

RPC NEWLETTER



Just These Thoughts My Friends...

With Labor Day just around the corner, I want to take a moment to give thanks for the faithfulness of the Rock Church staff, who labor among us, giving so much of themselves and their gifts to bless our family of faith, this community, and the Kingdom.

Rev. Steinle, very simply, brings to our staff on a daily basis, joy, peace, and an earnest desire to serve. As he continues to navigate life with our youth and young families, he still finds time to minister to the rest of the congregation. He is also a great sounding board for me, often helping me think through many hard things. There is no doubt his return to our Gwd. community has been, and will continue to be, a deep and abiding blessing for us all.

Rev. Turner walks with and loves all of you, and I hope you know this. But I am grateful for the ways he walks so closely with our most mature of covenant partners, and does so faithfully and with wisdom garnered through so many decades of pastoral ministry.

Melanie Fisher, the now second longest tenured staff person at Rock, is always ready to greet you with her joyful and welcoming presence, and to answer your questions and help you with whatever you may need. She has done this for you, and for our church staff, while also juggling many other things in her life. This, you would likely never know. So great is her love for the Lord and our Rock family.

Jennifer Wood, the newest full-time staff person, has come in with great energy and a willingness to serve the many administrative functions of the church. And there are many to be sure. Pray for her as she continues to learn all of the nuances of this job on the fly, and as she works to streamline and enhance many of the behind-the-scenes, day-to-day functions of our growing and active church. And thank you, Jennifer, for overseeing and keeping everything “new chair” related on track. What an ordeal.

Sandra Hix continues to do what she has done from day one, and that is lovingly lead the sanctuary choir, preparing them each and every week for their role in worship. She also gives of herself nearly every Sunday at 9am, blessing the early worship from her position behind the keyboard. We are abundantly grateful for her willingness to stay with us, well past her original thoughts of retirement, and to keep our hearts lifted up to the Lord.

Deana Gasque loves, loves, loves every child in this church, and works to make sure they know the love of God, whether in RockJam, Second Sundays, or overseeing the weekly Sunday schools. She also works with the Christian Education team to help our children learn more of the love of God for them in Jesus Christ. Beyond this, she leads and guides our Good News Club efforts at Mathews Elementary, working with many volunteers to help another group of children know how much they are valued and loved.

Zach McClanahan is our fun, easy going, joyful worship leader for the 9am service, and resident audio/visual/social media/livestream guru. He is just good like that. And not only can he play the guitar and sing, but he has a way of pulling together, week after week, the group of musicians/singers that Rock is blessed with. And if you worship with us at 9am, you know each Sunday morning setlist is thoughtfully prepared, prayed over, and rehearsed, so that our worship may truly be a blessing, and our gift to God.

Kamryn Brock has come to us in the past few months, ready and willing to offer her musical gifts from behind the piano bench at the 11am worship service. And while she definitely brings the average age of our staff way, way down, I am grateful for her energy and desire to serve with us here at Rock, and to take some of the burden of the 11am service off Sandra.

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Finally, a word of thanks to our nursery staff, groundskeeper, and custodian. They are each very valuable to me/us, and each does a job I am sure I was not called to. So thank you Maggie Grace, Kyla, Celestina, and Abney. You each serve our church well.

I could go on and on, but I will simply conclude by saying again how grateful I am for each of these friends, their gifts, and their hearts for the Lord. Each one of them serves well, not only in their particular area of ministry, but the greater needs of our church family. What a privilege it is for me (for us) to walk with them in life and ministry here at Rock.

Join me in giving thanks for our Rock Church staff, and in praying for them and their families.

Blessings in Christ!



Dr. Chris Leonard

Christian Education

YOUTH! YOUTH!! YOUTH!!!

Second Sunday Breakfast
Sunday September 13
10:00 AM



Meet with the Youth Group
at the Mission House
Bring Friends!



Rock JAM



ROCK
JAM
AND
ME

September Activities :

Sept 6: Rock JAM, 5-6:30

Parent Helpers: Shiles & Day

Sept 13: Rock JAM, 5-6:30

Parent Helpers: Hinson & Scheirer
(Second Sunday Children's Church @ 9am service)

Wed, Sept 16: Rock Family Supper, 5:45

Children's Menu & Childcare provided

Sept 20: Rock JAM, 5-6:30

Parent Helpers: Sullivan & Steifle

Sept 27: Rock JAM, 5-6:30

Parent Helpers: Botchie & McClanahan

Color

Fun

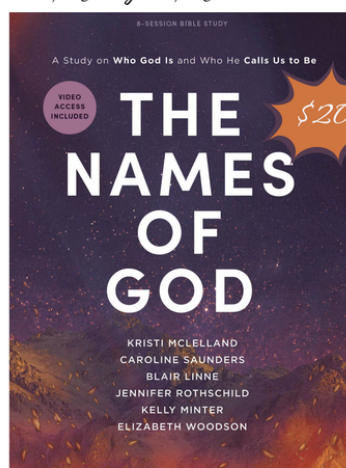
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AUGUST ACTIVITIES



Women's bible Study
Starting Tuesday, Sept 8th at 10 am
Meeting in Mission house



Rockin the Neighborhoods



A Study Devoted to "Living Faith"

Neighborhood Gatherings In:

Sheffield
Pinecrest Rd.
Forest Hills
Creekside
Stoney Point
The Mission House
Grace St.
Crystal Bay

Other CE Events for
the Church Family!
Please sign up in the
Church office.



