



A detailed black and white architectural illustration of a single-story brick building, likely a schoolhouse or community center. The building features a gabled roof with a small dormer window. The facade is constructed of brick and includes several arched windows and a central entrance with a white door. A large, mature tree stands prominently in the foreground, partially obscuring the building. The surrounding landscape includes various shrubs and a path leading to the entrance. The artist's signature, "J. H. H. H. H.", is visible in the bottom right corner.

11:00 AM

Gathering

*A nursery is available for Infants-Kindergarten.
The Alternative Worship Room (105) is available for those with sensory needs.
Please silence your cell phones and refrain from talking.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign and pass the welcome pads located at the end of each
pew. You may also sign in electronically by scanning the code.*



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP* (Psalm 85)

- One: You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.
All: Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?
One: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
All: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
One: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.
All: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will join together.
One: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
All: Righteousness will go before him and will worship him in the presence of the faithful.

† HYMN #175

Seek Ye First

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† Please Stand • Congregation reads words in bold.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (by Clement of Rome)

Gracious God, You who are faithful throughout all generations, righteous in your judgments, marvelous in strength and excellence. You who are good, and faithful toward those who trust in you. You who show pity and compassion. Forgive us our sins, our unrighteousness, our transgressions, and our shortcomings. Do not hold us to account for every sin but cleanse us with the cleansing of your truth. Guide our steps to walk in holiness, righteousness, and singleness of heart. Help us to do those things that are good and pleasing in your sight. Amen.

† A TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE

One: Friends believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

*Let us exchange a gesture of peace with our neighbors, and remain standing for our
Response to Forgiveness.*

† RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS *Gloria Patri* #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Laura Smith

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 11: 1-13

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“ The Lord’s Prayer ”

Albert Hay Malotte

Julianna Lovingood

SERMON

“ God Why? ”

Neal Carter

Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles’ Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord Jesus Christ, you were rich, yet for our sake you became poor, so that through your poverty we might become rich. Accept this collection and offering as a token of our gratitude for all you have done. Amen.

Sending

† HYMN #840 *When Peace Like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE *May the Love of the Lord* #549

† POSTLUDE

Attendance for Sunday, July 20, 2025

Sanctuary: 109 Online: 42

Interested in membership?

*Contact our Church Administrator to arrange a meeting with Pastor Neal Carter.
704-455-2479 or churchadmin@rockyriver.org*

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

**Wednesday Night
Fellowship Meal**

**Parm Chicken
Pasta**

July 30, 2025
Fellowship Hall - 6:00pm

\$10/PERSON -
\$15/COUPLE - \$25/FAMILY


Rocky River
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rocky River, TN



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

**Wednesday, July 30
6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

Menu: PARM CHICKEN PASTA

We ask for four people each week to bring a dessert. Please contact Nancy Tipton, ntipton71@gmail.com / 704-309-0369

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RRPC Blood Drive

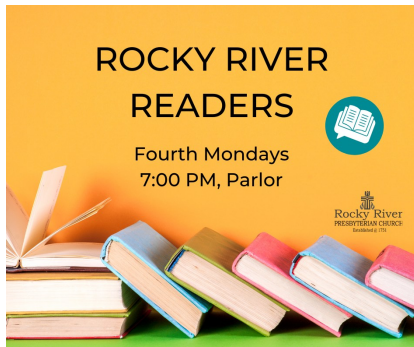
Tuesday, Aug. 26

2:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Rocky River to schedule an appointment.



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY



Rocky River Readers

Monday, July 28, 7:00 pm, Parlor

The Girls We Sent Away by Meagan Church

View the 2025 reading list at

www.rockyriver.org/connect/rocky-river-readers.

Questions? Contact Priscilla Giuliano, 704-706-3203



Women's Circle Meetings

Tuesday, August 5

Morning: 11:00 am, Lunch

Evening: 7:00 pm, Dinner

Please meet at the church at 11:00 AM to carpool to The Local Room in Locust for lunch at 11:30 AM.

Dinner - The Local Room

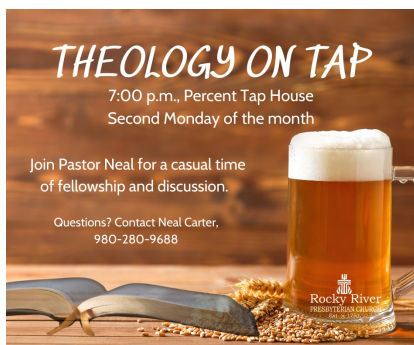


Game Night

Friday, Aug. 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Adults gather for board and card games the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month! No registration required. All are welcome for a bit of laughs and friendly competition!

Questions? Contact Priscilla Giuliano, 704-706-3203



Theology On Tap

Monday, Aug. 11, 7:00 p.m., Percent Tap House

Join Pastor Neal for a casual time of fellowship and discussion. This gathering is held the second Monday of each month.

Questions? Contact Neal Carter, 980-280-9688



Men's Breakfast

Sunday, Aug. 17, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Men of all ages are invited to come and share in good food and fellowship. This breakfast is held the third Sunday of each month.

