Planning begins for spring revival services

A revival will be held March 10-15 at Zebulon Church of God, on West Horton Street. On Sunday, worship is at 10:45 a.m. with revival services beginning at 6 p.m. Revival will also be held Monday-Friday at 7:30 p.m. A hot dog sale will follow the Sunday night service. The evangelist is the Rev. Jimmy Jones of Maxton.

Straightway Temple Holiness Church in Zebulon will host revival services March 12-15 at 7:30 each night. Bishop Levi and Priscilla Wright will be the guest speakers. The public is invited.

Samaria Baptist Church will be in revival March 24-27. Dr. Danny Akin will be the evangelist. He is associate professor of theology and dean of students at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

Services are Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; and Monday through Wednesday nights at 7:30. Children and youth night is Monday, at 6:30. Shano the clown will bring the evangelistic message.

The church is located at the intersection of U.S. 231 and N.C. 97 in Nash County, north of Zebulon and Middlesex.

March 10 from 2-4 p.m., association mission study for the Mission Friends at the fellowship hall; at 6, Women's Missionary Union council meeting; at 7, Women on Missions 1 and 2 meet at the church; and March 14 at 7 p.m., the Fellowship Club will meet.

New hymnals were donated in memory of Carlton Anderson and Dennis Strickland by their families. Children's church will be taught by Robbie and Renee Braxton, and the nursery will be attended by Amy Strickland.

Those celebrating birthdays are Jane Strickland, March 7; Al Lambert, March 18; and Bill Melina, March 19. George and Bessie Steller marked their 50th wedding anniversary on March 6.

Prayer concerns are Otha Strickland, Kelly Williams; Doris Pearce, Sammy Batchelor, Maggie Willey, Minnie Strickland, Blanche Causey, Kathleen Fields, Debra Brannon, Myrtie Etta Strickland, Pearl Jones, Eula Wagner and William Murray.

From Rocky Cross Baptist
Dr. Fred Grissom spoke Sunday on "The Example of Christ." The Scripture was taken from Philippians 2:1-11. Grissom said, "We should imitate the life of Christ. His death was voluntary. Because of Christ, we are new creatures. Is your life a reflection of Christ?"

The choir, directed by Lucille Lambert and accompanied by Barbara Strickland, sang "He Wrote My Name in the Book of Life."

Opportunities for the coming weeks are: March 6, choir practice at 7:30 p.m. at the church;
Rocky Cross notes Advent
From Rocky Cross Baptist Church

On Easter morning, the choir sang “Majesty” as the call to worship. Dr. Fred Grissom spoke on the resurrection and life. He said, “Without the resurrection of Christ, we don’t have Christianity. The bottom line is, we have the promise of eternal life because of the death and resurrection of God’s only Son.”

The choir, directed by Johnny Strickland and accompanied by Barbara Strickland, sang “And Can It Be.”

Children’s church will be taught be Renee Howell next week, and the nursery will be attended by Delorie Taylor and Jennifer Howell. The Women’s Missionary Union is sponsoring a “feed the homeless project” and needs help. It hopes to fill 100 bag lunches. There is a box at the altar for donations.

Birthdays are: Tanya Strickland and Christill Wagner, April 12; Duveen Strickland, April 14; Kim Massey, April 16; and Katie Haden, April 19. Steve and Luchell Haden will celebrate their anniversary on April 16.

Prayer concerns are Otha Strickland, Doris Pearce, Minnie Strickland, Hazel Massey, Blanche Causey, Myrtie Etta Strickland, Pearl Jones, Eula Wagner, Sammie Batchelor, Debra Brannon and Earnestine Blackly.

The flowers that adorn the sanctuary were given in memory of Walter and Alma Kelbaugh by Johnny and Tanya Strickland. The wreaths on the doors were given by Kari Lynn Allen in memory of her grandmother, Ruth Lucille Williams.
Rocky Cross Baptist Church
Route Two
Middlesex, North Carolina 27557

Highlights of History

Rocky Cross Baptist Church began from a Sunday School which met in the old Oak Ridge School near the Rocky Cross Community. When the School was relocated serious plans were begun to establish a church at Rocky Cross. In August 1924, the pastor of Samaria Baptist Church drew the plans for a building to be built on a donated plot of land. This building which featured one of the first elevated floors in the area is still in use today.

