

# Rocky Hock Playhouse to perform Easter musical

From staff reports

The Rocky Hock Playhouse 2015 season opens on March 21 with the new Easter musical by Gloria Emmerich entitled "At the Foot of the Cross".

The story begins when Jesus and His disciples encounter several of the other leading characters outside the city gates of a small village in ancient Israel. His presence and healing touch win each per-

son over and their lives are changed forever.

As the story continues the various characters reveal things about their background that people today will identify with. The themes of loneliness, infidelity, difficult relationships, illness and depression are all familiar ones to today's audience.

Many familiar Bible passages are woven into the script as Jesus shares several parables and life

lessons with those closest to him.

The story also takes us through Jesus' difficult personal struggle in Gethsemane and his agonizing death on the cross at Calvary. His ultimate resurrection and reappearance to Peter are highlights in this stirring musical reminder of the power of God to change lives.

The role of Jesus is being portrayed by Jeffrey Emmerich who is also directing the production.

All the music in this production was penned by Gloria Emmerich. She has written over 75 full length musicals and most of her shows have premiered at the Rocky Hock Playhouse and are published and made available to the public.

Performances of "At the Foot of the Cross" will be held March 21 through April 18 at the Rocky Hock Playhouse now located at the Leon Nixon Catering & Ban-

quet Facilities on Hwy. 32 (Virginia Road) in Edenton. Tickets are priced as follows: Adults, \$29.95; Seniors 62 and older, \$28.95; Children 6-12 years old, \$27.95; Group A, 10-24 people, \$27.95; Group B, 25 or more people, \$26.95. Tickets include both the performance and an all-you-can-eat buffet.

For more information contact the box office at the Rocky Hock Playhouse by calling 482-4621.

## IN THE CHURCHES

### Chowan County Churches

#### ■ Bandon Chapel

Bandon Chapel has begun holding an Adult Bible Study on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. Also, Bandon has started a Youth Group meeting on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m.; ages are 6th grade through 12th grade. We are located at 200 Bandon Road, Arrowhead Beach, Edenton. Questions, call 221-8188.

#### ■ Edenton Church of God

The Edenton Church of God will host the Oak Grove Boys of Elm City, NC in concert on Saturday night, March 14, at 7 p.m. Then, on March 21 at 7 p.m. there will be a Benefit Gospel Sing at the church starting at 7 p.m. A love offering will be received to help Open Arms Christian Ministries in their work with children. Those performing are scheduled to include Called Out II, Stan White, Just in Time, Charles Evans and Friends, and Right Turn. For more information on either of these programs, contact Pastor Donald Sawyer at (252) 331-3998.

#### ■ Edenton UMC

If you are someone who plays music and would be interested in playing for the Sunday morning informal service, please contact the church office at 482-3269 and leave your name. Joel Wise, the church's music director, is looking for anyone who likes to play to become a part of this dynamic Sunday morning worship experience; if you prefer, you may e-mail Joel: teekeeguardian@gmail.com.

#### ■ First Presbyterian Church

On Palm/Passion Sunday

(March 29), morning worship at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Edenton will consist of special music and scripture based upon the Seven Last Words of Christ.

#### ■ Good Works Community Church

The Good Works Community Church invites you to its mid-week service each Wednesday at 7 p.m. The church is located at 212 E. Church Street in Edenton.

#### ■ New Welch's Chapel

On Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m., The Pastoral Support Ministry at New Welch's Chapel will present "Women and Men of the Bible." Please come out and support the program. Contact Goldie

Morris at 221-8713 or Susan T. Brothers at 862-7230 for details.

#### ■ Our Place Spiritual Outreach

Our Place Spiritual Outreach, located at 431 S. Broad Street in Edenton, has Bible Study on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you have questions, call Evangelist Sherlon Broadnax at (252) 619-2745.

#### ■ Pleasant Grove AME Zion Church

Pleasant Grove will celebrate its 149th church anniversary at 2 p.m. on March 22 Rev. Ernest Cole and members of St. James AME Zion Church will be the special guests. Come and be blessed.

## SPECIAL SERVICE



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Amy Shreve, professional harpist and vocalist, will be leading the 11 a.m. worship service at Ballards Bridge Baptist Church in Tyner on Sunday, March 22. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Center Hill Baptist Church is sponsoring FINDING HOPE, March 15-20 nightly at 7:00 PM.

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