2026 Ministry Celebration Conference

Ministry Impact Report

Order of Celebration

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Welcome . . . . . Pastor Deane

Hymn of Celebration . . . . . *"How Great Thou Art"*

Prayer . . . . . Pastor David

Congregational Worship . . . . . Praise Team

Scripture and Charge . . . . . Pastor Deane

Ephesians 4:1-7

Ministry Celebration

- ***Rock Solid Children's Ministry***
- ***The Rock Student Ministry***
- ***Adult Ministries***
- ***Missions & Outreach***
- ***Music Ministry / Praise Team Ministry***
- ***Technology Ministry***
- ***Greeters Ministry***
- ***Deacon Family Ministry***
- ***Ministry Internship***

Congregational Worship . . . . . Praise Team

Closing Prayer . . . . . Rev. Hunter Cox

Our Mission:

"We exist to evangelize all people and grow faithful Christians through worship, discipleship, ministry, and fellowship."

Our Values:

1. Sound Doctrine. The Bible is the inspired final authority for life; therefore, it should be taught clearly and accurately for the purpose of life application. *(2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

2. Worship. Mankind was created to glorify God in both the good times and bad times. Worship, then, is a lifestyle, not just a weekly activity. *(John 4:23-24)*

3. Prayer. We trust in and depend on God for all things. To this end, we continually seek His will in prayer. *(1 Thessalonians 5:17)*

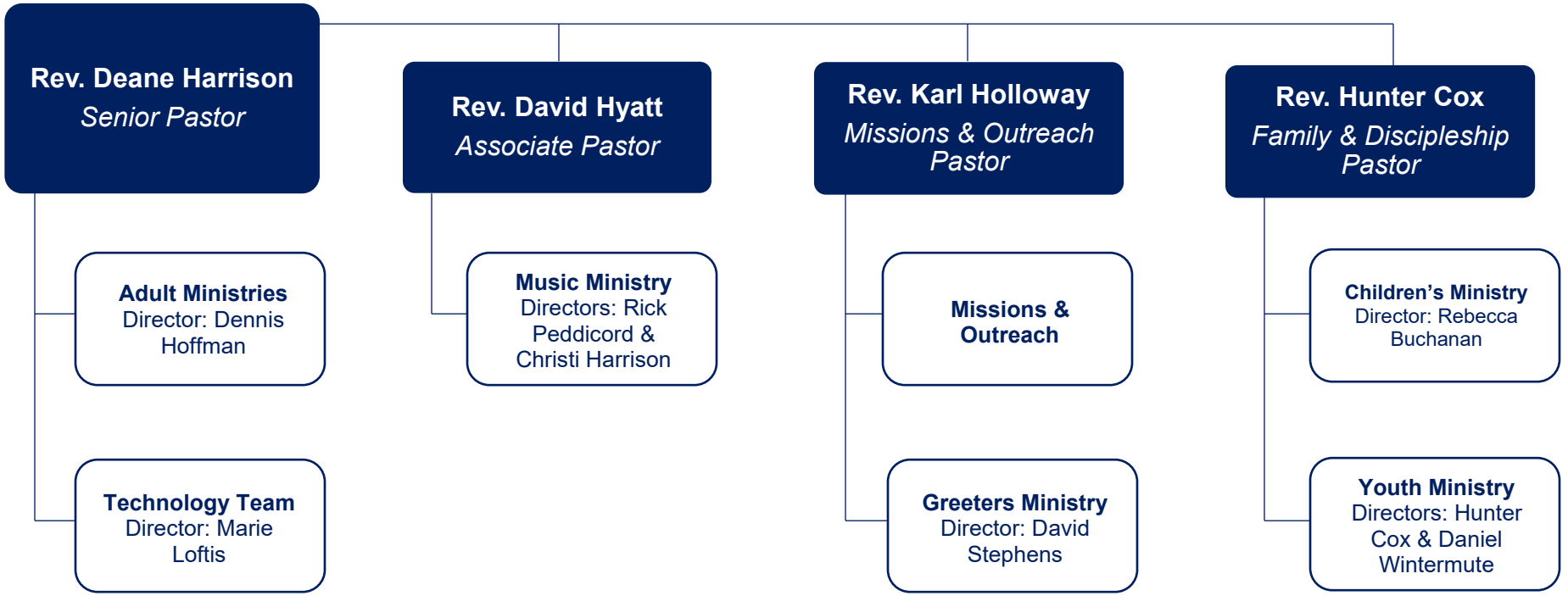
4. Evangelism. The Lord Jesus gave His Church the mission of spreading the gospel, so evangelism should inform everything we do. *(Matthew 28:18-20)*

5. Service. All believers have a God-given ministry in which they edify the church and serve to accomplish kingdom work now. *(Ephesians 4:12)*

6. Fellowship. Life is difficult, so we aim to connect all people with a caring Christian community. At RBC, we enjoy doing life together. *(Acts 4:34-35)*

7. Partnership. The spread of the gospel should invite partnership rather than competition; therefore, we believe in partnering with like-minded churches and associations for the sake of the gospel. *(Philippians 1:4-5)*

Rockvale Ministries Structure



From the Pastor…

Greetings, Rockvale Church Family!

