Congratulations to Thomas & Maura Bass Shrader on the birth of their son, Harrison Luke Shrader, on Saturday, December 9, 2023. Proud grandparents are Mark & Arlene Bass.

New Deacons for 2024: Carroll Evans, J. C. Forehand, Keith Nixon, Scott Noble. Oscar White

All 2024 Deacons will meet in the Senior Adult Building for a special called meeting TODAY immediately following Morning Worship.

#### **Basketball Practices are as follows:**

Monday, December 18:

6 – 7 PM K - 2nd Grade Co-ed Coaches: Butch & Rachel Byrum

7 – 8 PM 3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed Coach: Breann Evans

Tuesday, December 19:

6 – 7 PM Middle School Boys Coaches: David Bass, (Trey & Matt)

Wednesday, December 20:

8 – 9 PM Middle/High School Girls Coaches: Trey Bass & LeAnn Nixon

Thursday, December 21:

6 – 7 PM High School Boys Coach: Rev. Matt Dupuy

#### Basketball Games are as follows:

January 6RHBC vs. St. Paul's / Open Door @ RHBCJanuary 13RHBC vs. Ballard's Bridge @ Ballard's BridgeJanuary 20RHBC vs. Edenton Baptist @ RHBCJanuary 27RHBC vs. St. Paul's / Open Door @ RHBCFebruary 3RHBC vs. Edenton Baptist @ RHBCFebruary 10RHBC vs. Ballard's Bridge @ RHBC

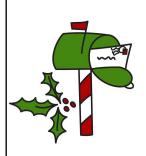
Games Times: 4:30 PM - K - 2nd Grade Co-ed

5 PM - 3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed 6 PM - Middle School Boys 7 PM - Middle/High School Girls

8 PM - High School Boys

# **UPCOMING CHRISTMAS GATHERINGS:**

- Monday, December 18 Inabelle Coleman Circle meet at Chowan River Nursing & Rehab
- <u>Tuesday, December 19</u> Annie Leary Circle @ Story's Seafood Restaurant in Hertford
- <u>Friday, December 29</u> Believers of the Faith Sunday School Class
   Christmas Party @ the home of Steve & Sheila Evans, 6:30 PM



TODAY, December 17th is the last day for **The Lottie Moon Post Office**. Simply place Christmas cards to your church family, along with your donation of 50 cents per card, in the mailbox in the Connecting Corridor. The GA's will deliver them to the appropriate Sunday School Class (please indicate on the card which class the person attends, if you know). Thanks for your support of our GA's and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering!

Join us for our annual **Drive-Thru Nativity** on Wednesday, December 20th from 7:00 - 8:30 PM on the Church Grounds. This will take the place of regular Wednesday night Prayer Meeting and Children & Youth Activities.



The **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** will be taken on Sunday, December 24th at the Morning Worship Service.



# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Sunday, December 24th at 5 PM in the Sanctuary



**Camp sign-up sheets** are in the Multi-Purpose Building Foyer. CentriFuge for Youth is June 10 - 14, 2024 and CentriKid for Children is June 24 - 28, 2024. Parents should have already received a message through the remind app. The first deposit is due by February 2, 2024.

The **Search Committee** for the Associate Pastor of Youth & Children is bringing a candidate to RHBC in January 2024. There is an insert in today's bulletin with information about the candidate, as well as events that have been planned while he is here. Please be praying about this exciting time for our church!

NOTE FROM OUR DEACONS: Please be sure to contact the Church Office if you, your committee, ministry team, Sunday School Class, etc. is planning to use any room in the church buildings for meetings or activities. ALL functions, whether church-related or personal, need to be scheduled on the church calendar to avoid conflicts. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

NOTE FROM PROPERTY & GROUNDS: Please break down all cardboard boxes before placing them in the dumpster. Since our current dumpster is much smaller than the previous one, we have to make good use of the limited space we have! Thanks for your cooperation.