Rev. A. A. Pippins was called as the first pastor. The text for his first Sermon, which was immediately chosen for the church Motto was Leviticus 6:13 - "The fire shall ever be burning on the altar, it shall never go out." It was in this year, 1924, when Rocky Cross was admitted to the Tar River Association. According to the church records the pastor was paid a total of $15.00 per month during the first years of his service to Rocky Cross.

In 1953-54 the sanctuary was remodeled and eight Sunday School classrooms were added. The Baptistry was added in 1962. And in 1966 for the first time the pastor was allowed to live in the community with the completion of the present brick parsonage.

In 1971 the front of the church was remodeled and air-conditioning installed. The women raised the money in 1973 to install a painting in the baptistry. And in 1974 new pews were installed in the sanctuary.

Rocky Cross has enjoyed God's blessings throughout its history. The cooperative and loving Spirit of the people was evident two Sunday ago when Rocky Cross celebrated its 50th Anniversary by the return of many of its former members. Through the years the community of Rocky Cross has been made a better place to live because of the presence of Rocky Cross Baptist Church and its effect on the lives of the people there.
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On the first day of June, the Rev. Pat Wood spoke on “Husbands, Love Your Wives.” The Scripture was taken from Colossians 3:19 and Ephesians 5:25-28. The point in thought is: “Husbands should love their wives as Christ loved the church — a sacrificial love that knows no bounds.”

The choir, directed by Johnny Strickland and accompanied by Janice Wood, sang “Oh What a Day.”

The nursery will be attended by Alison Melina, and Children’s Church will be taught by Mary Alice Howell.

Opportunities for the coming weeks include:
- Wednesday — prayer meeting, 7 p.m.
- Thursday — visitation, 7 p.m.
- Sunday — pastor’s prayer meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Congratulations to Jennifer Howell who will graduate from Southern Nash High School on June 5.

The Women’s Missionary Union is sponsoring a “Back to School Stuff” project. It is collecting items for schools such as pencils, crayons, etc. There is a basket in the foyer of the church to put items in.

Mary Alice Howell is collecting oatmeal boxes, small bleach bottles, 12-ounce relish jars, pie pans and 6-ounce frozen orange juice cans for vacation Bible school. VBS will be the week of July 20-24, with graduation and a hot-dog supper to follow in the fellowship hall.

Members celebrating birthdays are: Otha Strickland, June 4; Karla Wilder, June 7; Inez Crater, June 8; and Jean Hagwood, June 9. Herbert and Jane Strickland will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary.

On the prayer list are: Myrtie Etta Strickland; Minnie Strickland; Rhonda Stewart; Allen Sanders; Jean Amos; Beck Joe Saunders; Vickie Bailey; Robert Shearin; Hilda Porter; Ruby Massey; Pearl Jones; Eula Wagner; Bill Dillard and Megan; Margaret Queen; Barbara Strickland; Iris Denton; Doris Shearin; Mark and Elizabeth Babich; Ricky Potts; Betty Williams; Pete Howell; and the Jack Cone, Ray Gaddy and Shelby Fisher families.
**Bethlehem Baptist Church**

Bethlehem Baptist Church will give away a variety of prizes May 16, including a 19-inch color television and a 300cc Honda four-wheeler valued at more than $5,000. Several prizes of lesser value will also be awarded.

The event begins at 6 p.m. at the Pilot firehouse. Tickets will be given to the first 300 people who make a $50 donation to the Bethlehem Baptist building fund, and these 300 ticket holders will be the only names in the contest.

If you would like to enter your name, call Karen Horton at 496-1314. You do not have to be present to win. Hot dogs and light refreshments will be available.

**Rocky Cross Baptist**

Dr. Randal Helms is the guest speaker at revival services ending tonight at Rocky Cross Baptist.