One of the greatest joys of serving as your pastor is witnessing the faithfulness of God at work through His people. Throughout this past year, I have been encouraged by the many ways you have given your time, exercised your gifts, and served one another for the glory of Christ. Whether through our established ministries, opportunities to serve our community, or the countless acts of faithfulness that often go unnoticed, God continues to use His people to accomplish His purposes. For this, we give Him all the praise!

As we celebrate what God has done, we must also remember that the church's mission is not finished. We are not called merely to maintain our ministries but to make disciples of Jesus Christ. This requires us to remain faithful to the Word of God, intentional in our service, and committed to reaching others with the gospel. As we look toward 2027, we anticipate new opportunities and new challenges, but we can move forward with confidence because the One who calls us to serve is faithful. The apostle Paul reminds us of this truth in 1 Corinthians 15:58:

> *"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."*

What an encouraging promise! Our labor in ministry is never wasted when it is offered to the Lord. Even when the results are not immediately visible, even when the work is difficult, and even when we grow weary, we can persevere knowing that our service matters to Him.

My prayer is that Rockvale Baptist Church will continue to abound in the work of the Lord, faithfully proclaiming the gospel, making disciples, and serving our neighbors for the glory of Jesus Christ. Tonight, let us celebrate His faithfulness, express our gratitude for those who serve, and prayerfully prepare for all that lies ahead. May everything we do point others to our Savior and King!

In His Service,
Pastor Deane

“Unified in Service”
Ephesians 4:1-7 (ESV)

Ephesians 4 reminds us that the strength of a church is not simply found in how much it does, but in how faithfully its people serve Christ together. Let’s examine from the text, then, three things Paul reveals about being united in our service as God’s people.

I. Walk Worthy of Our _____ (vv.1-3)

II. Remember What _____ Us (vv.4-6)

III. Serve According to Christ’s _____ (v.7)

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Ministry: **Rock Solid Children's Ministry**

2026 Highlights:

1. Had a successful Fun Day with a significant fundraising campaign.
2. Had a fruitful VBS:
    - Adult volunteers were integral to the success
    - Well-attended by kids
    - Collected donations for the RBC Food Pantry
3. Offered several events throughout the year for the children, including bowling and a trip to Santa's Land in Cherokee, NC.
4. Had a successful Fall Festival.

2027 Goals:

1. Position the ministry to foster numerical and spiritual growth through intentional outreach and discipleship efforts.
2. Take the children on another trip.

Prayer Request(s) for ministry:

1. Our children and their families
2. Ministry volunteers and their families
3. Ministry growth through effective outreach and discipleship

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Ministry: **The Rock Student Ministry**

2026 Highlights:

1. Improved consistency among the youth with Wednesday night attendance
2. Have seen evidence of a greater desire for Christ
3. Successful summer trip and Youth Sunday
4. Growth in leadership

2027 Goals:

1. Not just numerical growth, but spiritual growth within the group
2. New youth group structure to better suit the spiritual needs of the students
3. Being able to reach out into the community for mission work and evangelism
4. More intentional leadership development

Prayer Request(s) for ministry:

1. Pray for the youth group itself, as well as the leaders and fundraising to foster spiritual growth and creating a sense of community
2. Pray for deeper relationships between youth leaders and youth families

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Ministry: Adult Ministries

2026 Highlights:

Young Adults:

1. Consistent leadership under Pastor Karl.
2. Met several times this year for discipleship and fellowship.

Women's Ministry:

1. Met quarterly.
2. Had a tea party, fellowships, and Bible study.
3. Made and distributed holiday baskets for our shut-ins.
4. Provided meals for shut-ins.
5. Created an online chat to share prayer concerns and support.

Men's Ministry:

1. Started a Men's Ministry that meets monthly for breakfast and discipleship.

Adult Fellowship:

1. Had four adult fellowship events with great attendance and meaningful fellowship.
2. Consistent and solid Bible teaching in Sunday morning Adult Bible Fellowship Group by Johnny Buchanan and Nancy Jones.

