

# ROCKY KNOLL HIGHLIGHTS

PASTOR RODNEY MITCHELL  
JANUARY 1ST, 2012

Special Points of Interest as We Look Ahead:

- February 11th—Valentine Banquet
- April 1st—*Mercy's Well* in concert
- April 15th-18th—Revival with T. D. Burgess
- April 23rd-25th—Senior Adult Retreat @ Caswell
- April 28th—Celebration of Tables (with speaker, Phyllis Elvington)

## Pastor's Pondering

I want to begin by wishing you a blessed 2012 year. Already many are working to fulfill resolutions for a new year and some are making excuses for failing to keep them. This year has already brought major change to our home. Alicia left last Saturday for college at Tennessee Temple. With all the busyness of the holidays Anita and I have been distracted from the reality of an empty nest again.

I took her car to have it serviced, and made many other preparations, but still managed to not think about it much. All of a sudden I was hugging her and shutting her car door to wave good-bye. I managed to get out a few words about how proud and excited I was for her, but it was a labor to get any words out. She beeped several times as she left the driveway and

then down the street. Every beep seemed to be a fist in my gut...then she was gone!

That was the hard emotional side for our family, but let me share the joyful side. As a Christian dad, there is nothing that makes me more proud than to see my children pursue God's will for their lives. I remember the concerns, even fears of going off to college and finding what God had in store for my life. Looking back, I'm glad I made the right decision and pursued God's will above my own. Tennessee Temple provided many eternal blessings that would have been missed if I would not have surrendered to God's will for me.

**God gives His best to those who allow Him to make the choices.** In 2012, will you be the obedient child of God that surrenders daily to His choices? To parents, will your children see God as the priority of your life? To children, will

***Think on This.....***

*"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."*

~John 14:27

*"We're prone to want God to change our circumstances, but He wants to change our character. We think that peace comes from the outside in, but it comes from the inside out."*

~Warren Wiersbe

your parents see God having first place in your decisions of friends and activities? Where will prayer, Bible study, and worship fit into our daily schedules this year? Will those who know us best be able to say, "They sure do love God".

I want to offer a simple prayer that we all should pray . . . . **"LORD, I HONOR YOU TO HAVE FIRST PLACE IN MY LIFE"**.

~Rodney

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*"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

~Romans 8:37-39

**WORDS FROM THE WORSHIP LEADER:**

**GREAT AND MIGHTY THINGS FOR 2012**

Well, we ended the year on a great note (no pun intended) with the Awesome Cantata that the Choirs did. Then on Christmas day having a service and communion to celebrate Jesus was the icing on the cake.

This year is promising to be a great one. The pastor's theme word for the New Year is 'Awestruck' – to be in AWE of Jesus and His works. My theme word for 2012 is Great and Mighty Things... with 2 verses, one Jeremiah 33:3 and the other favorite of mine is Psalm 65:11 – "You crown the year with goodness and Your paths drip with abundance." Good Glory... that ought to make you shout!

I believe that God is crowning Rocky Knoll's year 2012 with His goodness and grace and making His paths drip with abundance when we as a church walk in HIS ways.

We may be a small church compared to others in the city, but we are God's people and Rocky Knoll is still strong and marching on for the glory of Christ Jesus. That's why we do what we do... all for His glory and honor. Make no mistake about it... great and mighty things are in store for us here at the "Rock".

Pray for your church daily in 2012 and for your staff as we look for guidance and wisdom on how

to serve you more to the glory of His name. I can't speak for the other departments (so just ask them what you can be praying for in that department for this year), but for the music area... pray for me as I seek God's direction on each song that the Choir and Praise Team will sing. Pray that more musicians step forward to play for His praise. Pray that the music will enhance the Word and prepare people for the breaking of the Word at each service and pray for those who serve in the music area... choir members, praise team, and musicians. Then we will stand back and give the Increase to God and we will slip into the shadows as His glory is manifested and Jesus' name is lifted high among the people in our church and community. I close with this . . . . "Call to me and I will answer you and show you GREAT AND MIGHTY THINGS which you do not know."

