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THE CREEK

NEWSLETTER

Rocky Creek Missionary Baptist Church Mission Statement

Welcome to Rocky Creek Missionary Baptist Church , where we are winning souls for Christ by training and involving the entire congregation. The mission of Rocky Creek Missionary Baptist Church is producing kingdom citizens through evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, worship, and service in Jesus' name.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us every Sunday morning @9:00am for Sunday School

○ **Locations:**

- **Adults - Choir room**
- **Young Adults - Parlor**
- **Youth - Computer Lab**
- **Teenagers - Library**

- **Join us every Sunday morning at 10:00am**
- **for worship. Enjoy an uplifting message from our pastor**
 - **All services can be accessed via Youtube**
 - **+ via zoom**
 - **Meeting ID 2649535966; Passcode 1895239**

- **Join us on Wednesdays for Bible Study at 7pm.**

- **If you have any announcements that you would like placed in the Creek News, please see Trustee Robert E. Sweeney or any member of the publicity committee**

- **We have online giving! You can contribute to RCMBC through givelify or through the church's cashapp (\$Rockycreekmbc)**

- **Join us every Monday morning @6:30am for our weekly prayer call.**

Sunday School Topics

January 7th

God's Workmanship | Ephesians 1:3-14

January 14th

The Household of God | Ephesians 2:11-22

January 21st

A High Calling | Ephesians 4:1-16

January 28th

God-Honoring Families | Ephesians 5:21, 6:4

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

MOVEMENT FORWARD



It's a new year! 2024 is here! If you are reading this, the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings have allowed you to cross over into another year. With all that this world is going through; from wars, crime, sickness, and heartaches, being thankful to see a new year means more now than ever before. I am truly thankful for all that the Lord has done for me and my family and for you and our Rocky Creek Missionary Baptist Church family. The Lord has truly blessed us as a church. For those who have been with us in 2023, we know it has not been an easy journey, but it has been worth it! With all the ups and downs, wins and losses that we encountered in 2023, it is imperative that we do not focus too long on the successes or the failures for too long. It isn't easy to move forward while looking behind you. With over one hundred new members joining us, new ministries, returning members, new ministry leaders and a host of new ideas, 2024 will be a year that we must "Keep It Moving!"

Proverbs 4:25 will be our focus scripture for the year, stating, "let your eyes look straight ahead...". Jesus explained in the Gospels that "no man having put his hand on the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Speaking to His disciples, Jesus explained that anyone who looks back to his former life was not ready to follow Him. For the farmer to plough a straight line, he must keep his eyes straight ahead. This year, Rocky Creek Missionary Baptist Church will continue to plough forward, planting the seeds for others to follow. We have been great in the past, but in 2024, it is time for us to be greater! KEEP IT MOVING!

HEALTH NEWS

3 TYPES OF DEMENTIA



1. Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's is the most common type of dementia that causes a progressive decline in thinking, behavioral and social skills. There is a difficulty concentrating, thinking, and reasoning. Alzheimer's causes a change in personality and behavior.



2. Lewy Body

Lewy body is the second most common type of progressive dementia. Protein deposits called "Lewy bodies" develop in the nerve cells in the regions involving thinking, memory, and motor control. Lewy Body causes a progressive decline in mental abilities, visual hallucinations, rigid muscles, slow movement, walking difficulties, and tremors.



3. Vascular

Vascular dementia develops by brain damage from impaired blood flow to the brain. This usually occurs after a stroke blocks an artery in the brain. Conditions like heart disease, hypertension, stroke, diabetes, high cholesterol, and smoking increase the risk of vascular dementia.

LET'S CELEBRATE!

**DEACON ARTO
& DELORES
JOHNSON**



Arto and Deloris Johnson of Simpsonville, South Carolina, joyously celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary during the holiday season at the Little Valley Wedding Chapel in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, surrounded by their loving family. The couple originally exchanged vows on December 8, 1973. Deloris, formerly Deloris Bates, enjoyed a fulfilling career as an Administrative Assistant at Prisma Health for twenty-one years and also earned certification as a Bridal Consultant. Arto, a retired army veteran of twenty-two years, concluded his professional journey as a salesman at GBS Lumber.

Having been high school sweethearts since their eighth-grade days, the couple's journey began with a spark. Arto fondly recalls their early days, describing Deloris as a beauty weighing only ninety-two-pounds with the dreamiest eyes. He knew she was destined to be his wife, a sentiment that continued throughout his deployment in Vietnam. Deloris treasures over 100 letters exchanged during that time, now cherished mementos that reflect the promises they made and fulfilled.

The couple share a variety of hobbies, including bowling, shopping at auctions for antiques, spending quality time with their grandchildren, and visiting the homebound. Their love for travel began in 1973 when they embarked on a honeymoon road trip to Miami, Florida, a journey made memorable by the then-inexpensive gas prices at 49 cents per gallon!

