

The Rocky Hock Anchor



The Mission of Rocky Hock Baptist Church is to magnify Christ and make disciples of all people.



Dear Rocky Hock Church Family,

First, let me wish you a very Merry Christmas. What a year 2021 has been! God has been leading us out in order that He might lead us into a relationship with Him. The Old Testament record of the Israelites being delivered out of Egypt is a reminder of how God delivers us through the atoning sacrifice of His Son from the

penalty of sin. One day, all of us will enjoy the blessing of the promised land, called Heaven, where God ultimately saves us from the very presence of sin. What are we to do in the meantime? In the wilderness of sanctification, God continues to deliver us from the power of sin as we continue to be loyal and obey Him. Just as God provided for His people all those years ago, God provides for us through the atoning sacrifice of His Son and the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. This is the reason we will gather together later this month and celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Redeemer!

Second, as your family celebrates Christmas, I hope you are reminded of what Jesus did for you as you smell the fragrance of fresh cut Christmas trees. I trust your ears will be filled with Christmas music, your heart filled with precious memories as you taste those favorite family recipes, and your eyes filled with wonder as children open gifts on Christmas morning. Isaiah spoke of the day when our Savior would be born, "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given ... and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

Third, you will continue to see a few new things on Sunday morning. We have already begun intentionally welcoming all of our guests. This group works in tandem with our greeters. As you come on campus, you will see signs directing our guests to parking spaces. As they enter the vestibule, we want to welcome them, connect with them, and involve them in the life of our church. So far, God has brought over thirty individuals through our doors. Our staff has followed up with all of them and many of them continue to return. On December 5th at 10:30am in the vestibule, we are inviting our guests to Starting Point. What is Starting Point? It is a thirty minute "meet and greet" in order for us to get to know them better and our desire is to connect them to one of our Sunday School Classes through a class representative. A big thank you to everyone who welcomes our guests and serves with a smile!

Finally, on December 5th following the morning worship service, the church will be called into conference to vote on the 2022 Budget and amend the Bylaws in regard to moving from monthly business conferences to quarterly conferences, along with establishing a 50 member quorum.

God is doing a great work and we have much to celebrate!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Rusty



The Inabelle Coleman Circle has RHBC Christmas Ornaments available in the vestibule following Sunday Morning Worship and Evening Bible Study and Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting now through Christmas. The cost is \$10 each.



Lottie Moon Post Office
(sponsored by the GA's)

December 5th - 19th

40 cents per card

Mailbox in Connecting Corridor

Baptist Women



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Sunday, December 19th

Why the Christmas Offering is Named for Lottie Moon:

While living in China, Lottie wrote letters to the Foreign Mission Board (now the International Mission Board) and to Baptist women. She asked for more missionaries and for money to grow her work among the Chinese.

Because of Lottie's determination, WMU collected a Christmas Offering to give to the Foreign Mission Board. In 1918, at Annie Armstrong's suggestion, WMU named the offering for Lottie Moon.

Today, we still give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in honor of her work and sacrifice to keep our missionaries on the field.

10 Things you should know about Lottie Moon:

1. Lottie was born in Virginia on December 12, 1840.
2. Her name was Charlotte Digges Moon, but everyone called her "Lottie."
3. She was 4'9" tall.
4. Before she became a Christian while in high school, Lottie missed required chapels 26 times.
5. Lottie loved to pull pranks on others. Once, when asked what the "D" stood for in her middle name, she replied, "Devil."
6. Lottie was appointed to China as a missionary at age 33 and served there 39 years, primarily in Tengchow and Pingtu.
7. She wore Chinese clothes and lived like her Chinese neighbors.
8. Lottie had several nicknames in China—foreign devil, foreign lady teacher, heavenly book visitor, and the cookie maker. (Lottie baked cookies to win the hearts of the children and families who were frightened of her.)
9. Lottie led in the campaign to end the practice of bound feet. The Chinese believed small feet made a woman more beautiful, so girls' feet were bound tightly with cloth. Girls with bound feet could hardly walk, and infections, gangrene, and even death were common side effects of this practice.
10. In 1912 at the end of her career, famine, flood, and war encircled her China. Her friends were starving. In a final act of empathy, Lottie stopped eating and gave all her food away. When her friends realized the depth of her sickness, they put her on a boat to return to the United States. Lottie died on Christmas Eve while en route to the U.S.

The Week of Prayer for International Missions:

The Week of Prayer for International Missions (November 28 - December 5, 2021) is a special, focused time of prayer for Southern Baptist missionaries serving through the International Mission Board and the people whom they serve.

In addition to prayer, your generosity in giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering can make an eternal impact. When you give directly to this offering, 100% of your gifts support missionaries around the world.

The 2021 international goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$185 million.

