

RPC NEWSLETTER



Just These Thoughts My Friends....

As we make our subtle turn towards the fall of the year, it means many wonderful opportunities for our Rock Church family to be blessed and strengthened for our service to Jesus, our Lord. There are, in fact, so many opportunities coming up that I am relegated to just a few lines here so that we can make room for all of this necessary information. That said, I do want to encourage each of you to take a few moments to look through all of the many things that are included in this newsletter, and pray with me that each of these events will honor the Lord. Finally, think about where the Lord is calling you, or your family, to be a part of this wonderful journey of faith. It is a joy to see all that the Lord is doing here among us, and I am grateful for these years of partnering with you for the Gospel.

Blessings!

Dr. Chris Leonard



Welcome Jennifer Wood RPC's Office Administrator!

Jennifer joined the Rock family in July 2025. She previously worked in the business and energy industries for 26 years. She earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from Auburn University. She moved to Greenwood after retiring with her husband, Dave, who grew up in Ninety Six, SC. Her blended family consists of two adult daughters, a son-in-law, and one grandson. She enjoys spending time with family and traveling. She brings a wide range of experience to Rock.

"WE HAVE THIS HOPE AS AN ANCHOR
FOR THE SOUL FIRM AND SECURE"
HEBREWS 6:19

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Rock Pres Rally Day!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17
10AM IN THE
MULTI-PURPOSE BLDG

~ AGES 3 TO 93 ~
~ FOOD & FELLOWSHIP
~ SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTIONS
~ ADULT CLASS INFO

YOUTH! YOUTH! YOUTH!

As the new school year begins and our youth settle into their new routines, Sunday Night Live is ready to kick off a new year full of energy, fun, and worship! We've lined up some exciting events to help everyone reconnect and grow in faith.

August 3, 5:00 p.m.

Slip & Slide Kickball Bash

Join us for an evening of **Fun, Food, and Kickball!** At the playground for an exciting night of games, delicious food, and plenty of laughter.

August 24, 12:15 p.m. –3:00 p.m.

Lake Day: Let's Make a Splash!

After the morning worship service, we'll be heading out to the lake and the home of Carolyn Fish, for an afternoon of water fun and fellowship. Whether you're swimming, paddling, or just soaking up the sun, it's going to be a wonderful day. Be sure to bring your swimsuit, towel, and readiness to have a great time!

August 31, 2:45 p.m. at the MH

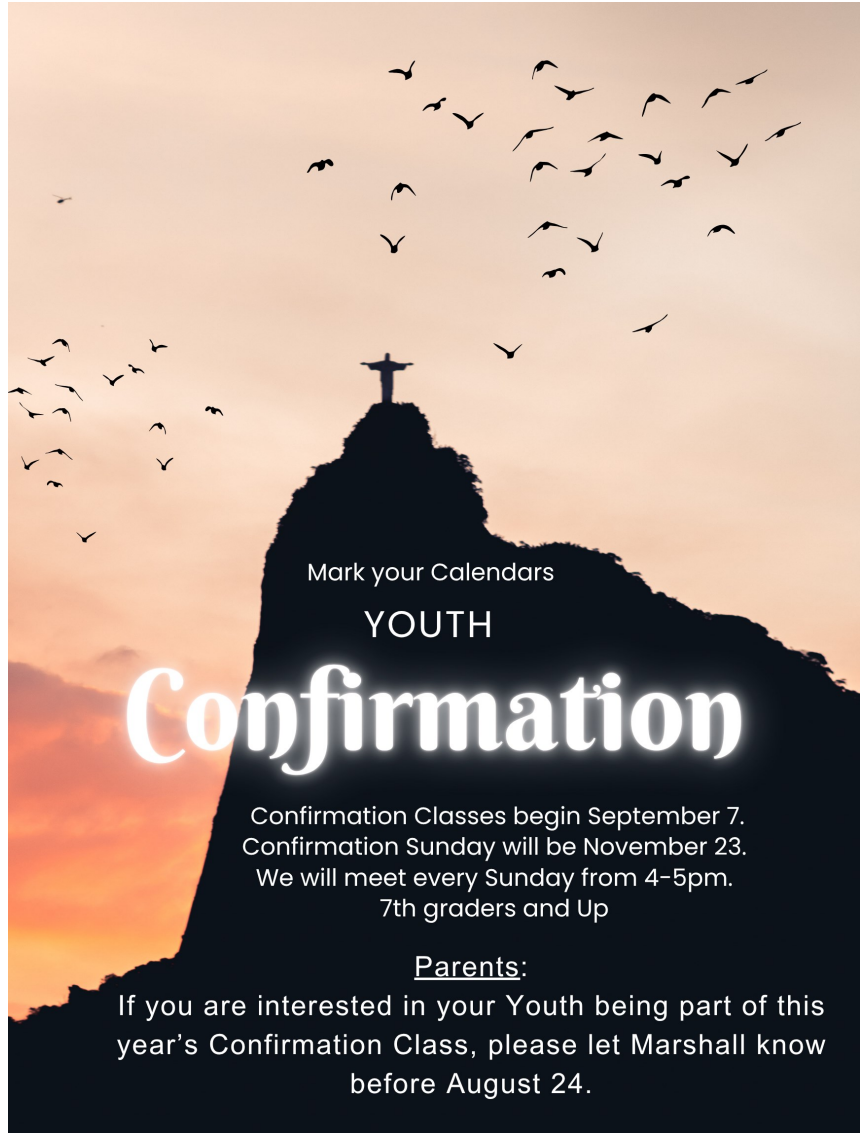
Worship & Serve at the Presbyterian Community in Clinton