Arto and Deloris take great pride in being parents to their two sons and godson, Lorenzo, who they helped raise. They consider themselves blessed to have gained two daughters-in-law, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Additionally, they deeply cherish their role as godparents to Jessica Gilbert (Terrance), holding a special place in their hearts.

Reflecting on their holy matrimony, the couple believes in the simplicity of a few key ingredients. Their recipe for long-lasting happiness includes compromise, mutual compliments, regular expressions of love, shared Bible readings, and selecting a scripture that resonates with their marriage. For Arto and Deloris, Genesis 2:18 summarizes their union: "The LORD GOD SAID, IT IS NOT GOOD FOR THE MAN TO BE ALONE, I WILL MAKE A HELPER SUITABLE FOR HIM." He did and seemingly they were meant for each other. Arto and Deloris find joy and laughter in the shared coincidence of unknowingly wearing the same colors, a testament to their shared journey through life.

In gratitude, Arto and Deloris extend their heartfelt thanks to Deacon and Deaconess Marion Makins for their guidance and support, which have played a role in shaping their lives.

They are eternally grateful for your influence.

Crafted by Temechia and Lorenzo Bates

2023 JACK & JILL BEUATILLION



Several of our teen church members were participants in the 2023 Jack and Jill Beautillion. This biennial event was hosted by the Greenville Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a member organization of mothers with children from ages 2-19, dedicated to nurturing future African-American leaders by strengthening children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civil duty.

The theme of this year's Beautillion was "Stepping into Greatness: The Year of the Gentleman". The Beautillion was held on December 2, 2023 at Relentless Church. Christian Edley participated as a beau and Lailah Wideman, Acacia Pippin, Chloe Latimore, and Celena Latimore were belles.



Rocky Creek

RCMBC HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



Lisa Montgomery, Brenda Sullivan, Toni Dickey, Teresa Gambrell



USHER'S MINISTRY

President Emily
Smith on post at
RCMBC

ROCKY CREEK

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

CREEK SPOTLIGHTS



Claire Wilson, daughter of Trustee Robert E. Sweeney, was recently hired as the Operations Manager for the Charleston County (SC) Chamber of Commerce.

CHRISTMAS BAGS GIVEAWAY

A collection of deacons, deaconess, trustees, male choir members preparing Christmas bags for the membership.



Reedy River Baptist Association, Inc.

Quarterly Meeting



December 30, 2023
9:00 AM - Executive Board Meeting
10:00 AM - Worship Service



Dr. Tony Boyce
Moderator



Dr. Vardry Freeman
Speaker



POWERFUL 4 LIVING BAPTIST CHURCH
511 Old Cedar Rock Road, Easley, SC 29640
Pastor Tracy Fleming

Online Giving



Rocky Creek

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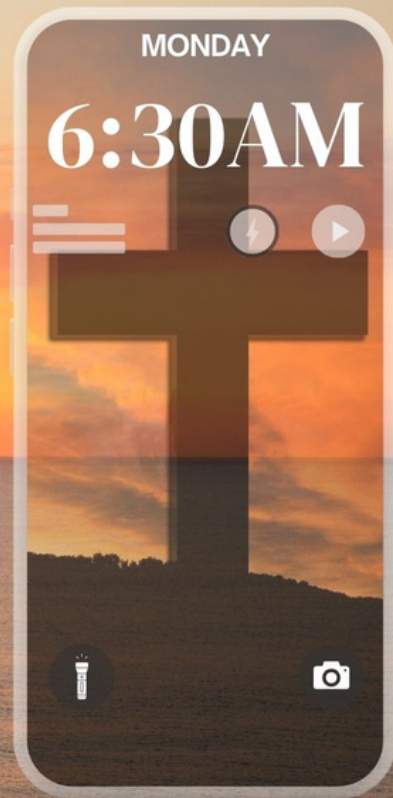
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**BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS @7PM**

***Available via YouTube Live
@rockycreekchurch***

MONDAY PRAYER CALL

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01. January

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Meetings: 8a - Deacon's 9a - Deacon's Wives 9a - Trustees 9:30a - Trustee Spouses 1p - Brotherhood
Baptism 7 9a- Sunday School 10a - Worship	8 6:30p - Publicity Committee Mtg	9	7p - Bible Study 10	11	12	13 5:30p - New Hope Revival
9a- Sunday 14 School 10a - Worship 12p - Sigmas 3p - Mt. Olive	15	16	7p - Bible Study 17	18	19	20
21 9a- Sunday School 10a - Worship	22	23	24	25	26	27
9a- Sunday 28 School 10a - Worship	29	30	6p - Executive Deacon's Mtg 7p - Bible Study 31			

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2024