will need to go when you arrive and there will be someone to help you unload your food. This will be at the back door of the kitchen. Then you will be directed where to go to park your vehicle.

There will be someone to assist those needing help getting into the church with wheelchairs and walkers. There will be a handicap parking area available. There will be signs and gentlemen on the grounds to assist you where to park and help with any questions you may have.

We are very fortunate to have Dr. Ron Cava bringing the message. Ron and his wife Shirley currently reside in Henderson, NC where he is serving as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church. The Cavas have 4 children: Amber Halstead, Julia Nugen, Steven Cava, and Charis Shattuck, and 10 grandchildren.

We will have several special guests attending that have had previous roles at our church. There will be a time where they will share their current ministry positions.

Following the service, we will go over to the Multi-Purpose Building for our meal. Those needing assistance will go first. There will be church members to guide everyone to the area and assist with meals and seating.

Hope everyone is planning to attend and bring your families!



“The Voice Above The Crowd: Learning to Listen for the Steady Sound of Scripture amidst the Shouts, Static, and Struggles of Life”

“And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying, Go ye, enquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this

book that is found: for great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.”

~ 2 Kings 22:11-13

I started announcing ball games as a freshman in high school. I'll never forget the morning one of my teachers asked me if I'd be willing to read off a few rosters later that night at the varsity softball game. It was a spur-of-the-moment thing and the team was in a bind – so I said “yes.”

What I didn't realize was that I was stepping into a lifelong passion. I discovered I had a real knack for announcing – especially football. Over the years, I never missed a game. One season, I even flew home from being out West, sick as a dog, just to make it back in time for kickoff. By God's grace, I've now been “behind the mic” for around 15 years, including right here in Chowan County for our very own ... EDENTONNNNN AAACESSSSS!

One of my favorite parts of “play-by-play” announcing is having the ability to clear up confusion on the field with the push of a button. Even when a penalty flag gets thrown right in front of everybody... there can still be confusion, especially if your team is the one at fault. But because the announcer has a better view of the field, and usually some inside information via walkie talkie, he can clear it up with the push of a button and just a few words.

I got to thinking ... wouldn't it be convenient if God spoke to us like that? What if His voice boomed through the loudspeakers of our day – announcing what's about to happen, what's just happened, and what we should do next? That would be incredible!

But here's the truth: *God's already speaking.* Most of the time, He doesn't give us a play-by-play of what's about to happen ... but He has given us a verse-by-verse guide to life – His Word. His Word is His voice, and it's still speaking today! There is a field in front of us that God wants us to see and understand ... but we must first tune out the world and listen to the voice that's above the crowd!

I'm reminded of the story of King Josiah finding God's Book in 2 Kings 22. God's Law had been tossed aside in the confines of the Temple; no one really cared to look for it. But after it was rediscovered and read aloud ... Josiah heard a voice he hadn't heard in a very long time – the voice of God. Suddenly, the king saw things as they truly were and it broke him. In grief, he tore his clothes. In humility, he repented. And because he took God's Word seriously, God spared him the judgment that would later come upon his people.

Think about it: God's Word had been there all along. The voice of God had never gone silent. The problem was that His people just weren't listening. *They had shelved God's Word and decided to follow their own paths.*

Friends, the same is true for us. God's Word is not hidden. God's Word sits open before us, just waiting to be read. And if we will place ourselves under the sound of His voice, He will guide us into all truth and direct each and every step that we take!

So, the next time you find yourself wishing for a heavenly announcer to give you a play-by-play during the midst of your trial, remember this: You already have one! You have the living, breathing Word of God. *Open it. Read it. Believe it.* And when you do ... you'll hear His voice loud and clear, through the power of the Holy Spirit! *It's a broadcast you can't afford to miss!*

Pastor Trey Rogers
Associate Pastor of Youth & Children



Baptist Women



Because of Joy by Taryn Slott

We Worship Together

Corporate Worship Gives Us Joy.

from Missions Mosaic, Fall 2025

I love the purpose statement of the church I attend: “We live all of life as worship, in community and on mission.” Thinking in this way about life in the local church has helped me enjoy gathering with the body of Christ more and more. God’s design is for Christians to worship in community.

JOY IN CHRIST

Although our private lives are certainly to reflect devotion, confession, praise, and worship, God calls us to worship together with other believers: “Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together” (Psalm 34:3). The body of Christ is made up of individuals uniquely made by God, but we are united in our love for Christ and by His redemption of our lives. Ephesians 1:3-14 explains that believers have been blessed with every spiritual blessing. Because we are united to Christ, we have been given an inheritance and will be redeemed “to the praise of his glory” (v. 14). Union with Christ gives us peace with God, meaning we can pursue His design for our lives—what joy!