OASIS Senior Adults:

1. Enjoyed consistent leadership under Kathy Hoffman and Frances Crane.
2. Bi-monthly lunch, fellowship, and Bingo.
3. Took trip to Dollywood/Pigeon Forge.
4. Taking a Fall trip to the NC mountains.

2027 Goals:

1. Work to develop a young adult to coordinate the ministry. *(Young Adults)*

2. Be more consistent with meetings and ministry efforts as well as encouraging other young adults to participate. *(Young Adults)*
3. Continue regularly scheduled meetings in person. *(Women's Ministry)*
4. Continue shut-in ministry. *(Women's Ministry)*
5. Reach out to other women in our church to increase participation. *(Women's Ministry)*
6. Continue meeting monthly for breakfast and discipleship. *(Men's Ministry)*
7. Continue quarterly adult fellowship gatherings while encouraging participation from adults in our church and community. *(Adult Fellowship)*
8. Offer short-term Bible Fellowship Group led by Pastor Hunter Cox that focuses on theology and apologetics. *(Adult Bible Fellowship)*
9. Reach out to other Seniors in our church to increase participation. *(OASIS Senior Adults)*

Prayer Request(s) for ministry:

1. Pray for Adult Ministry leaders.
2. Pray for more adult participation in all church services, ministries, and functions, including Sundays and Wednesdays.
3. Pray that God would use the Adult Ministries to grow adults in their faith and strengthen the church.

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***Ministry*: Missions & Outreach**

2026 Highlights:

Local: *(Our Jerusalem)*

1. Food Pantry kept open due to regular donations from church members.
2. Had a community outreach where we cooked hot dogs and invited people to the Easter service. Also did a prayer walk through the community
3. Pastors and Deacons prepared meals and delivered them to local fire departments along with the Rockvale Rangers and Rockettes.
4. Church planting through GBA.
5. Good News Club (partnership with Church at West Gantt).
6. Rockvale Rangers and Rockettes met consistently to learn Bible truths and important life skills.
7. Planning to participate in the Piedmont Winterfest after Thanksgiving.
8. Planning to participate in the Piedmont Christmas Parade on 12/5.
9. Bus ministry impact:
    - Continued picking up Turning Point every Sunday morning
    - Continued picking up community members on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights

National: *(Our Judea and Samaria)*

1. New England church planting through GBA.
2. In partnership with Powdersville FBC, Pastor Hunter Cox went on a mission trip to Provo, UT.

International: *(Our ends of the earth)*

1. Continued partnership with the Adjaottors in Ghana, West Africa through spiritual and financial support.
2. Asia Pacific Rim missions through GBA partnership.
3. Church-wide participation in Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

2027 Goals:

1. Send 2-3 church members on a short-term mission trip to Provo, UT
2. Continued partnership with the GBA:
    - Mission trip opportunities to New England and Southeast Asia
3. Church-wide evangelism training
4. Find somewhere close to share the gospel on a regular basis

Prayer Request(s) for ministry:

1. Pray for the planning and execution of the Utah mission trip.
2. Pray for participation in mission trips and community outreach.
3. Pray for the cultivation of our mission partnerships.
4. Pray for effectiveness as we extend the gospel of Christ.
5. Pray for God to open doors for involvement in the church and community.

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Ministry: **Music Ministry**

2026 Highlights:

1. Provided Sunday worship music
2. Introduced numerous new “Special” music singers.
3. Provided musicians for 5 Prayer & Praise Services.
4. Provided music for many baptisms.
5. Choir Sundays were down due to Rick’s operation and sickness.
6. Will lead the choir in the Christmas Cantata.

2027 Goals:

1. I plan to provide monthly choir songs.
2. Involve Kidtricity in Sunday worship quarterly.

Prayer Request(s) for ministry:

1. Pray that Rick remains physically able to lead Sunday worship.
2. Pray for a regular Sunday organist.
3. Pray that God finds us a new/newer organ.
4. Pray that God brings us a younger person who is willing to lead on Sunday morning.

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Ministry: **Praise Team Ministry**

2026 Highlights:

1. Added new singers to the Praise Team (Edward & Hannah)
2. Started singing the invitational song twice a month

2027 Goals:

1. Add a new worship song every two months
2. Incorporate the guitar into some of our worship songs
3. Keep developing the younger singers

Prayer Request(s) for ministry:

1. Pray that the team continues growing in our walk with the Lord
2. Pray that our focus while singing will be on glorifying the Lord
3. Pray for wisdom in song selection

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Ministry: **Technology Ministry**

2026 Highlights:

1. Continued to train backup personnel to operate sound system and worship software.
2. Using AI to produce subject matter graphics for use throughout the Worship Extreme presentation.
3. Worked to improve Facebook livestream, with attention to Facebook/music copyright issue.
4. Downloading and storing Facebook Livestream videos prior to Facebook deleting after 30 days.
5. Expanded Rockvale YouTube channel and uploading sermon videos to YouTube channel weekly.
6. Purchased and installed spotlight for sanctuary use.
7. Purchasing upgraded computer for sound room to enhance online videos.

