



SOS LEADERS: LEIGH HUMPHRIES, WALT SLATON, AMY BECK, VANN WESTER, BRUCE BECK



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Newsletter

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The banner says it all. The familiar SOS week is back. In this photo from 2019, RHI volunteers Jeff Strickland and Mike Jackson post the news for that summer. The pandemic canceled the 2020 SOS, and in 2021, an abbreviated Special Edition was organized. The summer of 2022 marks the return of the familiar week of service to local communities.

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Servants on Site Leaders Ready for 2022 Projects, Activities

After two summers disrupted by the pandemic, Rebuilding Hope's signature event, Servants on Site (SOS) is back on track with a few changes. The dates are June 20-25. The biggest change is trimming the usual seven-day SOS to five days, with a four-day work week.



This avoids the usual conflict with Father's Day. Participants arrive on Monday, June 20, and depart on Saturday, June 25.

Participants will be housed at Central Baptist Church, where breakfast and supper will be served. Evening worship services will be conducted at the church, too. The leaders, pictured above:

Project Coordination
LEIGH HUMPHRIES

Leigh Humphries is once again project coordinator, a job she's had since the first SOS week in 2013.

Leigh, who lives in Person County and is a member of New Life Baptist Church, has sorted through the registrants and organized the crews according to the types of jobs scheduled. Before the work begins, she will assign encouragers for the crews at the work sites, which she visits during the week.

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New RHI volunteer Diane Jenks prepares first aid kits that will be provided for each SOS team.

Rebuilding Hope Welcomes A New Volunteer

Rebuilding Hope welcomes a new volunteer, Diane Jenks.

Diane, who retired from Vance County Schools in 2007, and husband Tim have been involved with RHI over the years in its ministry-assisted and ministry-sponsored events, such as DNow, SOS and fundraisers. Now Diane will maintain the game trailer and assist as needed in other areas of the ministry.

Most rewarding, she says, is using her time and talents.

"I can glorify God and serve our community. You get to work with some of the best people I have ever met."

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Leigh's duties continue once the day's work is done as she helps chaperone the youths overnight at Central Baptist Church.

Construction Coordination

VANN WESTER



Before participants head to their jobs, each site – whether ramp or roof – must be evaluated. Vann visits each site, meets with the homeowner and determines the condition of an existing roof or the terrain where a ramp will be built, the quantity of materials needed for each job. Finally, Vann, a member of New Bethel Baptist Church, recruits crew leaders and assigns jobs to each team of volunteers.

Materials Coordination

WALT SLATON

Without a steady supply of materials, the jobs would not be completed. And that's where Walt Slaton, a member of Central Baptist Church, comes in as materials coordinator.

With a worksheet describing each job, Walt assembles shingles, tar paper, lumber, nails, bolts, nuts, washers, tools, compressors, hoses and more the week before SOS. Materials are on-hand, donated or purchased locally. Where possible, materials are delivered to sites before the work week begins.

Throughout the week, Walt says he has runners ready at the RHI warehouse to resupply workers through a chain that begins with a job's crew chief who notifies a multisite supervisor. The supervisor notifies Walt who dispatches a runner.

Destination SOS for 93 Participants

AMY BECK

Amy, who is the SOS secretary and a member of West Oxford Baptist Church, reports that as last month came to a close 93 had registered for the week.

In addition to participants from Vance, Granville, Warren and neighboring counties, one team will be coming from Windy Gap in Macon County and another from Georgia.

Theme is "Purpose Defined"

BRUCE BECK

Pastor, West Oxford Baptist Church

The theme for the week is "Purpose Defined."

Jer. 33:3 — Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and incomprehensible things you do not know. (HCSB)

As this applied to Jeremiah, so this applies to those who belong to Jesus, Bruce says, God is the only One who can rebuild our lives. This is the promise to those who belong to Him. May this be a week of seeking Him. May He speak to us through His Word. Because He alone defines our purpose.

The meaning of the theme will be explained by guest speakers at each of the evening worship services during the week.

The services and their emphases will be:

Tuesday, "Be Thankful," based on Psalm 138.

Speaker is Pastor Greg Richardson of Stovall United Methodist Church, Stovall.

Wednesday, "Be Holy," based on Isaiah 6. Speaker is Pastor Josiah Antell of Lake Gaston Baptist Church, Littleton.

Thursday, "Be Gospel-worthy," based on Phil. 1:27-30. Speaker is Pastor Brett Marlowe, a member of Member of Faith Baptist Church, Youngsville.

Friday, "Be Bold," based on Acts 4:31. Speaker is Youth Pastor Brian Browning of Windy Gap Baptist Church, Franklin.

The public is encouraged to attend the worship services at 7 p.m. at Central Baptist Church.

Breakfast and Supper

Breakfast and supper are served at Central Baptist Church, beginning with Monday supper before the work week begins.

Supplies include 4-5 cases of liquid eggs, 300 chicken quarters, 10 gallons of spaghetti sauce and noodles, 40-45 pounds of bacon, sausage, hash browns and more. Supper includes a full salad bar. A team of six helps with serving and cleaning up.

