

# The Rocky Hock Anchor

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



*5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. 7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.*  
~ Proverbs 3:5-7

Trusting the Lord with all your heart sounds so good, but it would be much easier without the word “all.” It is intuitive to the believer that we must trust the Lord, but in the moments that we are tested, our hearts begin to trust what our eyes see and what our emotions tell us. In order to trust Him with all of our hearts, we must loosen our dependence on our own understanding. We will either live for what we want, or we will live for what He says. We can’t do both.

Verse 6 is meant to help us understand verse 5. In all your ways you are called to know Him, the idea is intimacy with the God you trust. Everything you do is meant to be an avenue that leads you to intimacy with the Lord. The purpose of all your pursuits is to know Jesus. When you do, He will guide the paths of your life to exactly the place you are seeking; they will all lead to Him. Trust in the Lord with all your heart; it is the continual call of the Christian life.

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. *Please be sure to mark your dishes and lids with your name!* 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!

## “Faith that Moves through the Mud” God’s Plan for His People When They Can’t See a Thing!



**Hebrews 11:6** – “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

When I was a kid, I spent many a summer at a local campground that sat on the muddy banks of a lake called “Chatuge.” This lake straddles the NC/GA line, and is framed by the shoulders of the Tusquitee and Blue Ridge Mountains.

What many people don’t know, however, is that this 7,000-acre reservoir didn’t even exist until 1942, when the TVA built a dam, flooded the valley, and started generating hydroelectricity. Entire communities — including churches, farms, and family homesteads, in both states — were swallowed beneath the waters.

Today, you’d never guess that such a history lies beneath the surface. Lake Chatuge now bustles with life: jet skis and pontoons, anglers casting lines, and beaches swarming with swimmers... But wait! There’s more!

Lake Chatuge also has a golf course. The place where I swung my first golf club and hit my first bucket of balls; the place where I developed my love for the game. But don’t let the nostalgia fool you... this particular course came with a warning label: You had better be good or you had better bring an extra set of golf balls... because the lake was unforgiving. If you sliced your shot, it was gone forever [into one of the many public access residential coves that surround the area]. As I grew older, I started to think about how many golf balls were sitting at the bottom of that lake... and, as you might expect, I decided to find out.

One day — with permission — my mom and I rode our jet ski from the campground to the golf course. I plopped my goggles into place and adjusted my snorkel and then... I slipped beneath the surface! Turns out, the goggles did me no good; the more I moved around, the muddier the waters got... so I stopped moving and I started reaching... with my hands barely touching the bottom. It wasn’t long before I sprung to life! There they were! Small, round treasures buried beneath the muck. The less I moved, the clearer things got. Titleist. Callaway. Slazenger. Nike. Bright white pearls hidden in the darkness, just waiting to be found!

As I look back on that day... I realize that while I was reaching around in the mud... God was teaching me about faith. You may say, “Pastor Trey... what in the world are you talking about?” Allow me to explain.

Sometimes, God leads us through seasons of murky waters. These kinds of places are uncomfortable, and they’re designed to test our faith. These are the kinds of places where you won’t be able to see what God is up to, at first glance... But listen! God doesn’t always bring us to these places so that we can see what’s on the surface — He brings us there for

something that lies beneath. And the only way you’re going to find out what it is... is if you settle down, open up your hands, and reach out in faith. “Without faith it is impossible to please him [God].” (Hebrews 11:6)

Perhaps, you’re floating through a season of sickness, or passing through the murky waters of a trial... and you don’t know why God has allowed it? Things seem pointless. You can’t see what God is up to. Friend — don’t lose heart! The same God who spoke galaxies into being hasn’t forgotten about you. He’s doing something beneath the surface — so, settle down and open up your hands.

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



# Baptist Women



*From Missions Mosaic, By Diana Derringer, Contributing Writer*

## Joy-Filled Prayers, Joyful Service

God, our Creator, loves us and has a special plan for each of our lives. When we pray for, discover, and fulfill that plan, we experience genuine joy. That joy reveals itself as we serve God and our actions benefit those around us. However, as with most endeavors as believers, this is not a once-and-done deal. While we daily seek direction, God opens new avenues that are often unexpected and beyond anything we could have imagined. Although not always comfortable or pain-free, those avenues can lead us to new or expanded areas of service. This holds true for all believers, whether we serve in secular fields or in full-time missions and ministry work.

### PRAISING OUR CREATOR

During our daily routines, we frequently encounter people who don't acknowledge God as Creator. Many believe there is no God. Others wonder. A growing trend in Western culture is the belief that many gods or many paths to god exist, a belief long observed in many parts of the world.

