

**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 6 RHBC vs. St. Paul's / Open Door @ RHBC  
January 13 RHBC vs. Ballard's Bridge @ Ballard's Bridge  
January 20 RHBC vs. Edenton Baptist @ RHBC  
January 27 RHBC vs. St. Paul's / Open Door @ RHBC  
February 3 RHBC vs. Edenton Baptist @ RHBC  
February 10 RHBC 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
- Tuesday, December 19 - **Annie Leary Circle** @ Story's Seafood Restaurant in Hertford
- Friday, December 29 - **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
Curt Casper	Connie Copeland	Wayne Copeland
Diane Deems	Raquel DeSousa	Diane Dixon
Rick Dupuy	Kevin Ferguson	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	Earline Surratt	Amanda Swayne
Dana Teal	Mary Turner	Shirley Waff
Brenda Wilcox	Darlene Winslow	Israel
Mary Ellis Edwards Family	Upcoming Christmas Events	
RHBC Search Committees	Staff of John A. Holmes High School	

**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 (Lee) Baker	Penny Bateman	Mary Ellen Boyce
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 Armed Forces	Our Country & Leaders	Our Church

**NURSERY**

**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 White  
**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 & Children's Church for ages 3 - 5th Grade); **3rd Sunday of Advent**  
**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

Wednesday, December 27

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	
<i>"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"</i>	# 259
<i>"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"</i>	# 251
Offertory Prayer	Deacon
Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings	
<b>(Children in Grades K - 5 dismissed for Children's Church)</b>	
Special Music	Sanctuary Choir
<i>"Come Make a Place"</i>	
Message	Rev. Matt Dupuy
Text: Matthew 2: 13 - 23 Title: The Other Christmas Journey	
Prayer	Rev. Matt Dupuy
Invitation Hymn	Congregation
<i>"Silent Night! Holy Night!"</i>	# 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**

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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.**



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Ms. Deborah Long, Custodian

Mrs. Donna Peele, Pianist  
Mr. Trey Bass, Security  
Mrs. Doris Tynch, Custodian