

Rocky Springs Baptist Church Newsletter

A church with a rich past and a bright future ...

December 2018

When I was a child growing up in Pascagoula, Mississippi, I remember looking forward to Christmas with high expectations. I knew even then that my mom and dad had worked hard, and saved throughout the year to give us the very best Christmas they could afford. My two brothers and I were blessed that way. Our family tradition on Christmas Eve was to go to bed fairly early after watching some of our favorite Christmas cartoons. I can remember the old weather man interrupting the cartoons with regular updates on Santa's progress in delivering gifts around the world. He had a "live" radar tracking Santa. As anticipation filled our hearts, mom and dad would send us to bed to await his arrival. Then they would scurry about getting our gifts prepared for us to open them. (I think this was more for them than us. I don't think any of us boys ever really truly believed in Santa.) We never slept though. We were way too anxious for that. Our brains were racing thinking on what we might get. We were never disappointed in our presents.

These are great memories that I cherish, but as wonderful as they are, this is not what Christmas is about. Christmas is so much more.

Christmas means that...

He descended that we might ascend (John 14:3)

He was born that we might be born again (John 3:3)

He became a servant that we might become sons (Galatians 4:6-7)

He was forsaken that we might not be forsaken (Matthew 28:20)

He died that we might live (John 5:24)

He came down that we might be caught up (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

--Brian Bill, Pastor, Pontiac Bible Church, Pontiac, IL

So as you celebrate Christmas with all your family traditions, please don't forget the real meaning of CHRISTmas. Have a very merry Jesus-filled Christmas!

Pastor Larry and Mrs. Lorraine Sellers <><



Men's Prayer Breakfast is cancelled for December. The next breakfast will be Sunday, January 27 at 8am.

WMU Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 5 at 6:30pm.



STEWARDSHIP AT ROCKY SPRINGS 2018

-- Our Financial Gifts to the Lord --

YTD Tithes & Offerings: \$185,141.90
YTD Budget Requirements: \$184,825.62

Dates	Tithes & Offerings	Bible Study Attendance	Worship Attendance
11/04/2018	\$6,248.00	56	79
11/11/2018	\$3,460.26	58	58
11/18/2018	\$1,556.00	49	60
11/25/2018	\$1,650.00	57	55

In Memory of Elizabeth Burfoot:
James & Annie Scriber



imb LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING*

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Our Goal: \$1,900

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



Thanks to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child. Rocky Springs was able to send 94 boxes to needy children around the world. A special thanks to the Teen Girl's Bible Study who collected items at Summerfield High School and packed boxes for Rocky Springs. May God bless each of you for your tremendous effort and generous spirit.
-Judy Fowler



Christmas Dinner

Rocky Springs - Christmas Dinner will be Sunday, December 16 right after our Choir Special. Please bring your favorite finger foods. Everyone is invited!

Please join us on Christmas Eve at 6pm for a candlelight service to worship and celebrate Jesus!



Visit our website at www.rockysprings1845.com

Usher Assignments

Contact: Wayne Freeman

December 2018

Todd Brown

Wayne Freeman

Ken Heard

Keith Lee

Family Suppers on Wednesday Nights

Contact: Karen Freeman

Dec 5: Thompson-White

Dec 12: Fowler-Shrout-Richardson

Dec 19: Freeman-McCurry

Dec 26: No Supper

Extended Session

Contact: Pat Gaston

Dec 2: Lisa and Patsy

Dec 9: Floyd and Lynn

Dec 16: Margaret and Mr. Allen

Dec 23: Pat and Denis

Dec 30: Rhonda and Shelley

rockysprings1845.com

For up-to-date information, please go to our church website. Our newsletter and calendar are updated regularly. There is a mobile version for smart phones that has been revised for easier use. Just add us to your home screen on your smart phone for easy access!



Lottie Moon's mission... When she set sail for China, Lottie was 32 years old. She had turned down a marriage proposal and left her job, home and family to follow God's lead. Her path wasn't typical for an educated woman from a wealthy Southern family. God had gripped her with the Chinese peoples' need for a Savior.

For 39 years Lottie labored, chiefly in Tengchow and P'ingtu. People feared and rejected her, but she refused to leave. The aroma of fresh-baked cookies drew people to her house. She adopted traditional Chinese dress, and she learned China's language and customs. Lottie didn't just serve the people of China; she identified with them. Many eventually accepted her. And some accepted her Savior.

In 1918, Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) named the annual Christmas offering for international missions after the woman who had urged them to start it. To read more about Lottie Moon, please go to www.imb.org/who-was-lottie-moon.

Life at Rocky Springs

Sunday Regular Schedule

9:45am Bible Study
Nursery (birth-3 yrs)
11:00am Worship Service
Children's Church (4 yrs-3rd grade)

Wednesday Regular Schedule

5:45pm Family Supper ~ \$5 for adults & youth
~ \$3 for child 12 yrs & under
6:30pm Adult Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
Children & Youth Mission Activities
Business Meeting on 3rd Wed of each month
Nursery (birth-3 yrs)
7:15pm Choir Practice
Deacon's Meeting on 2nd Wed of each month



Rocky Springs Baptist Church
P.O. Box 249
Lisbon, LA 71048

Organized 1845

Rocky Springs Baptist Church

423 Rocky Springs Rd (Homer, LA 71040)
P.O. Box 249
Lisbon, LA 71048

Church Office (318) 353-6343
www.rockysprings1845.com
rockysprings1845@gmail.com

Pastor: **Bro. Larry Sellers**
home (318) 353-9947
cell (318) 245-6359

Secretary: **Melissa Brantly** (318) 245-9195
Chairman of Deacons: **Floyd Burns** (318) 353-6822
Minister of Music: **Mary Aulds** (318) 513-2021
Minister of Youth: **Thomas McRae** (318) 455-6370

Happy
Birthday
to you

Pat Gaston - Dec 2
Mary Aulds - Dec 4
Verna Peterson - Dec 7
Sacha Matthews - Dec 8
Becca McRae - Dec 9
Donna Stutts - Dec 9
Rhonda Hatfield - Dec 10
Patience Greeson - Dec 14
Ansley Heard - Dec 14
Cynthia Green - Dec 15
Amanda Patton - Dec 15
Ella Aycock - Dec 18
Lisa Reeder - Dec 19
Shelley Malsam - Dec 23
Bobby Fowler - Dec 25
Bryce Cobb - Dec 30
Angela McCurry - Dec 30



Mark your calendar to remember these special dates
at Rocky Springs for the Holidays...

Sun, Dec 16: Christmas Choir Special at 11am, Dinner to follow
Mon, Dec 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6pm
Wed, Dec 26: Cancel Family Supper/Bible Study/Choir
Sun, Dec 30: Cancel Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sun, Dec 30: The Lord's Supper during Worship Service