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**The Baptist Men's Breakfast is on
the third Sunday of the month,
December 19th at 7:30 AM in the
Special Function Room.
Gentlemen, please join us!**





Christmas Programs

Children's Choirs
Sunday, December 5th
at 6:00 PM

Hand Bell Choir
Sunday, December 12th
at 6:00 PM

Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, December 19th
at 6:00 PM

Live Nativity

Wednesday, December 22nd
 7:00 – 8:30 PM
 on the Church Lawn



Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Friday,
 December 24th
 at 5:00 PM



The Edenton-Chowan
 Food Pantry is
 requesting from RHBC
 this month:

Turkey Stuffing

DEACON MINISTRY TEAMS

11/28/21—12/4/21

Wayne Howell, Ted Peele, Bill Smith

12/5/21 - 12/11/21

Adam Bunch, Steve Evans, Allen Peele

12/12/21—12/18/21

Fenton Eure, Ruston Howell, Fred Smith

12/19/21—12/25/21

Lee Bass, David Spruill, Oscar White

12/26/21—1/1/22

Donald Bass, Carroll Evans, Chris Turner

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
10/31/21	173	211
11/7/21:	190	224
11/14/21:	204	242
11/21/21:	204	242

Children's Page

For children
of all ages!

RA's Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 1st
From 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Supper provided in the Special
Function Room
Activities in the Gym



The Christmas Story

Youth Christmas Party

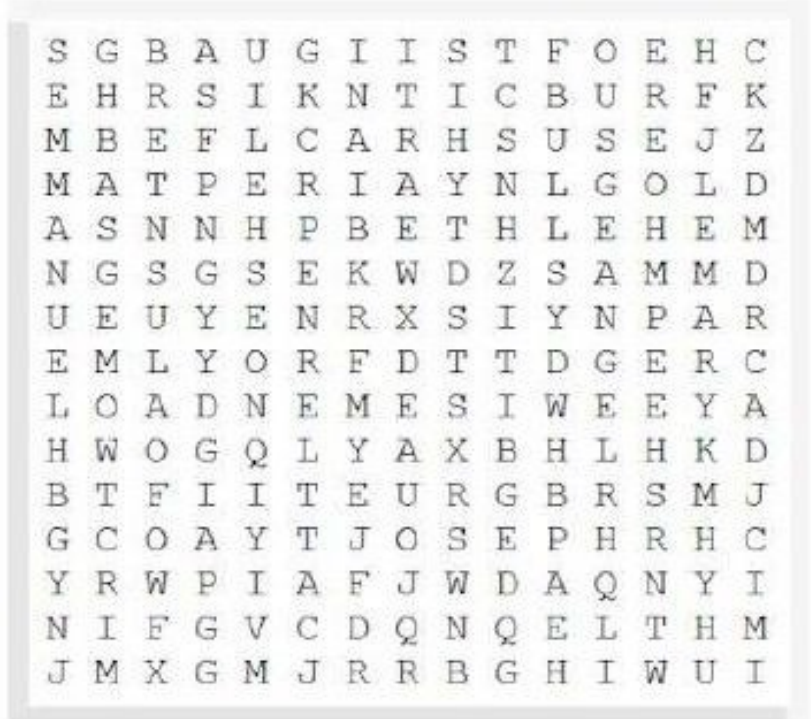
Wednesday, December 8th
From 6:00 - 8:00 PM
(see Pastor Mike for more info.)

GA's & RA's Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 8th
Bus will leave the Church
promptly at 6:15 PM

Children's Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 15th
From 6:00 - 8:00 PM
(see Pastor Mike for more info.)



Bible Drill Training Classes

for children in Grades 3-6 meets
every Sunday in the
1st & 2nd Grade Sunday School
Classroom at 4:45 PM.

**On December 5th, Bible Drill
will meet at 4:30 PM due to
the Children's Choirs
Christmas Program.**

ANGEL
BETHLEHEM
CAMELS
CATTLE
DONKEY
EAST
GIFTS

MANGER
MARY
MYRRH
SHEEP
SHEPHERDS
STAR
WISE MEN

GOLD
HOLY SPIRIT
EMMANUEL
INCENSE
JESUS
JOSEPH
MAGI

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Church Basketball

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Co-ed
3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed
6th - 8th Grade Boys
6th - 12th Grade Girls
9th - 12th Grade Boys



Players and Coaches can sign up on the sheets
in the Connecting Corridor.

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Check us out on the web at www.rhbce.org

Weekly Schedule:

Sundays: 9:45 AM - Sunday School for all ages
11:00 AM - Morning Worship for all ages (Nursery & Children's Church available for up to 5th Grade)
12:00 Noon - Worship Online at www.rhbce.org, our facebook page, vimeo, and YouTube
6:00 PM - Evening Worship ("Sundays at SIX")

Wednesdays: 7:00 PM - Adult Bible Study - Sanctuary; Middle & High School Youth - Youth Suite;
RA's - RA's Room, upstairs; GA's - GA's Room, beside foyer; Mission Friends - Kindergarten Classroom

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