JOY IN COMMUNITY

Joy is a benefit of corporate worship because it is part of God’s design. Worshipping together reflects our union with Christ, and the fellowship of other believers helps strengthen the entire community of faith. Pastor Paul David Tripp explains, “Fear, complaint, and independence are all obstacles to a willing, joyful, faithful, and restful life of faith. The regular gathering of the church for worship and instruction has been designed by God to be one of his most valuable weapons in our fight against these.” Worshipping the Lord with joy in community will strengthen our faith and joy individually as well.

JOY FOR ETERNITY

We have been given an everlasting joy. Psalm 16:11 says, “You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.” We have peace with God today and forever, and it is secure and eternal—what joy! This is a continual joy that is not changed by our circumstances. When the joy of the Lord is our strength, we can obey with a glad heart, knowing God is working in all things for our good and His glory. This promise of eternal joy compels us to be on mission, worshipping together whenever possible.

Taryn Slott is a former International Mission Board missionary with more than a decade of experience in East Asia. She and her family love serving local churches both at home and abroad.



The **Baptist Men’s Breakfast** this month will be on **Sunday, September 21st at 7:30 AM** in the Special Function Room. Gentlemen, please join us for food, fellowship, and a devotion!



Attention Senior Adults!

On **Sunday, September 21st at 5 PM in the Gym**, there will be a time of fellowship and a delicious Hamburger Steak meal for all Senior Adults in the congregation. Entertainment will be provided!

(This event will take the place of Sundays @ SIX)



Deacon Team of the Week

8/31/25 - 9/6/25

Ruston Howell, Danny Lewis, Carroll Evans

9/7/25 - 9/13/25

Allen Nixon, Ellis Tynch, Lee Bass

9/14/25 - 9/20/25

David Spruill, Chris Sykes, Wayne Bunch

9/21/25 - 9/27/25

Scott Noble, Mike Evans, J. C. Forehand

9/28/25 - 10/4/25

Keith Nixon, Phil Smith, Russell Byrum

September Deacon Greeters

Senior Adult Building: Oscar White

Sanctuary Main Entrance: Ruston Howell

Connecting Corridor: Scott Noble

Multi-Purpose Main Entrance: Keith Nixon



September Ushers:

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

September Offering Team:

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

September Counting Committee:

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



Sunday Attendance: SS AM PM

7/27/25:	157	317	60
8/3/25:	180	280	Camp Review
8/10/25:	146	210	73
8/17/25:	162	258	72

Wednesday Evening Attendance:

7/23/25:	66
7/30/25:	78
8/6/25:	72
8/13/25:	74



The request from RHBC this month is:

Pasta Sauce



Children's Page

For children
of all ages!

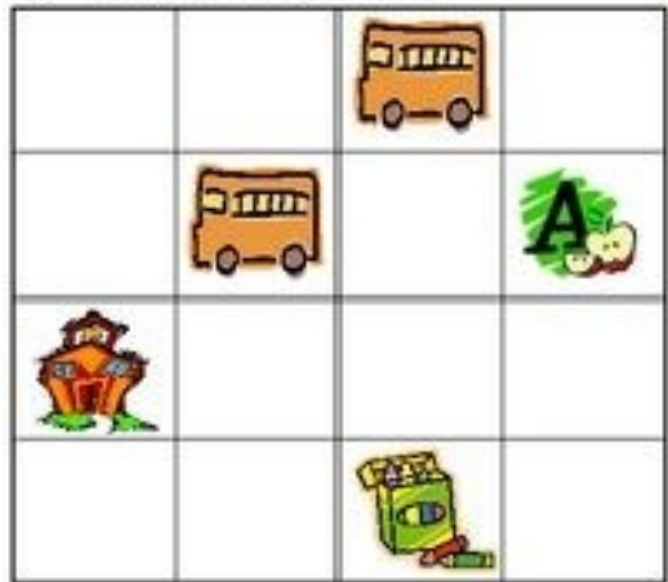


The *Pray for Me Campaign*
Kick-off Celebration &
Meal will be on Sunday,
September 14th @ 6 PM!

We will meet first in the
Sanctuary and then go over
to the Gym. This will be in
lieu of our regular Sunday
night Adult Bible Study and
Children & Youth Activities.
For more information, please
contact Pastor Trey.



Back to School with Sudoku



Youth Promotion Night

On Sunday, September 7th at 6 PM in the Youth Suite, we will recognize and celebrate our students who are advancing to the Youth Ministry. This milestone marks the transition of our new 6th Graders from Children's Ministry into the life of the Youth Group. Families with students making this step are asked to notify Pastor Trey as soon as possible so they may be included in the Evening's Service.



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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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