Questions? Contact Jerry Clark at 704-458-9233

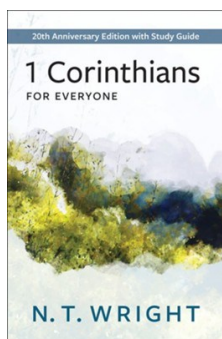


GriefShare 13 - Week Class

Aug. 19 - Nov. 11

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Questions? Contact Joan Nicholson, jnich1@hotmail.com, 704-239-1573



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

will resume September 2, 2025

Session Room - 2nd floor

We will continue reading and discussing 1st Corinthians for Everyone by N.T. Wright.

*For further information contact Barbara Whaley at
 rnbwhaley@ctc.net*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, Aug. 3, 2025, 11:00 AM Worship

All are invited to bring their backpacks or work bags for a special blessing!



BACK TO SCHOOL - SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

August 3, 2025 - 3:30 pm

We will be collecting school supplies to benefit Rocky River Elementary School through Aug. 3rd. A donation box will be available in the vestibule. Please see the flyer for the school's specific needs.

Back to School Packing Party

Aug. 3, 2025 @ 3:30 - Fellowship Hall



Children's Faith & Fellowship

Sunday, Aug. 17 - 3:30 pm

Room 215

Children, K-5, are invited for a time of learning and fun!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Sunday School Resumes in August!

We're excited to welcome our youth back to Sunday School after the summer break! Join us on Sunday, August 10 at 10:00 AM in the Youth Room as we reconnect, grow in faith, and kick off a new season of learning and fellowship.

Youth Pantry Drive JULY: JELLY

SCAN THE CODE TO PURCHASE & SHIP DIRECTLY TO RRPC!
Questions - Hailey Wilson or email us at RockyRiverYouth@gmail.com.



Join the RRPC Youth Mailing List

Join our mailing list to stay connected and help shape the upcoming programs. Receive our weekly newsletter with updates and quick lessons for all ages. Scan the QR code or email RockyRiverYouth@gmail.com.

Youth Mission Recap Video!

It's here! Catch the premiere of our Youth Mission Recap video and witness the impact of a summer filled with service, faith, and fun. Scan the QR code below to watch and celebrate how our youth shared God's love in action—you won't want to miss it! Thank you again for enabling our youth to have this incredible experience.



GGC Smokehouse Food Truck Every Wednesday & Friday!

Wednesday - 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

Friday - 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Make sure to give them a follow! - @ggcsmokehouse

TEN CENTS-A-MEAL



Donations accepted the first
Sunday of each month
and every
Wednesday Night Fellowship
Dinner!



The YMCA @ Rocky River Presbyterian Church



ACTIVE OLDER ADULT FITNESS



Monday thru Friday
9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall



BUILDING & GROUNDS MINISTRY

NEW PLAYGROUND PROJECT!

RRPC's Building & Grounds Ministry has begun work to rebuild our playground!

Your donations will help provide a safe, functional place for children to play.

Scan the code to donate, write "Playground" on your check, or give online at www.rockyriver.org/give



Our Session		
CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
Scott Jones <i>Finance and Administration</i>	Sandra Thomas <i>Finance & Administration</i>	Shirley Rockel <i>Finance & Administration</i>
Reggie Hunnicutt <i>Worship</i>	Priscilla Giuliano <i>Worship</i>	Barbara Whaley <i>Worship</i>
Nancy Tipton, Clerk of Session <i>Congregational Connections</i>	Joe Novobilski <i>Congregational Connections</i>	Robert Remsburg <i>Congregational Connections</i>
Billy Carriker <i>Building and Grounds</i>	Steve Irminger <i>Building and Grounds</i>	David Murray <i>Building and Grounds</i>
Amy Huster <i>Christian Education</i>	Theresa Watson <i>Christian Education</i>	Nicole Schneider <i>Christian Education</i>

COMMITTEES MEETING SCHEDULE	Building and Grounds:	The 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
	Worship:	The 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.
	Finance & Administration:	The 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
	Christian Education:	The 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m.
	Congregational Connections:	The 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

Volunteer Schedules

Counters		WNF Set-Up		WNF Clean-Up
Week 1:	Joe Novobilski and Sandra Thomas	Week 1:	C3 and Gero	Irminger and Gero
Week 2:	Kenza Mitchem and Steve Jewett	Week 2:	Daoust	Troops 7 and 83
Week 3:	Shirley Rockel and Darrell Thomas	Week 3:	(Open)	Mitchem / Carter
Week 4:	Scott Jones and Frank Reynolds	Week 4:	(Open)	Whaley/ Bedsole/ Glosson
Week 5:	Bob Remsburg and Don Chase	Week 5:	Tipton	Tipton / Earley

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2025 BUDGET:	\$459,641
TOTAL GIVEN YTD:	\$242,460
NEEDED EACH MONTH:	\$38,303
TOTAL FOR JULY:	\$22,757
NEEDED WEEKLY:	\$8,839
TOTAL FOR JULY 20:	\$6,429

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