~David Huffines  
Worship Leader

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**YOUTH POST OFFICE**

Thanks to the youth group for once again "delivering" our church Christmas cards. This method is much easier and cheaper than using the *real* post office, and it also benefits our Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

***Building & Grounds Committee Meeting  
This Sunday @ 5:00 PM***

***CALENDAR OF EVENTS.....***

- JANUARY:***  
 January 7th—Fellowship Hall Reserved  
 January 8th—Building & Grounds Committee Meeting (5:00 PM)  
 January 9th—Young at Heart (10:00 AM)  
 January 15th—Deacons Prayer Time (8:30 AM) & Meeting (7:15 PM)  
 January 23rd—Young at Heart (10:00 AM)  
 January 31st—Young at Heart (11:00 AM)

**THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE**

February 1st—March 11th

God has a plan and a purpose for each of us. Knowing God's purpose reduces stress, focuses energy, gives meaning to life, and most importantly, prepares us for eternity. In forty days, discover the answer to life's most fundamental question, "What on earth am I here for?"

Wednesday, February 1st, will be our kickoff session and Saturday, March 10th, will be our banquet finale.

Sign up today! Don't miss out on this awesome study. Even if you did the study in 2004, God may have something new to say to you this time. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Books are only \$5.00 and can be purchased from Pastor Rodney. We need homes for the studies. If you would like to volunteer your home (one evening per week for six weeks), see Pastor Rodney.

***PRAYER MINISTRY  
"ENCOURAGEMENT  
4-U-2"***



*It's time 2 pray for Wade Lopossay. Please lift him up to the Lord and ask that he be given a special touch of God's grace and love at this time.*

*Ron/Prayer Leader*

**NURSERY SCHEDULE:**

- January 8th:  
 AM—Craig & Shanda Bigham  
 PM—Joyce Key & Betty Gaither  
 January 11th: Telly Gaines & Lillian McCaskill  
 January 15th:  
 AM—Anita Mitchell & Anne Daffron  
 PM—Greg & Beth Shelton  
 January 18th: Frances Ladd & Holly Huffines  
 January 22nd:  
 AM—Mike & Madison Underwood  
 PM—Chuck & Judy Greene  
 January 25th: Angel Starnes & Vicki Smith  
 January 29th:  
 AM—Linda Jones & Sandra Hughes  
 PM—Frankie Culbreth & Otelia Chandler

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**COMING SOON**

*"The Great Day"  
Musical . . . .*

(Date to be Announced.)

**— YOUNG AT HEART**

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and are now ready to begin the new year. Our first event for 2012 will be on Monday, January 9th. We will meet at 10:00 AM and visit some of our shut-ins. It has been a while since we have seen some of them so I am hoping we will have a good number to join us. As always, we will try to find a good place for lunch and just enjoy fellowshiping together. We will have a second visitation time on Monday the 23rd.

Our regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday the 31st. We will have a time of Bible study. I am working on a study from Luke Chapter 14 about the importance of finishing our work. I will be giving you six things that often keep us from finishing tasks that have been given to us. I hope you will attend. Following our study, we will have a pinto bean luncheon. Everything will be provided. You do not need to bring anything.

Looking ahead, the dates for our spring retreat will be April 23rd-25th. We will be returning to Fort Caswell again this year. I have reserved the last 5 rooms in the Conference Center building. The cost this year is \$127 per person and includes 2 nights lodging and 5 meals. The first 10 people to give me their money will get the Conference Center rooms. The program has not yet been announced, but it is always top notch. During our free time Tuesday afternoon we will take the ferry to Fort Fisher, visit the aquarium, and do some sightseeing. I need every-

one's money by February 10th (my deadline with Caswell is the 23rd).

~Jimmy

**FAREWELL**

On Wednesday night, December 28th, we said good-bye to Alicia Mitchell, our Children's Leader, and wished her well as she prepared to leave for Tennessee Temple University. Alicia was a great asset to our children's ministry as she exuberantly lived out her love for the Lord, and her love for the RKBC kids.

On the same evening, the church voted to place Holly Huffines in the position of Interim Children's Leader for the months of January, February, and March. If you have any questions or suggestions for Holly, she may be contacted at: [hhuffines@rockyknollbaptist.com](mailto:hhuffines@rockyknollbaptist.com).