New address for Audrey Bunch: 11455 Old Smithfield Road

Bailey, NC 27807

#### A Word of Thanks . . .

Dear Friends,

The world is so beautiful because you and your family are a part of it! I am so thankful that I'm part of the Rocky Hock Church Family. You are so kind and good. Thank you for always being there for me with concerns, cards, flowers, but most of all, your prayers and love.

Your Friend in Christ, Maryann Bunch

**Camp Cale has launched a year-long supply drive** and they are asking for specific items each month. For December, they are collecting 12-inch balloons. For January, they will be collecting Grape Juice. There is a collection bin in the Connecting Corridor specifically for these items. For questions, call Camp Cale at 252-264-2513.

# PRAYER LIST

Timmy Allen John Barrow Patti Bass Rhonda Biggs **Audrey Bunch** Maryann Bunch Teresa Bunch Chris Byrum William Cartwright Connie Copeland Curt Casper Wayne Copeland Diane Deems Raquel DeSousa Diane Dixon Kevin Ferguson Rick Dupuy Jimmy Forehand Howard Goodwin Laura Harkins Elizabeth Harrell Chris Jackson Danny & JoAnn Cartwright James Denzel James Frances Layden Susan Kimsey Joey McAlduff Beth McCrodden Collin Nixon Leon Nixon **Bradley Ober** Amanda Overton Lisa Pasini Raines Simonsen Bill Smith Jan Smith Michelle Stanley Wanda Strickland Jane Suggs Amanda Swayne Earline Surratt Dana Teal Mary Turner Shirley Waff Brenda Wilcox **Darlene Winslow** Israel Mary Ellis Edwards Family **Upcoming Christmas Events** Staff of John A. Holmes High School RHBC Search Committees

# Nursing Home & Homebound Members

Chowan River Nursing & Rehab: Nola Jean Bass

**Edenton Prime Time:** Mildred Boyce, Maxine (Elton) Bunch, Frances Byrum **The Landings of Albemarle:** Sherlon Layton, Audrey Leary, Jean Leary,

Nancy Noble

Three Rivers (Windsor): Jeanette Baker

Homebound: Dianne Bass, Johnny Gosser, Clara Peele, Joanne White

# On-going Concerns

Penny Bateman Mary Ellen Boyce Penny (Lee) Baker Jim & Bunny Brock **Donald Chesson** Neil Chesson Jo Copeland Carlton Dail Rita White Ellis Fenton & Margie Eure Rita Hemmings **Edsel Lassiter** Robert Lewis Heath Patrick Darryl Perry Ann Peterson Lisa Phipps Zack Robertson David Sawyer Devin Siveny Lynn Smith Arlene Spear Julie Spivey Carolyn Trueblood Jacob Ullom Phyllis Winborne **Bobby Williams** Our Country & Leaders Our Church Our Armed Forces



THIS WEEK - December 17 - 23

Sunday School: Chris & Susan

Sykes

Morning Worship: Kristia Noble,

Michelle Tynch

Sunday Evening: Need 2

Volunteers!

Wednesday Evening: Butch &

Rachel Byrum

NEXT WEEK - December 24 - 30

**Sunday School:** Susan Nixon, Olivia Bass. Suzi Leary

Morning Worship: Lori & Chelsea

Sunday Evening: Need 2

Volunteers!

Wednesday Evening: Chris &

Susan Sykes

#### This Week at RHBC . . .

### Sunday, December 17

9:45 AM - Sunday School for all ages 11 AM - Worship - Sanctuary (Nursery &

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Following Worship - All 2024 Deacons will meet in the Senior Adult Bldg.