Lunches

Eleven churches will provide lunches for the teams at the work sites. The churches are Fuller's Chapel, Gardner Baptist Church, Mountain Creek Baptist Church, New Life Baptist Church (Henderson), North Henderson Baptist Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Oxford Baptist Church, Peaces Chapel, Plank Chapel United Methodist Church, Lake Gaston Baptist Church and West Oxford Baptist Church.

A church that sponsors a project "adopts" a crew and serves lunch each day.

Needs for SOS

Volunteers – Adult/college-age volunteers are needed to serve as staff during the week. Staff assists with setting up the rooms, posting signs and schedules and for chores such as cleaning bath and restroom facilities.

Financial Support for SOS Projects

A roofing project costs approximately \$2,000, but any amount is appreciated.

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Volunteers Needed for Small Repair Projects



While teams of Rebuilding Hope volunteers build wheelchair ramps and replace roofs, requests for smaller and simpler repairs can't be immediately answered. The solution is teams that can spend a few hours repairing a ramp, a stoop, stairs or a door.

The projects are perfect for a men's group or a youth group. Groups can provide a much needed service. A group need not be church-affiliated to help.

The goal is to provide two projects each month to groups in the four counties served by Rebuilding Hope, Vance, Granville, Franklin and Warren.

Rebuilding Hope will provide the tools and materials for each job.

Call 252-438-5132 or 252-425-5593 and let us answer your questions and get you started.

Urgent Request for Help

Rebuilding Hope needs volunteers to answer the phone and interview people applying for help during our Monday-Friday office hours of 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Men and women are welcome and may choose a day, or even a half-day.

Volunteers will be trained in the use of the application forms and how to interview applicants.

The need is urgent. If you can help the ministry help others call Randolph or Gail at 252-438-5132 or 252-425-5593.



Appliances Accepted

RHI accepts some used appliances that are in good working order. The appliances include washers and dryers, refrigerators and electric stoves. Appliances that require repairs cannot be accepted.

RHI does not have used furniture, and cannot accept household goods or clothing.



How to Bring a Group to RHI

RHI has a number of volunteer opportunities throughout the year and will work with you or your group (youth or adult) to not only meet the needs of homeowners, but also to meet the needs of your group in its effort to put its faith into action serving others. We provide job locations and materials for hands-on experience and will arrange for one-day projects or projects for more than one day. Overnight accommodations can be arranged. E-mail us at rwilson@rebuildinghopeinc.org or call 252-438-5132 for more information or registration.



Share Our Newsletter

If you know someone who would enjoy our newsletter, send the email address to us at info@rebuildinghopeinc.org

Building Wheelchair Ramps: Answers to Your Questions

Churches, do you have groups like the one pictured below who can lend a hand and help us build wheelchair ramps? Your participation would help reduce a backlog of more than 20 requests – and help us all reach our communities for Christ.



Here are answers to some questions you might have:

What preparations are made before work begins? Before work begins, an RHI volunteer will visit the job site and assess the owner's physical and spiritual needs. The volunteer will take measurements and draw a plan. Job sites are different and custom plans are necessary.

What about materials and tools? RHI will gather the materials and deliver them to the job site and provide tools, as needed.

Are building permits required? RHI will obtain the required permits.

Who will supervise and be responsible for the work? An experienced RHI crew leader.

How long does building a ramp take? Depending on the ramp (e.g., straight ramp or ramp with a landing) and the number of crew members, it's a day to a day-and-a-half job.

Where are job sites located? In all the communities we serve, but every effort will be made to assign work in the vicinity of your church.

Can work be scheduled on Saturdays? Yes.

For more information? Call 252-438-5132.

If you can help, we'll put you in touch with Bill Overby of Enterprise Baptist Church, our team leader in Warren County. Or Steve Timberlake of Oxford Baptist Church, our team leader in Granville County. Or, in Vance County, team leaders Steve Lyles of Raleigh Road Baptist Church, Vann Wester of New Bethel Baptist Church, or Cliff McClanahan of Central Baptist Church.

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RHI's 2022 Calendar

Dates and events are subject to change.

June

19 — Father's Day
20-25 — SOS 2022

July

4 — RHI closed for Independence Day

August

1-3 — **Kids' Construction Camp**, 9 a.m.-Noon
KCC gives 2nd-6th graders hands-on experiences with basic construction skills as they rotate through stations such as Hammer & Nails, Electrical & Plumbing, Block Laying and Building a Birdhouse. A midmorning snack is provided. Call or email for more information or to sign up.

September

5 — Labor Day — RHI Closed
30 — **Fall Fundraiser**, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

October

No events scheduled.

November

11 — Veterans Day
23-25 — RHI Closed for Thanksgiving
25 — Thanksgiving Day

December

24 — Christmas Eve
25 — Christmas Day
26 — Jan. 2 — RHI Closed
31 — New Year's Eve

NOTICES

**Men's Prayer Group meets 7-8:30
each Thursday morning.**

Coffee & Breakfast Biscuits are served. Full breakfast is served on the 1st Thursday of each month. All men are welcome.