KERYGMA
CORE CHRISTIANITY

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Multipurpose Guilding

ASK CHUCK:

How to Protect Your Elder Family from Financial Abuse

<https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-how-to-protect-your-elder-family-from-financial-abuse/>

How to Address the High Cost of Healthcare

<https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-how-to-address-the-high-cost-of-healthcare/>

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



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Programs



**Join us for Rock Family Supper Wednesday,
September 16th at 5:45 in the MPB.**

**Menu is Potluck, bring a dish that can be shared
with 6-8 people.**

**Our program is 'many minutes for missions'.
Come hear all about the organizations and
programs we support in our community and
beyond.**

Free - No Charge

Worship

September Childcare



Date	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
September 6	Susan Chasteen	Nealy Shiles	Debbie Leonard
September 13	Shelley Botchie	Patty Clark	Kathryn Luke
September 20	Elizabeth Hinson	Lauren Sullivan	Darlene Mallow
September 27	Ginny Edwards	Amy Williams	JoAnn Wolf

September Sermons

Livestream available on FACEbook/YouTube at 9:00am

September 6
Communion

Come Before Winter
II Timothy 4 selected

Rev. Dr. Chris Leonard

Fall "Rockin" Sermon Series - "Living Out Our Christian Faith"

September 13

In our Families
II Timothy 1:1-5; 3:14-15

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September 20

In the Workplace
Colossians 3:23-24

Rev. Dr. Chris Leonard

September 27

In our Neighborhoods
Matthew 22:34-40

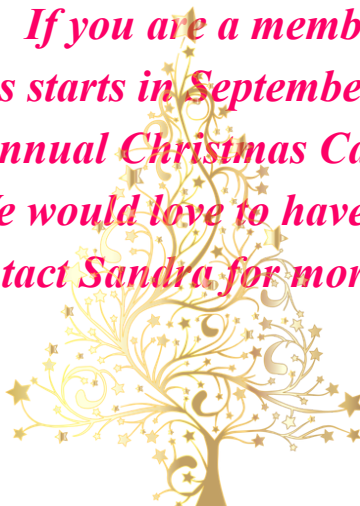
Rev. Dr. Chris Leonard

September Ushers: *Tom Watkins & Mike Hobbs
Communion: 9am - Patty Clark, Cheryl Wilson
11am - Beth Armstrong, Linda Kellam



Music Notes from Piano Bench by Sandra Hix

*Are you getting tired of the summer heat?
Have you been in Hobby Lobby lately? Christmas is just
around the corner. If you are a member of the sanctuary
choir, Christmas starts in September. We will begin
practice on the annual Christmas Cantata starting on
September 9th. We would love to have new members in
the choir. Contact Sandra for more information.*



WOC Salad Supper

ALL LADIES WELCOME!

SEPTEMBER 3, 6:30PM

MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING



Evangelism



RPC Honors George Park



"A good and faithful servant", is the best way to describe George Park. His faithful service to the Good News Club was recognized at the August Family Supper. His dedication led to the success of the club and the witness to many children of the "Good News" of the Gospel to Hodges and Mathews Elementary schools. Thank you for a job well done!

Miscellaneous Church News

Blessing Box



Welcome New Covenant Partners



Kathy (& Darrell) Childress



Mark & Sally Flavin

CELEBRATIONS...

Happy Birthday

9/1 Raelynn Cordell	9/17 Grat Horn
Shirley Crawford	9/22 Brad Cornelsen
Jack Davenport	Jace Figueroa
9/2 Abby Hinson	9/23 Addie Cordell
9/6 Alayna Sanders	Chris Piontek
9/7 Mac Myers	9/24 Neil Money
9/8 Cameron Craig	Chelsey Steifle
Diane Rork	9/24 Bradson Chasteen
9/9 Leah Deal	Mike Hobbs
Tom Pritchard	9/26 Gary Clark
9/10 Mary Beth Grant	Davis Piontek
Halle Piontek	Ellen Warner
9/11 Ethan Clayton	9/27 Cassie Adair
Susan Judge	Brad Knott
9/12 Cindy Ashworth	Debbie Leonard
John Deal	9/28 Elise Bates
Jessie Hammonds	Gena Wiegand
Dave Kithil	9/29 Sandra Hix
9/13 Suzie Martin	Barry Ohler
9/14 Billy Holloway	Leslie Sanford
9/16 Debbie Bourne	9/30 Darlene Mallow
Ann Nunamaker	Gillian Merritt
Hannah Prince	Kelsey Reynolds

Happy Anniversary

9/8 Michael & Nealy Shiles
9/10 Michael & Ansley Evans
9/12 David & Brooke Holloway
9/13 Jay & Pam Griffin
9/19 Jerry & Lynnette Humphrey
9/20 Brad & Vicki Knott
9/25 Bernie & Leslie Sanford
9/26 Gary & Kim Clark



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!
ROCK OF AGES SEPTEMBER 14
12NOON IN THE MPB.



INVITE A FELLOW COVENANT PARTNER TO COME AND ENJOY A MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP. YOU HAVE ASKED FOR "WALKING TACOS" SO COME WITH AN APPETITE! STAN COLBERT HAS AGREED TO COME ENTERTAIN US. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GOOD TIME AND HOPE TO SEE LOTS OF SMILING FACES!



*Please keep in your prayers
Church Family at home*

Lib Grier
Mac Myers (Ashley Square)
Pat Poole (Martha Franks Retirement Community)

Active Duty Military

Sean Cornelsen
Felipe Denis Blengio (Susan Judge's grandson)
Andrew Heath (Ken & Robin Leach's son-in-law)
Adam Hix (son of Jeff & Sandra Hix)
Connor Miller

Active Reserve Duty Military

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

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

*Paul Riddle and family in the death of
Paul's brother, Jerry*

Fall Work Day

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
9AM-12PM**



Return Service Requested

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