The challenge is great in any setting but particularly so for missionaries in countries where the majority of the population embraces such beliefs. While missionaries seek strong relationships built on trust, they also share the truth of the one and only God, who created the world. They reveal God's love by sharing through both their words and actions. They seek acceptance without compromising the truth revealed in the Bible.

Achieving such balance often proves exhausting but worth the effort. Verses such as Psalm 28:7 help motivate missionaries to action and encourage them when they feel overwhelmed and exhausted: "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him." Maintaining that Holy Spirit-generated joy and relying on the power of prayer enables missionaries and local believers to set an example that draws people away from false gods and to the one true God.

### PETITIONING OUR CREATOR

God did not create and then abandon us. Rather, He remains ready to hear our petitions and meet our daily needs. Whether we ask for forgiveness, help with personal concerns or guidance as we reach out to meet the needs we see, God hears and answers the cries of our hearts. Those answers may or may not be what we hope. Yet we can rely on God's constant peace and presence and the knowledge that He "works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

God's guidance often occurs in unexpected ways. We may find it through the power of the Holy Spirit as we pray or read the Bible, through Christian mentors, or through circumstances that display the omnipotence of our loving, righteous Creator. These experiences apply not only in our lives but also in the lives of missionaries who serve in areas with dramatic cultural differences. In whatever way God answers our petitions, let's recall and claim the words of Romans 15:13 for ourselves and the missionaries on our prayer lists: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

### PREPARING TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF OUR CREATOR

When we open our hearts to God in prayer and seek His will, God transforms us into the servants He created us to be. Our hearts seek His heart. Our hands do His work. Our minds dwell on His truths. Our mouths speak of His love and righteousness. May our daily prayers echo that of the prophet Isaiah, "Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand" (Isaiah 64:8). As God molds us, He prepares us for service and rewards beyond anything we could ever hope. God fills us with joy and peace as we trust and follow Him.



The **Baptist Men's Breakfast** this month will be on **Sunday, October 19th 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

#### 9/28/25 - 10/4/25

Phil Smith, Russell Byrum, \_\_\_\_\_

#### 10/5/25 - 10/11/25

Ted Peele, Oscar White, Adam Bunch

#### 10/12/25 - 10/18/25

Chris Turner, Steve Evans, Bill Smith

#### 10/19/25 - 10/25/25

Sam Tynch, Donald Bass, Allen Peele

#### 10/26/25 - 11/1/25

Ruston Howell, Danny Lewis, Carroll Evans

### October Deacon Greeters

Senior Adult Building: J. C. Forehand

Sanctuary Main Entrance: Allen Nixon

Connecting Corridor: Chris Turner

Multi-Purpose Main Entrance: Keith Rollins

**LOVE GROW SERVE**



### October Ushers:

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

### October Offering Team:

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

### October Counting Committee:

Emily Byrum, Jasper Evans,  
Lee & Ruth Jordan, Allen Peele



<u>Sunday Attendance:</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
8/24/25:	167	275	78
8/31/25:	155	211	57
9/7/25:	185	319	86
9/14/25:	156	252	? "Pray for Me"
9/21/25:	186	250	? Sr. Adult Meal

### Wednesday Evening Attendance:

8/20/25:	63
8/27/25:	73 Church Conference
9/3/25:	71
9/10/25:	? Q & A Session
9/17/25:	81



The request from RHBC this month is:

## Mac & Cheese



# Children's Page

For children  
of all ages!



**We will host our Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 25th from 6 - 8 PM!**

This church-wide event is a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Christ with our community. There will be trunk-or-treat, carnival games, hayrides, bounce houses, food, kettle corn, a cake walk, and much more! Costumes are optional.

To help make this event a success, we are accepting individually wrapped candy donations (chocolate candy is permissible this year). Please bring your contributions to the church by **October 19th**. For more details, see Pastor Trey.



## AUTUMN



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apples	colorful	frost	pumpkin	squash
autumn	cozy	harvest	quilt	squirrel
birds	crow	hayride	rake	sunflower
blanket	deciduous	jacket	rustling	sweater
bonfire	equinox	leaves	scarecrow	trees
changing	flannel	migrate	season	vegetables
cider	foliage	orchards	spider	wheelbarrow



## Chase Bateman Memorial



**November 18th, 1:00 - 6:00 PM**  
**RHBC Multi-Purpose Building**

Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter RHBC

Rhonda Bass will be happy to make your appointment if you need help or answer any questions. Give her a call at 252-337-5766.



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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](http://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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