Homeowners living in homes that need repairs that they are unable to otherwise make may make application 9-3 Monday — Friday.

We accept used appliances that are in good working order and make them available at no cost to people in need.

At this time, we do not accept furniture, household items, or clothes to distribute.

RHI — Here to Help



To request help to build a wheelchair ramp or to make home repairs, visit our office where a volunteer will take your application. RHI does not take applications over the phone or make monetary awards.

Depending on the type of work requested, RHI may require evidence of ownership of property. A landlord's permission for a wheelchair ramp is required.

While services are provided at no cost, donations from applicants are appreciated.

Servants on Site 2022

Registration & Contact Information

SOS (Servants on Site) 2022 will be a little different this summer. Changes include:

The dates are June 20-25. To avoid the usual conflict with Father's Day, the familiar seven-day event has been trimmed to five days, with a four-day work week. Participants will arrive and register on Monday, June 20, and depart on Saturday, June 25.

Wednesday, a full work day. Past schedules allowed for a half-day of free time for participants.

No Early Bird Registration. The payment of the \$125 fee is due at registration.

Other plans will be announced as they are confirmed.



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The fee for the week covers the cost of a theme T-shirt, meals and lodging. Scholarships are available. SOS — a week of work, worship and witness in Vance and surrounding counties — is a mission opportunity for youths who have completed sixth grade and up and adults.

Areas Where You Can Serve at RHI and Meet Needs in Our Communities



Painting Office Plumbing Electrical
AC/Heating Accounting
Carpentry/Framing & Finishing
Carpet/Vinyl Installation
Cleaning Computer Cooking
Drafting Drywall Doors
Welding/Sheet Metal
Evangelism Internet Organization
Ramps Reception Roofing
Siding Secretarial Telephone
Welding/Sheet Metal Windows Writing

Our Ongoing Needs

Prayer, Volunteers, Building Materials,
Donations, Monthly Financial Support

Spring Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser: Volunteers Make It Happen

Canceled for two years because of the pandemic, the Rebuilding Hope Spring Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser was back on its usual last Friday in April. Thanks to all the volunteers who returned to their usual tasks of cooking the main course, donating desserts and preparing plates — as well as visiting and enjoying fellowship with one another. Volunteers served served about 1,300 plates. Watch this newsletter for details about the fall fundraiser on Sept. 30.



The aroma was back in the air April 29 as volunteers fired up their cookers.



John Soles, Glenn Collins and Roy Tippett keep an eye on the main course.



Volunteers (clockwise from left) Richard and Joyce Roberts, Gail Prather, Betsy Skinner, Carolyn Wortham, Nancy Eason, Brenda Wheeler and Linda Soles bag bread and dessert.



Plates are filled with chicken, green beans and potatoes. More photos, next page.



Supporters, You Also Make the Fundraiser Happen

Thanks, too, to all who supported the fundraiser. Some friends chose to eat in, others used the drive-through to pick up orders, and RHI volunteers delivered multiple orders to businesses around the area. Ready to enjoy their delivered meals are (clockwise from top left) Bonnie Balmer, Caneka Richardson, Cedric Andrews, William Perry, Tyron Kelley, and Carl Kearney at Carolina Country Snacks; Calvin Hunt and Zach Crews at Fortress Wood Products; and Sharon Sanford and Shannon Abbitt at Idaho Timber Corp.



Equipment Available for Check-out

RHI has equipment – like the game trailer pictured below – that churches and groups may check out for use in their projects. Call the office at 252-438-5132 or Randolph's cell at 252-425-5593. Available equipment:

Game trailer – Outfitted with all kinds of games to



use in outreach.

Mobile kitchen – Snow cone, cotton candy and popcorn machines.

2 tool trailers – Equipped with all tools needed to build a wheelchair ramp.

RHI Speakers Bureau

The Rebuilding Hope Speakers Bureau is ready to go in 2022. If your church or organization would like to hear more about RHI and our mission in our communities, we can provide a speaker. Call our office. We can coordinate a date and time for one of our volunteers



to talk to you about our work and how you can participate.

AmazonSmile Purchases Benefit Rebuilding Hope

Your Amazon purchases can now benefit Rebuilding Hope.

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.com.

The difference is that when you shop AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate a half-percent of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

Every item available for purchase on amazon.com is also available on AmazonSmile at the same price. Eligible products are marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

When you're shopping online at smile.amazon.com, Rebuilding Hope will benefit from a donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation – and you're helping us help our communities.

New Volunteer

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The Henderson native is a member of Central Baptist Church, where she serves as church clerk, third- and fourth-grade Sunday school teacher and volunteer with the church's SOS team.

The Jenkses, who will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary this month, have a son and grandson.

In her spare time, Diane says she enjoys crafting and spending time with her friends.