NO Bible Drill

6 PM - Sanctuary Choir Christmas Concert - Sanctuary

7 PM - Special Function Room Reserved

### Monday, December 18

12 Noon - January Newsletter Deadline 6 PM - Inabelle Coleman Circle meeting @ Chowan River Nursing

## Tuesday, December 19

10 AM - Young at Heart Adult Bible Study -Carey Evans SS Classroom

1 - 2 PM - Senior Food Distribution - Multi-Purpose Building

6:30 PM - Annie Leary Circle @ Story's Seafood Restaurant

# Wednesday, December 20

7 - 8:30 PM - **Drive-Thru Nativity on the Church Grounds** (in place of regular
Wednesday night Prayer Meeting and
Children & Youth Activities

NO Choir Practice

### Next Week . . .

# Sunday, December 24

9:45 AM - Sunday School for all ages 11 AM - Worship - Sanctuary (Nursery & Children's Church for ages 3 - 5th Grade); 4th Sunday of Advent; Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

NO Bible Drill

5 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - Sanctuary

Monday & Tuesday, December 25 & 26
Church Office Closed for Christmas

Tuesday, December 26

NO Young at Heart Adult Bible Study

# <u> Wednesday, December 27</u>

7 PM - Adult Prayer Meeting, Mission Friends, GA's, RA's, ISM

8 PM - Choir Practice

# **Deacon Team of the Week**

This Week (12/17/23-12/23/23):

Donald Bass, Allen Peele, Sam Tynch

# Next Week (12/24/23-12/30/23):

Carroll Evans, Ruston Howell, Danny Lewis

## **December Deacon Greeters**

Senior Adult SS Building: Mike Evans

> Sanctuary Main: Steve Evans

Connecting Corridor:
Ruston Howell

# Multi-Purpose Main Entrance: Adam Bunch



# **December Ushers:**

Lee Jordan, Ellis Tynch, Paul Ward, Aundra Harrell, Jay Parrish

## **December Offering Team:**

Allen Peele (Chair), Adam Bunch, Keith Rollins, Phil Smith, Chris Sykes, Ellis Tynch

#### **Dec. Counting Committee:**

Aundra Harrell, Mary Louise Phelps, Phil & Rene` Smith, Ellis Tynch



# Week of December 10th

Sunday School: 171 Morning Worship: 251 Evening Worship: 110 Wednesday Evening: 75

# MORNING WORSHIP - 11 AM DECEMBER 17, 2023

Call to Worship Children's Choir

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Matt Dupuy

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Congregational Hymns

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory" # 259
"It Came upon the Midnight Clear" # 251

Offertory Prayer Deacon

Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings

(Children in Grades K - 5 dismissed for Children's Church)

Special Music Sanctuary Choir

"Come Make a Place"

Message Rev. Matt Dupuy

Text: Matthew 2: 13 - 23
Title: The Other Christmas Journey

Prayer Rev. Matt Dupuy

Invitation Hymn Congregation

"Silent Night! Holy Night!" # 253

Closing Prayer Rev. Matt Dupuy

# **EVENING WORSHIP - 6 PM**

**Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata** 

The flowers on the organ today are given in honor of Wayne & Delores Howell for their 58th Wedding Anniversary on December 19th by their children and grandchildren.

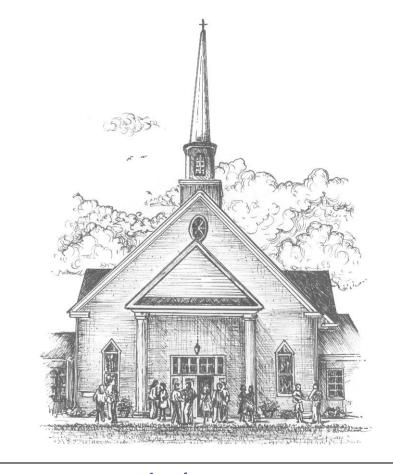
# **Rocky Hock Baptist Church**

113 Rocky Hock Church Road, Edenton, NC 27932 Phone: 252-221-4133

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
(Closed for Lunch from 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM)

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



# Find us on









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Mrs. Linda B. Bunch, Administrative Assistant <a href="mailto:lbunch@rhbce.org">lbunch@rhbce.org</a>

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Mrs. Mary Alice Riddick, Organist Mrs. Mary Jo Bass, Treasurer Ms. Deborah Long, Custodian Mrs. Donna Peele, Pianist Mr. Trey Bass, Security Mrs. Doris Tynch, Custodian