2027 Goals:

1. Maintain team of personnel trained to operate sound system and worship software.
2. Continue to improve Facebook livestream as needed.
3. Continue transferring sermon videos to YouTube and update links on church website.

Prayer Request(s) for ministry:

1. God's guidance to use available resources as well as add resources when required to reach as many as possible in His name.

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Ministry: **Greeters Team**

2026 Highlights:

1. Consistently had a faithful team to welcome people, distribute bulletins and open door on Sunday mornings.
2. Consistently had a greeter work the welcome desk to assist people with children's check-in / check-out.
3. Provided umbrella assistance on rainy days.
4. Provided assistance to elderly entering and exiting the building as needed.

2027 Goals:

1. Encourage all greeters to consistently wear nametag lanyards
2. Have training for greeters and welcome desk to better fulfill this ministry's purpose
3. Encourage greeters to stay in place
4. Possibly look at a rotation for greeters

Prayer Request(s) for ministry:

1. Pray for safety of all greeters and guests
2. Pray for effectiveness in this ministry so everyone feels welcome

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Ministry: **Deacon Family Ministry**

2026 Highlights:

1. Elected a new Deacon.
2. Served to help the Pastors meet the spiritual needs of the church family.
3. Attended to the church's business needs.
4. Faithfully meet every Sunday at 9:30am to pray for church families and service.
5. Led two Breakfast & Bibles events to encourage participation in Sunday School.

2027 Goals:

1. Encourage consistent contact with families.
2. Consistently attend as many church services and events as possible.
3. Serve as a deacon with zeal and effectiveness.

Prayer Request(s) for ministry:

1. Pray for wisdom and spiritual discernment as we minister to our families.
2. Pray for unity among the deacons, pastors, and congregation.

Onboarding Process - R.A.I.S.E. Up Leaders

At Rockvale, we would love to see leaders developed at every level of ministry. To this end, we will be intentional about moving **MINISTRY MEMBERS** to **MINISTRY LEADERS**.

We will **R.A.I.S.E.** up ministry leaders through the following process:

RECRUIT

- **Identify** potential leaders through prayer, observation, asking established leaders, and ICNU conversations.
- Request **pastoral feedback** concerning the potential leader.
- The appropriate Ministry Director or Ministry Coordinator will **contact** the potential leader for discussion about the opportunity.
- **Explain** the L.E.A.D Track process to the potential leader.
- Provide a **description** of the ministry position to the potential leader.
- Have the potential leader **pray** about the opportunity.

ASSESS

- Invite the potential leader to take the **Spiritual Gifts Inventory**.
- If the *potential* leader is applying to serve in either Children's Ministry or Youth Ministry, check to see if **background check** has been completed; if not have him/her complete.
- Have the potential leader complete the **Leader Application**.

INTERVIEW

- **Coordinate** with the appropriate leader to schedule a time for a face-to-face interview with the potential leader.
- **Review** the Spiritual Gifts Inventory and, if applicable, the background check.
- **Conduct the interview**: listen to the potential leader's story, go over the Spiritual Gifts Inventory and Leader Application, clearly reiterate ministry role and expectations, and field any questions he/she may have.
- Give a few days for you and the potential leader to **pray** and listen in regard to moving forward with the ministry position.
- **Offer** the position to the potential leader *OR* **communicate** growth areas for the potential leader to develop for future consideration.

SHADOW

- **Assign** an existing ministry leader to apprentice the potential leader.
- Invite the potential leader to **shadow/apprentice** his/her mentor for a season to learn and develop character and capacity competencies.
- **Placement:** After the *Apprentice Training* is complete, have the mentor give appropriate feedback/recommendation concerning the apprentice to the Ministry Director.
- **Celebrate** that you've developed a potential leader into a *new* leader! Email the appropriate team and welcome the new leader to the team.

EQUIP

- For ongoing equipping, the *new* leader will maintain open **communication** with and continue **learning** from his/her Coordinator and/or Director.
- For ongoing inspiration, the *new* leader is encouraged to attend the annual **Ministry Celebration Conference**.