

# Rocky Springs Baptist Church Newsletter

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

January 2019

People all over the world will be making New Year's resolutions. Some will resolve to be better people. Others to exercise more, eat better, lose weight, quit destructive habits, etcetera. Are you making a resolution? How about determine to commit to Sunday School? That would be a great thing. Sunday School makes the difference.

In 1915, Leon Trotsky, noted leader of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution in Russia, attended Sunday School in Chicago with a friend. The teacher did not arrive to teach his class that morning and unfortunately had not notified anyone of his intention to be absent. Trotsky walked away from that Sunday School class and as far as we know he never attended another one. Two years later, he was intensely engaged in the Russian Revolution which brought the Communist regime to power.

One cannot help but wonder what effect that Sunday School teacher might have had on the world events had he fulfilled his responsibility by being present and teaching his class.

Joseph Stalin, who caused so many millions of people to die, was sent to study to be a priest in the Russian church. It had become so worldly and corrupt that he rebelled and turned to communism as a way of life.

Mahatma Gandhi, who was the leader of millions in India, studied Christianity when in England, but rejected it because Christians didn't live up to the teachings of Jesus.

Here in America a young Chinese studied for four years and was graduated from one of our colleges. The churches did not invite him to attend, and many people ridiculed him. He went back to China bitter against Christianity and became Prime Minister of Communist China.

Two teenagers grew up in Dallas, TX. Both were rough and troublesome. A faithful Sunday School teacher contacted one of them every week for a year. Another teacher felt that they did not need that type of boy in his class. The first boy was saved and became FL. Baptist Secretary of Evangelism. The other assassinated President John Kennedy.

Can the Lord count on you this year to commit to help make a difference by inviting people who need Jesus to attend our Sunday School? Sunday School makes a difference.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Larry and Mrs. Lorraine Sellers<>>

## STEWARDSHIP AT ROCKY SPRINGS 2018

-- Our Financial Gifts to the Lord --

YTD Tithes & Offerings: \$209,525.90

YTD Budget Requirements: \$204,662.99

Dates	Tithes & Offerings	Bible Study Attendance	Worship Attendance
12/02/2018	\$6,856.00	42	57
12/09/2018	\$3,200.00	50	46
12/16/2018	\$8,004.00	48	86
12/23/2018	\$3,941.00	53	53
12/30/2018	\$2,383.00	35	NA

In Memory of Elizabeth Burfoot:

Bobby & Judy Fowler

In Memory of Levelle Haynes: Mildred Haynes

In Memory of Lester Sellers: Bobby & Judy Fowler  
Freddy & Julie Studdard



Lottie Moon  
Christmas Offering  
Our Goal: \$1,900  
Total Collected: \$2,140

Rocky Springs Baptist Church has a new contact phone number: **318-353-9947**. The other number (353-6343) has been disconnected.

Rocky Springs will be providing lunch at the BCM at LA Tech on Tuesday, January 29. If you would like to help, please contact Erlene Richardson.



MEN'S  
PRAYER  
BREAKFAST

Sunday,  
January 27 at 8am

### WMU Meeting

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



Rocky Springs would like to welcome into our fellowship ~ Larry and Ginny Richardson

Visit our website at [www.rockysprings1845.com](http://www.rockysprings1845.com)