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**CHOIR**

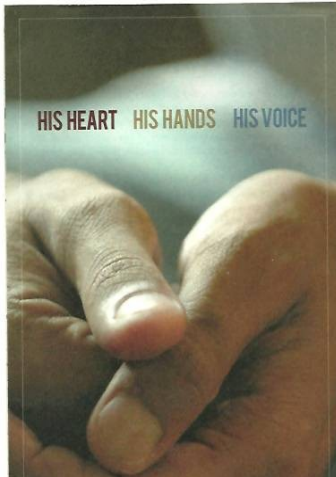
If you have been missing the choir during the month of January, do not despair as they will return on February 5th to once again lead us in worship. Thanks to the Praise Team for filling in during the Choir's "rest break".



**Alicia's New Address:**

Alicia Mitchell  
c/o Amy Gross  
710 Claremont Circle  
East Ridge, TN 37412

***2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions***



*Our goal this year was \$8,000. The total received was \$8,746.02. Praise the Lord for your generosity and commitment to missions. As the scriptures say in Romans 10:14-15: "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!'" Because of your willingness to minister through this offering, many more people around the world will now be able to hear the "glad tidings of good things"!*

**Attention Deacons**

*Sunday, January 15th  
Prayer Time (8:30 AM)  
Meeting (7:15 PM)*

**CHURCH COOKBOOK**

*Our Young at Heart group is planning on producing a Rocky Knoll Cookbook. Our church has some of the best cooks in the world and we want to be sure your recipes are preserved for generations to come. So find that old recipe box, dust off some of your favorites, and share them with us.*

*We will be collecting recipes through the month of January and hope to have the book ready by the first of April. Please be sure your name is on the recipe. We*



*want to acknowledge whose recipe it is in the book, and also want to be sure you get your original copy back.*

*Give your recipes to one of our cookbook committee:*

- Sue Brown
- Minnie Burr
- Betty Gaither
- Margaret Morgan
- Elsie Renshaw
- Phyllis Rollins
- Billie Watson

***IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR . . .***

*Our annual Valentine Banquet sponsored by the youth group! Mark your calendars now for Saturday, February 11th, and don't miss this fun evening. More details to come.*



*Let your light shine! Deliberately choose to look for joy in every step of your journey through life and to share it with others. When you do, you will be blessed with happiness no matter what your circumstances.*

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Worship Leader: David Huffines  
Youth Leader: Mike Underwood

Seniors Leader: Jimmy Jones  
Interim Children's Leader: Holly Huffines

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Mark your calendars now for next month:

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Greer Bigham    | 18 Stella Lentz    |
| 5 Heather Smith   | 19 Tyler Underwood |
| 6 Elsie Renshaw   | Craig Bigham       |
| 15 Addison Earles | 20 Shanda Bigham   |
| 18 Bill Brown     | Stephanie Proctor  |
|                   | 21 Leslie Hill     |
|                   | 25 Jordan Atkins   |



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### AND THEN SOME . . . .

*A retired business executive was once asked the secret of his success. He replied that it could be summed up in three words: "and then some".*

*"I discovered at an early age," he said, "that most of the differences between average people and top people could be explained in three words. The top people did what was expected of them — and then some."*

*"They were thoughtful of others, they were considerate and kind — and then some."*

*"They were good friends to their friends — and then some."*

*"They could be counted on in an emergency — and then some."*

*And so it is when we put our trust in God's goodness. He returns our love — and then some.*

*~Author Unknown*

**Please sign up to help in the Nursery!**  
*(see Vicki Smith to volunteer)*

### CIA's:

*January:* Jamie & Michelle McCaskill

### Junior Church:

*Leader:* Holly Huffines

### *Helpers:*

*January:* Vicki Smith & Angel Starnes

### BUILDING SECURITY:

Week of January 8th:

Chuck Greene

Week of January 15th:

Ron Smith

Week of January 22nd:

David Gaines

Week of January 29th:

Mike Chandler

Week of February 5th:

Terry Renshaw

Week of February 12th:

Frankie Forrest

Week of February 19th:

Jimmy McCaskill

Week of February 26th:

Jamie McCaskill

*"Live in such a way that any day would make a suitable capstone for life. Live so that you need not change your mode of living, even if your sudden departure were immediately predicted to you."*

