

ROCKVALE BAPTIST CHURCH

652 Old Grove Rd Piedmont, SC 29673

November 2020

Grace and Peace to the Rockvale Family,

This has been an interesting year to say the least. The word “unprecedented” has been used often to describe 2020, and this is a fitting description. None of us have experienced a year like this. The COVID-19 pandemic has presented some unprecedented challenges, but it has also created some opportunities to adjust as we consider how we can best fulfill our mission to ***“evangelize all people and grow faithful Christians through worship, discipleship, ministry, and fellowship.”*** No doubt we were riding a wave of momentum at the beginning of the year. We baptized four people. The bus ministry picked up dozens of children from the community on a weekly basis as our children’s and youth ministries grew. We had a team fan out into the community to knock on doors and invite our neighbors to church, and we had a second day of outreach planned. Then, COVID-19 struck, and everything shut down for months. Nonetheless, our work for the Kingdom did not shut down. In fact, here is some of what we have witnessed at Rockvale during this unprecedented and challenging year:

- Implemented online worship via Facebook for Sunday and Wednesday services (a first for RBC)!
- Continued serving our community through our Food Pantry Ministry by adjusting to a “drive-thru” format.
- Cultivated our partnership with Grove Elementary School through Yearbook donations, fundraising opportunities, and helping with their Thanksgiving Project.
- Began a new partnership with Southside High School by seizing an opportunity to help serve in the concession stands during Friday night football games. A great way to serve the community and build their trust!
- Implemented bi-monthly Sunday evening services as well as Prayer & Praise services.
- Hosted a Marriage Night event to encourage our married couples and strengthen their relationships.
- Started a new ministry called ***Rockvale Rangers*** for the purpose of evangelizing and discipling young boys.
- Rejoiced as three people officially joined our fellowship to enlarge our church family.
- Called Rev. David Hyatt to be our Associate Pastor.

As we reflect on this year and anticipate next year, may we be comforted and encouraged by Psalm 46:1: *“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”* As your Pastor, I am confident that no matter what challenges come our way we are strong and always in a position to overcome with the Lord as our refuge. May we continue to seek Him just as we have done during this unprecedented year. Although the end of this crazy year is drawing near, it is not over yet. Which means there are still opportunities for spiritual growth, Kingdom service, and much needed fellowship. A packing party for the Operation Christmas Child boxes, our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas lunches, our *Hanging of the Greens* service, a deacon ordination service for Mr. Linwood

Norris, our Christmas Eve Service and Christmas Cantata, as well as our Christmas Tree Ministries are all on the calendar for the next two months. As we finish out this year, then, let us trust the Lord and seek Him for refuge. Even though we have experienced some set-backs and challenges this year, I am excited about the future of Rockvale and so thankful for the opportunity I have been given to serve the Lord alongside all of you. Please continue to pray for each other and pray for my family and me as we pray for all of you. Pray also for our community as they too have endured the same challenging year that all of us have.

In His Service,
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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays:

10:00 am Adult Bible Fellowship

11:00 am Worship

11:00 am Facebook Livestream

Wednesdays:

6:30 pm Bible Study

6:30 pm Bible Study Facebook Livestream

FRIDAY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, November 6th @ 6:30 pm. We will pack the Christmas Boxes at this time.

PRAYER AND PRAISE SERVICE

Sunday, November 15th @ 6:00 pm

THANKSGIVING LUNCH

Sunday, November 22nd. Will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Morning Worship Service.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC REHEARSAL

Wednesday, November 4th @ 6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 2nd @ 6:00pm

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Wednesday, November 18th @ 6:30 pm

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 13th @ 11:00am

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Sunday, December 20th Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Morning Worship Service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Ann Bannister, Bill Pegram, Kat Audler, Our Church Families, and Our Country during this difficult time with so many sick from COVID-19.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO

Family of Mary Clardy. Mary passed away on Monday, October 26th after being in the hospital with pneumonia.