**Family Suppers on Wednesday Nights**

Contact: Karen Freeman

Jan 9: Stutts-Brown-Matthews

Jan 16: Burns-Studdard-Cascio

Jan 23: Gaston-Gaston

Jan 30: Aycock-Aycock

**Usher Assignments**

Contact: Wayne Freeman

**January 2019**

Floyd Burns

Denis Gaston

Danny Lee

Kerry Reeder

**Extended Session**

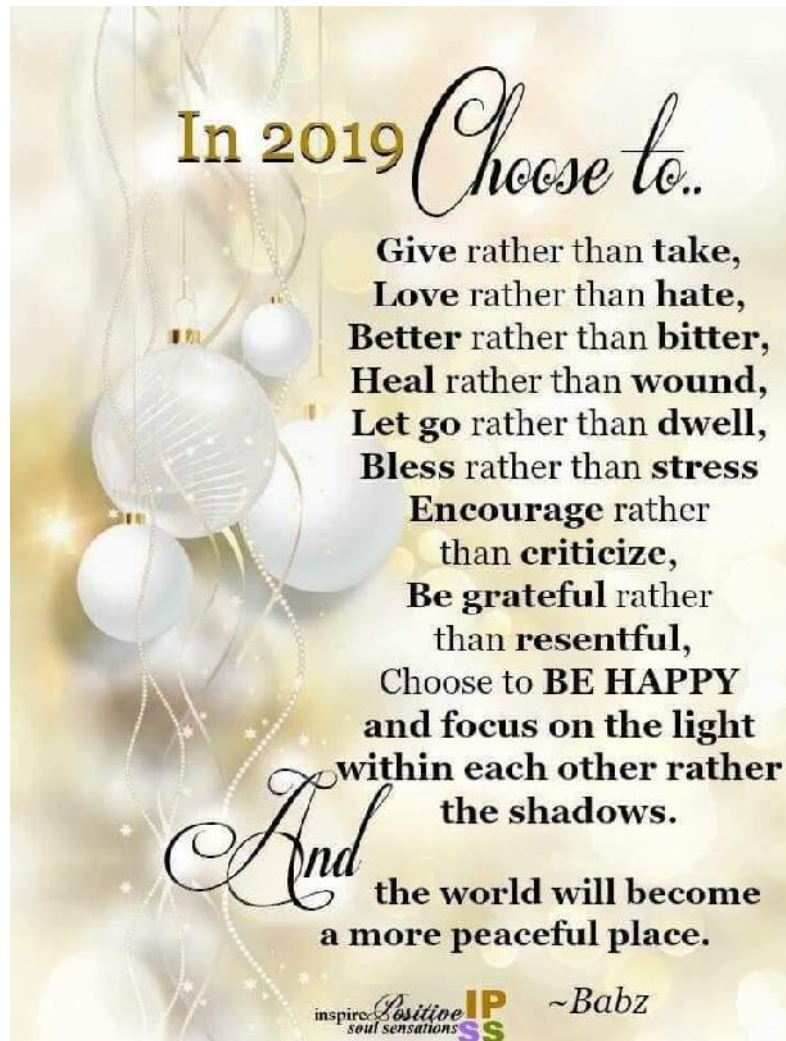
Contact: Pat Gaston

Jan 6: Bobby and Judy

Jan 13: Angela and Cindy

Jan 20: Daphne and Rachael

Jan 27: Lisa and Patsy



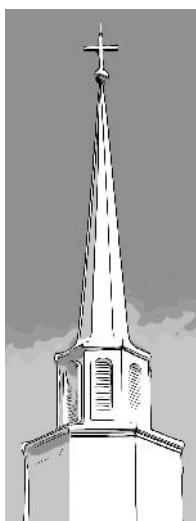
## Life at Rocky Springs

### 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



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Minister of Youth: **Thomas McRae** (318) 455-6370

Happy  
Birthday  
to you

Lois Hightower - Jan 3  
Trent Reeder - Jan 3  
Jennifer Erickson - Jan 13  
Cameron Freeman - Jan 15  
Margaret Aycock - Jan 18  
Leon Stewart - Jan 18  
Doug Shurling - Jan 21  
Cindy Gaston - Jan 29  
Lorraine Sellers - Jan 31

I'd like to say a heartfelt thank you for all your prayers, cards, calls, texts, and visits during my recent sickness and hospital stay. Just to know that I have the prayers and blessings of my church family and friends is a comfort beyond compare. I love each one of you. Thank you, dear church family. -Kathy Burns

Happy New Year!