The final service is Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The church is seven miles east of Zebulon at the intersection of Rocky Cross Road, Burgess Road and Sanders Road. The Rev. Pat Wood invites the public to attend. For more information, call 269-9993.

**Wakefield Missionary Baptist**

The annual “Women’s Day” program at Wakefield Missionary Baptist is Sunday at 11 a.m.

The guest speaker is the Rev. Portia Rochelle of Macedonia United Church of Christ. Honored will be Ethel Hopkins.

**Zebulon United Methodist Church**

Zebulon United Methodist Church will participate in the “National Day of Prayer” on May 7 by having the sanctuary open for prayer from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. The theme is “America Return to God,” based on Joel 2:12-13. The community is invited to attend. For more information, call 269-9408.
Submitted by Mary Alice Howell

Rocky Cross Baptist Church in Middlesex opened the Sunday morning worship service with the congregation singing "Count Your Blessings." Pianist Debbie Strickland played as the choir rendered "Beautiful Home" for the morning special, directed by Johnny Strickland.

The Rev. Ronnie D. Snead expounded on "Worthy is the Lamb." The text was taken from Revelation 5:1-14. Snead said Jesus paid the price for us, and his grace is sufficient. The Lord's Supper was observed after the service. The service closed with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

WMU met on the second Sunday of the month. Bible study and prayer meeting is every Wednesday night at 7.

Vacation Bible school preparation began several months ago with the purchase of "Sommer-sunshine" literature and the attending of clinics given by the Tar River Association.

The church was represented at the clinics by the VBS director and six teachers. VBS is scheduled for July 19-24. Commencement night will be a celebration for teachers as well as children.

During VBS week, each child will be given the opportunity to earn dollars by meeting certain goals, such as attending every night, learning Bible verses, bringing Bibles, etc. Each dollar earned can be spent at a carnival after the commencement and hot-dog supper on Saturday night. There will be clowns, apple bobbing, a jail house, a pie-throwing contest and a country story, plus many other events.

Prayer concerns for the week are Willie Strickland, Doris Pearce, Ruth Strickland, Bobby Hadd, Mamie Turner, Victoria Talley, the Rev. Barnhill, Myrtle Etta Strickland, Wilbur Winstead, Minnie Strickland, Juanita Gup-ton, Allen Edwards, Ruby Massey and the lost.

A miscellaneous shower was given for Joe and Kim Massey Sunday at Selma Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. Youth groups are responsible for Rocky Cross Road cleanup this Saturday at 9 o'clock sharp. Youth groups will meet July 18 at 6 p.m.

Lisa Strickland celebrated a birthday July 14.

Average Sunday school attendance for the month of June was 61. Average attendance for the worship service was 70.

During the month of July, each church family was given the opportunity to share in a mission outreach project. Families were given a blessing box calendar. Each day has a blessing to give thanks for and to save a specific amount of money for that day. The money saved for the month will be given to the Rev. Royce Williams from Rocky Mount to help finance his mission trip to Russia.
Submitted by Mary Alice Howell

For the first Sunday in May, the Rev. Ronnie Snead expounded on “Jesus Heals,” with Scripture taken from Mark 5:25-34. Snead gave seven reasons why God heals, the most important of which is the assurance of his healing power according to faith. The choir, directed by Johnny Strickland and accompanied by Barbara Strickland, sang “It Was Love That Led the Way.”

During the month of April, Rocky Cross welcomed Susan Hall and Audrey Hocutt upon their profession of faith to the fellowship of the church. April’s average Sunday school attendance was 74, with the worship service average at 98.

The month of May will be a busy one for Rocky Cross. There will be a prayer meeting each Wednesday night in preparation for the spring revival. On May 11, the Women’s Missionary Union will be responsible for leading prayer meeting. Next Sunday, May 8, each mother will receive a special gift in observation of Mother’s Day.

Snead will graduate from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary on May 14 at 10:30 a.m. The congregation is invited to attend the service.