Our youth will have a special opportunity to serve and worship with the residents. This will be a meaningful evening to share our gifts and experience the joy of serving others. We'll enjoy dinner afterwards. We'll return to church by 7:00 p.m.

September 7, 5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

We are excited to see **Sunday Night Live** return to its full rhythm this day. **Confirmation Class** also begins that day for 7th graders and up.

Expect powerful worship, engaging discussions, and meaningful connections as we grow in faith together throughout the fall.



Mark your Calendars
YOUTH
Confirmation

Confirmation Classes begin September 7.
Confirmation Sunday will be November 23.
We will meet every Sunday from 4-5pm.
7th graders and Up

Parents:
If you are interested in your Youth being part of this year's Confirmation Class, please let Marshall know before August 24.

***Second Sunday,
Second Breakfast***
**Sunday, August 10,
10:00 a.m. (MH)**



Calling all youth! You are invited for breakfast each second Sunday of the month in the Mission House. Enjoy some food, fellowship, and a devotion together. Come and invite your friends!

Rock JAM



ROCK JAM
JESUS
AND
ME

August Activities:

Aug 3: Back to School Slip'n Slide Kick Ball Bash!
5pm: Rock JAM & Youth Families / dinner provided!

Aug 10: Second Sunday Service
4K-5th grade after the 9am Children's Message

Aug 17: Rally Day & Book Bag Blessings!
9am & 11am services: Book Bag Blessings
10am: Breakfast & Sunday School promotions

Aug 24: Rock Jam Kick Off
5-6:30pm - more info coming soon!

Aug 31: No Rock JAM or Youth
Happy Labor Day weekend!

YOU ARE INVITED TO A
**ROCK FAMILY
SLIP & SLIDE
KICKBALL BASH**

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All RPC Youth & Rock JAM families are invited to play!

Sunday, August 3rd
5pm - 6:30pm
on the field next to the playground

PLUS:
Hotdog Dinner & Dessert!
Don't forget your suits and towels!

Rock Presbyterian
"Blessing of the Bookbags"

Children are invited to bring your bookbag to church on "Rally Day" Sunday, August 17, at 9am or 11am!

Students, teachers, and administrators will receive a "back to school" blessing and a special book bag tag!

Please Join US for a
Rock JAM Kick-off

POOL Party

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 5-6:30

AT THE HOME OF BEN & ABBY SNELLING
106 GULF PORT DRIVE
NINETY SC 29666

SECOND SUNDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Sunday, August 10



All children K4-5th grade are invited immediately following the 9:00 a.m. children's message, for music, snacks, crafts, and more in the fellowship hall.



August Rock Family Supper Wednesday, August 20 5:45 p.m., MPB

Everyone is invited for a pot luck meal! Please bring a dish to share that would serve 8-10 people. The program will be a presentation from a representative of the Black Mountain Children's Home.

Stewardship

ASK CHUCK:



Husband and Wife Divided Over Giving to the Church

<https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-husband-and-wife-divided-over-giving-to-the-church/>

My Kids Love These “Buy Now, Pay Later” Plans

<https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-my-kids-love-these-buy-now-pay-later-plans/>

Check out www.crown.org for other financial resources.