*~C. H. Spurgeon*

## Rocky Knoll Baptist Church Prayer List – JANUARY 1ST, 2012

### SHUT-INS:

Shirley Booth—Carolina Estates  
Myrtle Kepley  
Leslie Hill — Maple Grove

Gwyn Anderson—Wesley Long Rehab/Adams Farm  
Elma Lee Hilliard—Clapps Assisted Living

### MEMBERS:

Lucille Chilton (Health & Knee problems)  
Elnora Earles (Health Concerns)  
Thelma Spoon (Health Concerns)  
Louise Wagoner (Health Concerns)  
Elois Wood (Health Concerns)  
Wade Lopossay (Health Concerns)  
George Sudderth (Health Concerns)  
James Brannon (Health Concerns)  
Linda Jones (Health Concerns)  
Church members with unspoken requests

Clara Tilley (Health Concerns)  
Carrie Bass (Health Concerns)  
Thelma Ozment (Health Concerns)  
Becky Underwood (Health Concerns)  
Peggy Bogue (Health Concerns)  
Linda Reese (Health Concerns)  
Bill Underwood (Health Concerns)  
Jimmy McCaskill (Recovering from back surgery)  
Margaret Keen (Health Concerns)  
Mark Minor (Health Concerns)

### OTHERS:

Richard Smith (Health Concerns) Former Pastor  
Flora Matlock (Health Concerns) Cuba Hattaway  
Jeff Watson (Heart Concerns) Billie Watson  
Becky Thornton (Terminal Cancer) Brenda Thayer  
Brianna Newton (Health Concerns) Betty Carmichael  
Betty Gross (Health Concerns) Anita Mitchell  
Evelyn Powers (Health Concerns) Brenda Thayer  
Jim Crowder (Health Concerns) Frances Ladd  
Joyce Johnson (Health Concerns) Frances Ladd  
Gina Faulk (Health Concerns) Wanda Sudderth  
Jasmine Rock (Brain Tumor) Donnie Chilton  
Shelia Lefler (Health Concerns) Melody Beitzel  
June Zann (Stroke) Stephanie Proctor  
Parkie Nunn (Health Concerns) Richard Nunn  
Josette Swain (Cancer) Mike Chandler  
Eddie Underwood (in Afghanistan)  
Kate Sudderth (Health Concerns) George Sudderth  
Joey Nunn (Health Concerns)  
Dawn Wood (Cancer) Karen Wood's sister-in-law  
Sue Hiatt (Health Concerns) Vicki Smith's mother  
Alice Mitchell (Health Concerns) Pastor  
Betsy Kidd (Recovering from heart surgery) Shanda Bigham's aunt

Sherry Carter (Health Concerns) Chuck Greene  
Hunter McDaniel (Cancer treatment ) LeAnn Underwood  
Betty Smith (Cancer) Judy Greene's aunt  
Debbie Gross (Health Concerns) Anita Mitchell  
Grace Williams (Health Concerns) Telly Gaines' grandmother  
Deborah Hilton (Health Concerns) Judy Greene's sister  
Richard Morgan (Health Concerns) Margaret Morgan  
Brandon Bogue (Health Concerns) Hugh Bogue  
Herman Younts (Health Concerns) Frances Ladd  
Claudia Ingram (Health Concerns) Missionary  
Ashley Hart (Cancer real bad) Minnie Burr's great niece  
Shirley Cole (Cancer) Elnora Earles' daughter  
Lisa Sweet (Cancer) Stephanie Proctor  
Imogene Zuydwegt (Health Concerns) C J Woody  
Amy Renshaw (Heart Concerns) Terry Renshaw  
Cindy Renshaw (Health Concerns) Terry Renshaw  
Dolores Parks (Colon Cancer) Brenda Thayer's mother  
Sherry Liverman (Health Concerns) Sue Brown's daughter  
Jerry Smith (Heart Concerns) Judy Greene's uncle  
Ed Bigham (Surgery complications) Craig Bigham's dad  
Nancy Daniels (Health Concerns) Carrie Bass

*Please pray for Pastor Rodney and Anita, church staff, leaders, and programs of the church.  
Pray for our nation and leaders.*

**HELP US KEEP OUR PRAYER LIST CURRENT - PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE WHEN  
SOMEONE'S NAME NEEDS TO BE ADDED OR REMOVED.**