May 22-25, spring revival services will be held. Monday through Wednesday nights, supper will be served by a different group and will begin at 6:30 p.m. The services will begin at 7. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Horace Murray from First Baptist Church in South Boston, Va. The public is invited to attend.

Those celebrating birthdays are: Dot Strickland, May 2; Amy Bunn, May 3; and Barbara Weaver, May 11. The Rev. and Mrs. Snead celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary on May 3.

The sick and shut-ins are: Willie Strickland, Ruby Massey, Clyde Revill, Crystal Summerlin, Ava Lee Strickland, Myrtie Etta Strickland, Ruth Strickland, Carlton Anderson, Eloise Hagwood, Alexix Parry, Dail Massey, Doris Pearce, Minnie Strickland, Lottie Hall, Rudolf Moss, Adam Murray, Deborah Brannon, Raymond Cole, Timmy Carlyle, Scott Williams and Melissa Cone.

Ushers for the month of May are Don Barham, Chad Strickland, Greg Lewis and Jason Strickland.

(Mary Alice Howell attends Rocky Cross Baptist Church and submits unpaid reports on the church’s activities.)
ROCKY CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH
MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA
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Ronnie D. Snead, Pastor
Church Telephone 269-9993
HISTORY OF ROCKY CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH

Rocky Cross Baptist Church was established in the fall of 1924 on a plot of land given by Mr. A. T. Taylor. The church building was constructed under the leadership of several of its seventy-three charter members.

The first service of worship was held October 18, 1924 and Rocky Cross Baptist Church was admitted into the Tar River Baptist Association with Rev. A. A. Pippin serving as pastor. The church organized the Sunday School that same year. L. A. Hagwood was elected as superintendent, who served approximately twenty years.

The sanctuary was remodeled in 1954 and eight Sunday School rooms were added. A baptistery was installed in 1962.

For several years the church had expressed interest in building a parsonage. On November 4, 1962 a building for that purpose was begun. A lovely eight room brick room parsonage was completed in 1966. The community building was later built in 1987.

Rev. A. A. Pippin

Served as
pastor 1924 - 1939.
Greetings in the name of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ. I count it a joy and an honor to serve the Lord in a pastoral capacity at Rocky Cross Baptist Church.

Our hearts are blessed as we think of the families that are in the directory. Also we rejoice along with the church for the way the Lord has moved and is still moving in our church.

Our prayer is that God would continue to use our church to be a place where men, women, and children would find the hope, encouragement, and love that only comes through Jesus Christ.

To God be all the glory,

Your pastor and friend,

Ronnie Snead
OUR CHURCH IN STUDY
The Families of the Congregation
THOSE NOT AVAILABLE FOR PICTURES

Myrtie Strickland

Alton Strickland (Deceased)

Bart Strickland

Willie Strickland
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From Rocky Cross Baptist Church

On Feb. 18, Rocky Cross Baptist Church observed “Focus on WMU Sunday.” The entire service was carried out by the women of the church.

Jackie Strickland opened with a word of prayer, Karilynn Allen read the prayer calendar, and Betty Barham had the offertory prayer. The music by the women’s choir was “Jesus and Me.” The Mission Friends sang “In the Lord’s Army.”

Mary Alice Howell spoke on “Risking the Journey to be Pieces of the Puzzle.” Scripture was taken from Luke 10:1-9. She said, “God has an ultimate plan for all of us. We are all leaders, and God holds us responsible for the people we meet in everyday life. We are expected to spread the gospel and not leave it to someone else.

We are all pieces of God’s plan and fit together like a puzzle.”

Opportunities for the coming weeks include:

- Feb. 19: Members of the Women’s Missionary Union will leave Rocky Cross at 7 p.m. to travel to Pearces Baptist Church for a home mission study at 7:30.
- Feb. 21: Choir practice will be held at 7:30 p.m.

The chaplains at Ft. Bragg have requested Christian leisure reading material such as Guidepost, Home Life and Mature Living. If you have any to contribute, see Debbie Johnson.