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Worship



August Childcare



Date	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
August 3	Wendy Whiting	Lauren Sullivan	Darlene Mallow
August 10	Ginny Edwards	Amy Williams	JoAnn Wolf
August 17	Ellen Warner	Laura Snelling	Diane Easterlin
August 24	Angela Easterling	Patty Reagin	Ann Stevenson
August 31	Mary Ann Edwards	Julia McClanahan	Carolyn Fish

August Sermons *Livestream available on Facebook/YouTube at 11:00 a.m.*

August 3 Communion Sunday	<i>A Summer in the Psalms</i> Psalm 133	Dr. Chris Leonard
August 10	<i>A Summer in the Psalms</i> Psalm 150	Dr. Chris Leonard
August 17 Rally Day	<i>Anchored in Christ</i> Hebrews 6:13-20	Dr. Chris Leonard
August 24	<i>Abide</i> 1 John 2:1-6	Rev. Marshall Steinle
August 31	<i>The Weary Task</i> Galatians 6:6-10	Rev. David Turner
August Ushers:	*Bill & Darlene Mallow	
Communion:	9:00 a.m. Dianne Salter, Melissa Yarochowicz 11:00 a.m. Diane Easterlin, Jan Rushton	
<i>Childcare is available for all services.</i>		



A Word from the Piano Bench by Sandra Hix

Anthem Arrangers

Most songs and hymns begin as a single melody written by a composer. Then verses are added with a complementary tune. Anthem arrangers take these songs, some theirs, some written by other composers, and add parts for Bass, Tenor, Alto, and Soprano singers to create anthems. A few of the most renown arrangers for church choir anthems are Lloyd Larson, Tom Fettke, Mary McDonald (who wrote our 250th anniversary anthem) and Don Besig. This past week beloved Presbyterian composer/arranger Hal Hopson, passed away at the age of 92. Over his career he published more than 3,000 music works for children, youth, and adult choirs, and compositions for organ, piano, and handbells. His most popular song is “The Gift of Love” which is based on 1 Corinthians 13. He also arranged a major cantata “God with Us”, which was chosen to be placed in a time capsule at the Kennedy Space Center during the American Bicentennial in 1976. In the 11:00 a.m. Sunday bulletin we list the composer or arranger of the choir anthem. We give thanks to God for the composers and arrangers who bless our church with their talents of music.

The WOC Council will meet on August 17, at 4:00 p.m., in the welcome center, for the beginning of our monthly meetings for August - May. We will have a Kick-Off Salad Supper on August 28, at 6:30 p.m., in the MPB. Any woman is more than welcome. You do not have to be a member of a circle or the council. Just bring a salad and join other women of the church for an evening of good food and fellowship.

Hope to see you then. Kaye Brock

Missions



Pop-Up Dinner for Wheatfield Neighborhood Tuesday, August 12 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The church is sponsoring a "pop-up" dinner for the Wheatfield neighborhood. Individually wrapped homemade desserts are needed! If you can bake some cookies, brownies, etc, please bag and drop off Tuesday before noon, August 12. Thank you for your help!

You walked. You gave. You prayed. Now... look what God is doing!



Dear Rock, Just a few weeks ago, we were walking, giving, and praying together for Walk for Hope and now, camp has begun! Because of **your generosity and faithfulness**, *hundreds of kids across Nicaragua* are experiencing the best week of their lives right now. And more importantly, they're encountering the love of Jesus in ways they'll never forget.

Miscellaneous Church News

Welcome New Covenant Partners



Keith & Christina Williams



Sonja Crenshaw



David & Christine Gray

Celebrations...

