

The Rocky Hock Anchor

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



I love this time of year! I love the celebration of Christmas. I love the decorations, the food, the music, the time together, I love it all! But I want to take a moment and remind you that this is a very difficult time of year for some in our congregation. Especially for those who have experienced loss, Christmas time becomes a reminder of everything that they miss and everything that has been missing in their lives. Many this year will experience their first Thanksgiving,

their first Christmas Eve, and their first Christmas morning without their loved one. For some, this will be the loneliest time of year as they grieve the loss of so much. So I encourage each of us to enjoy your time together, enjoy the celebration of the birth of our Savior, but also remember those who are hurting this time of year. Remember them in your prayers constantly, and when possible, check in on them.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Matt Dupuy

RHBC Christmas Programs

Children's Choirs

**Sunday, December 3rd
at 6:00 PM**

Hand Bell Choir

**Sunday, December 10th
at 6:00 PM**

Sanctuary Choir

**Sunday, December 17th
at 6:00 PM**



The Lottie Moon Post Office is open through December 17th. 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!



Baptist Women



The Week of Prayer for International Missions is a special, focused time of prayer for Southern Baptist Missionaries serving through the International Mission Board and the people they serve. I invite you to join us in this season of prayer, December 3 - 10, 2023 for our missionaries and those they serve. Look for the 2023 Prayer Guide in your bulletin on Sunday, December 3rd.

Well over 100 years ago, a single missionary named Lottie Moon, while serving in China, began writing letters challenging the American churches to send and support more workers. After her death on the field, her challenge was heeded in the formalization of an offering in her name. Her life is a reminder of why we must give to send and support missionaries serving among unreached people in unreached places.

Lottie served 39 years as a missionary in China. She taught in a girl's school and often made trips into China's interior to share the Good News with women and girls. She also would bake cookies and invite women and girls to her home to share with them the Good News.

She gave herself completely to God, helping lay the foundation of what would become the Modern Chinese Church, one of the fastest growing Christian movements of the world. Lottie Moon died at age 72, ill and in declining health after ministering to her beloved Chinese.

In 1918, Women's Missionary Union (WMU) named the Annual Christmas Offering for International Missions after the woman who urged them to start it. Lottie saw first hand the world's greatest problem—lostness. Meeting so many people who had never heard the Gospel compelled her to write letters to American churches describing the need for greater missionary presence. She pleaded for increased prayer and financial support to send to sustain our missionaries. This challenge became known as **The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**.

I encourage you to pray and support our international missionaries and the people they serve. Our Lottie Moon Offering will be collected on December 24, 2023. One hundred percent of your gifts support our missionaries and their work.

Belva

Ornament Exchange

**December 16th from 4:00 - 6:00 PM
in the Special Function Room**

ALL ladies are invited to attend! Please bring a quality ornament (wrapped) and your favorite goody to share. Daughters and granddaughters are also welcome! Please have an ornament for them so everyone can participate. If you plan to attend, please write your name on the sign-up sheet located in the Connecting Corridor.



The Baptist Men's Breakfast this month will be on December 17th at 7:30 AM.

Gentlemen, please join us in the Special Function Room for breakfast, devotion, and fellowship.



The Senior Adult Committee has planned a **Shopping Trip to Raleigh** on Tuesday, December 5th. We will leave the church at 7 AM, eat breakfast on the way, stop at Hamrick's and another Shopping Center or Mall where lunch will be on your own. We plan to stop at Cracker Barrel in Rocky Mount for supper. Sign-up sheets are in the Vestibule, Senior Adult Building, and Connecting Corridor. Even though the Senior Adult Committee planned the trip, anyone is welcome to come!