The WMU is collecting clothes for a needy family. It needs women’s size 14-16 pants and a large blouse; men’s pants 38/32 and a large shirt; and boys size 6 pants, 8-10 shirt, and 14-16 pants and shirts. If you have these sizes and would like to help someone in need, deliver the clothes to the church nursery and put them in the crib.

Celebrating birthdays are: George Steller, Feb. 19; Ron Johnson, Feb. 21; and Michael Barham, Feb. 22. David and Dot Strickland will celebrate their anniversary on Feb. 24.

Prayer concerns are: Otha Strickland, Doris Pearce, Minnie Strickland, Blanche Causey, Bill Melina, Myrtie Etta Strickland, Pearl Jones, Eula Wagner, William Murray, Maggie Willy, the family of Ann Bryant, the family of Leatha Freeman and the family of Gene Bell.

(Mary Alice Howell attends Rocky Cross Baptist Church and submits unpaid reports on the church’s activities.)
The Acteens at Rocky Cross Baptist Church are working to help area children have a toy for Christmas. On Dec. 10, all Acteens will meet at Pizza Hut in Zebulon at 4:30 p.m. for supper and then travel to the Spring Hope toy store to help set up for Christmas shopping to begin on Dec. 13. On Dec. 11, the group will take all the toys collected for the Tar River Baptist Association toy store to Spring Hope to be set up by volunteers.

The Royal Ambassadors and Acteens express their appreciation to all who helped, served, donated or fixed food to feed the homeless at the Salvation Army on Friday. With that help, the group was able to fix 160 bagged suppers.

Sunday’s service opened as organist George Steller played “Joy to the World.” After the music came the lighting of the advent candles that was started last week and will continue until the Sunday before Christmas. I presented the reason for observing advent, a tradition at Christmas.

The choir, directed by Johnny Strickland and accompanied by Barbara Strickland, rendered “I Bowed on My Knees and Cried ‘Holy.’ ”


Those celebrating birthdays are Emily Wagner and Donald Barham on Dec. 6.

Children ages 3-5 may attend children’s church each week at the 11 a.m. church hour. They will make Christmas presents to be given to the senior citizens. A puppet show will be held Dec. 19.

Prayer concerns are: Willie Strickland, Doris Pearce, Ruth Strickland, Ruby Massey, Mamie Turner, Allen Edwards, Rotchie Wilder, Myrtie Etta Strickland, Wilbur Winstead, Minnie Strickland, Bobby Hall, Bob Scarborough, Preston Meacombs and Dorothy Webb.
Rocky Cross Baptist Church
to host youth rally Feb. 25

Submitted by Mary Alice Howell
The ladies of Rocky Cross conducted the entire worship service, from singing in the choir to serving as ushers, in observance of “Women’s Missionary Union Focus” on Sunday.

Barbara Nell Strickland spoke on missions and obedience with Scripture taken from John 3:16 and John 15:7. Mrs. Strickland said missions means “one sent,” and “we must be obedient to God’s Word and his commands, but especially obedient to his will for our lives as Christians.”

Mrs. Charles Strickland, president of WMU, introduced the Mission Friends, Girls in Action, Acteens, Baptist Young Women and the WMU, with each group having a part in the service. The service concluded with a covered-dish luncheon in the fellowship hall.

Opportunities for the coming weeks include: the ordinance of baptism for Carol Braxton, Renee Ferrell, Heather Bivens and Brent Creech will be held Feb. 20. Feb. 25 is the date of a youth rally featuring Billy Wayne Arrington from 7 to 10:30 p.m. The concert will be followed by refreshments. Children under age 7 must be accompanied by a parent. The church is invited to attend.

Feb. 27 is “High Attendance Sunday” for Sunday School with a total goal of 94. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. each Sunday, with the worship service at 11.

Malcolm and Vivian Byrd celebrated their wedding anniversary on Feb. 15. George Steller has a birthday on Feb. 19.


Ushers for the month of February are Jennifer Strickland, Karla Wilder, Jennifer Howell and Renee Howell. Tanya Strickland is in charge of the nursery for the coming week.