8/1	Ron Colaw	Happy Anniversary
8/3	Dan Parker	8/1 Gene & Mary Ann Loos
	Stacy Slagle	Richard & Gerrie Mayo
8/4	Brycen Fleming	8/2 Warren & Carrie Turner
8/5	Jan Rushton	8/3 Roddy & Diane Easterlin
8/6	Ashlon Alewine	8/4 Barry & Charla Brothers
8/9	Dennis Murphy	Al & Leigh Gambrell
8/11	Betty Stevenson	8/6 Matt & Jennifer Mitchell
8/12	Brooks Adair	8/7 Michael & Kerri Howell
8/13	Elizabeth Hinson	8/8 John & Cindy Ashworth
	Amy Williams	8/9 Ray & Kitty Lewis
8/14	Kenneth Wolf	8/10 Dave & Lorna Kithil
8/15	James Bourne	8/14 Jim & Suzie Martin
	Darrell Childress	Ray & Jeannie Price
	Alison Fletcher	8/15 Jeff & Sandra Hix
8/16	Kenny Craig	Kenneth & Shelia Reynolds
	Ethan Hobbs	8/16 Neal & Mary Anna Gerrard
8/18	Jim Slagle	8/17 Ron & Sue Colaw
8/19	Luke Easterling	8/18 Jim & Deana Gasque
	Gray Johnson	8/21 Douglas & Mary Cathrine McCartha
8/20	Jack Fletcher	8/26 Chad & Karen Reese
8/21	Susan Chasteen	8/31 Bret & Angela Easterling
8/22	Phillip Day	
	Harmon Deery	
	Kathy Watkins	
8/24	CJ Deal	
	Denny Layne	
	Debrah Miller	
	Barb Munch	
8/25	Michael Evans	
	Ginger Miller	
	Dave Wood	
8/26	Christian Hughes	
	Shadonne Sparrow	
8/27	Eli Botchie	
	Grant Gerrard	
	David Kendrick	
	Craig Palmer	
8/28	Denise Medford	
8/30	Debbie Coesens	
	Chris Salter	
8/31	Karen Rollison	
	Kathleen Watkins	

ROCK OF AGES RECAP

Rock of Ages met on July 14 and enjoyed fellowship with 46 senior covenant partners. We filled our appetites with burgers, baked beans, potato salad, and watermelon. Our own Dr Judy Lentz gave us a birds eye view of her PHD journey along with her dreams and God's direction for sharing our Palliative Care Ministry.



Men's Breakfast Saturday, August 2 8:00 a.m.

All men are invited to the Mission House for a delicious breakfast, Christian fellowship, and a brief devotion.

Emergency Response Team Information

Rock Presbyterian Church (ECO) is very fortunate to have numerous medical personnel (retired and otherwise) who have availed themselves to respond to any medical emergencies that might occur during church activities. The Palliative Care Ministry Team, with the guidance of Dr. Bill Mallow, has led the way to gather necessary supplies and educate this wonderful group of volunteers. If you have any concerns or any questions, feel free to contact any of the members of the Palliative Care Ministry Team: Judy Lentz, Margaret Moore, Linda Goldstein, Lee Goldstein, Kaye Brock, and Carrie Murdock. Contact information is available in the online church directory.

"Prior Preparation Prevents Poor Performance" so to better prepare our church for medical emergencies, we now have 5 Red Medical Bags.

These bags are equipped for emergencies and contain automatic blood pressure monitors, oximeters, and almost anything you might need in an emergency situation until EMS can arrive. Bags located near eating areas and the van contains a Life Vacuum for a choking situation. One bag is to be on our church van whenever it is in use. Other bags are located in a cabinet under the AED's (multipurpose building, upstairs fellowship hall, overflow room between sanctuary and choir room, and the mission house). Small First Aid kits with band aids, etc, for minor injuries can also be found in the cabinets under the AED's. Safety is everyone's responsibility!

"One Can" Ministry

RPC's One Can Ministry continues each week! You generously gave 371 lbs. of food to the local community of Greenwood. Please bring any non-perishables each Sunday to place in the bins located in the Welcome Center and CE Building.

No expired food accepted.

*Please keep in your prayers
Church Family at home*

Bill Cochran
Lib Grier
Katherine Martin
Mac Myers (Ashley Square)
Pat Poole (Martha Franks Retirement Community)
Lee Sautter (Wesley Commons)

Active Duty Military

Felipe Denis Blengio (Susan Judge's grandson)
Andrew Heath (Ken & Robin Leach's son-in-law)
Adam Hix
Matthew McManis
Craig Watkins

Active Reserve Duty Military

Will Chard (David & Christine Gray's son)
Chris Miller

*Rock Presbyterian Church wishes to express
Christian Sympathy to...*

Michael & Ansley Evans & family in the death of Ansley's father
Larry Haynes in the death of his mother
Lib Grier in the death of her son, John Calvin
Susan Jennings in the death of her brother

Dear Rock Family,
As I begin my retirement in full, I want to thank you all for the support, love, and care you have shown Al and me over the last 20+ years. Making so many friends has been an immeasurable blessing to us both and we cherish each one of you. You have been, and will remain to be, dear to our hearts. We look forward to seeing you when we have an occasion to be back at Rock in the future. May God bless you richly as you continue to serve his Kingdom.
Much love, Leigh

MAILING LABEL

Return Service Requested



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