DRIVE-THRU NATIVITY

Wednesday, December 20th
from 7:00 - 8:30 PM
on the Church Grounds

(in lieu of Prayer Meeting and Children & Youth Activities)



Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th

Lottie Moon

*Christmas
Offering*



at the 11 AM Worship Service



at 5 PM in the Sanctuary





Deacon Team of the Week

11/26/23 - 12/2/23

Russell Byrum, Keith Nixon, Phil Smith

12/3/23 - 12/9/23

Adam Bunch, Ted Peele, Oscar White

12/10/23 - 12/16/23

Steve Evans, Bill Smith, Chris Turner

12/17/23 - 12/23/23

Donald Bass, Allen Peele, Sam Tynch

12/24/23 - 12/30/23

Carroll Evans, Ruston Howell, Danny Lewis

December Deacon Greeters

Senior Adult SS Center: Mike Evans

Sanctuary Main: Steve Evans

Connecting Corridor: Ruston Howell

Multi-Purpose Main Entrance: Adam Bunch



December Ushers:

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

December Offering Team:

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

December Counting Committee:

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



<u>Sunday Attendance:</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
10/29/23:	170	244	121
11/5/23:	187	224	116
11/12/23:	189	266	69 (OCC)
11/19/23:	174	259	55+children

Wednesday Evening Attendance:

11/1/23:	66
11/8/23:	108
11/15/23:	80
11/22/23:	? Thanksgiving Meal



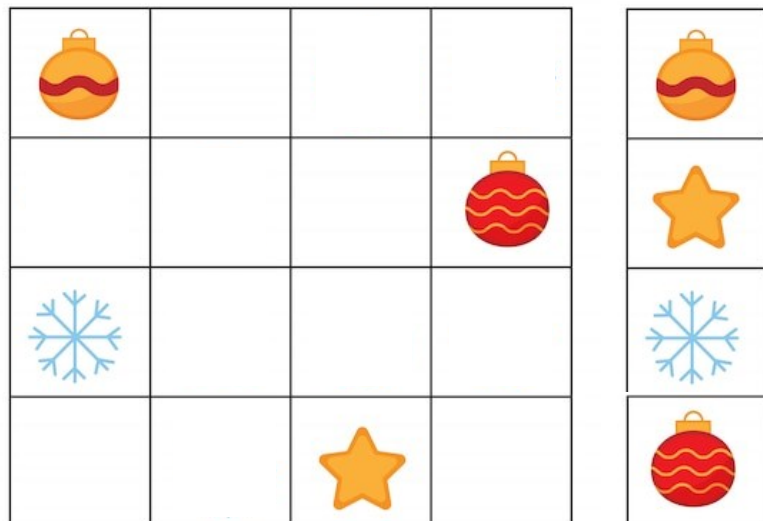
The request from RHBC this month is:

Macaroni and Cheese



Children's Page

For children
of all ages!



CHURCH



Monday, December 4:

6 – 7 PM - K - 2nd Grade Co-ed

7 – 8 PM - 3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed

Tuesday, December 5:

6 – 7 PM - Middle School Boys

Wednesday, December 6:

8 – 9 PM - Middle/High School Girls

Thursday, December 7:

6 – 7 PM - High School Boys

Monday, December 11:

6 – 7 PM - K - 2nd Grade Co-ed

7 – 8 PM - 3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed

Tuesday, December 12:

6 – 7 PM - Middle School Boys

Wednesday, December 13:

8 – 9 PM - Middle/High School Girls

Thursday, December 14:

6 – 7 PM - High School Boys

Monday, December 18:

6 – 7 PM - K - 2nd Grade Co-ed

7 – 8 PM - 3rd - 5th Grade Co-ed

Tuesday, December 19:

6 – 7 PM - Middle School Boys

Wednesday, December 20:

8 – 9 PM - Middle/High School Girls

Thursday, December 21:

6 – 7 PM - High School Boys

**NO PRACTICES THE WEEK OF
CHRISTMAS!**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
JESUS**

Children's Christmas Party

Join us on Wednesday,
December 6th from
6:00 - 8:00 PM in the
Special Function Room
for our annual
“Happy Birthday, Jesus”
Party! Dinner will be provided.

Christmas Caroling

The GA's & RA's
will be going
Christmas caroling
at 6:00 PM on
December 13th.



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December

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)
Worship Online at www.rhbce.org, our Facebook page, vimeo, and YouTube
6:00 PM - Evening Worship ("Sundays @ SIX") - Adults in Sanctuary, Youth in Youth Suite, Children in Gym

Wednesdays: 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting / Adult Bible Study - Sanctuary; ISM - Middle/High School Youth - Youth Suite;
RA's - RA's Room, upstairs; GA's - GA's Room, beside foyer; Mission Friends - 2 year olds Classroom

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