CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday Activities:
5:00-5:45 Fellowship Meal
5:45 G.A.s
Trail Life for Boys
Mission Friends
Youth
Women's Bible Study
Men's Bible Study

January 2, 11:00 Worship Time

January 9, 10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Time
3G Kids

January 12, Wednesday Activities

January 16, 8:30 Deacons Meeting
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Time
3G Kids

January 19, Wednesday Activities

January 21, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Date Night

January 23, 10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Time
3G Kids

January 25, Fellowship of Christian Seniors
11:00 –1:00 Family Life Center

January 26, Wednesday Activities

January 27, 2:00-7:00 Red Cross Blood Drive
Family Life Center

January 30, 10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Time
3G Kids

In The Media Center…

We have a wide variety of books on many subjects. We are anxious for the time we will be open and we look forward to seeing you!

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A brand new year brings new opportunities. Maybe we have been waiting for a reason to get started with something (diet, exercise, prioritizing what's most important, serving in a new way, leading in a new way, calling folks regularly, or simply slowing down from the chaos that we sometimes call life) and the start of a new year always seems like a good place to start. New year=new opportunities, which could lead to some positive changes or growth. So, here is my challenge for the new year. Let's make an effort to grow our relationship with the Lord. Maybe that means we spend more time reading/studying the Word, or focusing more on prayer, or finding a way to serve in the community or church, or simply being intentional how we love people that we are around every day. Do the people that we spend the most time with know that we are believers because of how we act, talk or respond? Do these people look to us when things seem to be most difficult? If not, could committing to some of the above things help them get a better glimpse of Jesus when they see us. I would think so. Let's truly start the new year off by committing to be the person that we know that the Lord wants us to be!

Once again, thank you church family for your unbelievable generosity. Our Christmas Mission Project this year was to buy gifts for several foster care children, and y'all went way and above the call. I believe all the tags were gone by the second Sunday, which is just insane. Thank you, thank you , thank you. Also, we as a church provided gift bags for 10 kindergarten teachers at REC; thank you for loving our community so well.

Lastly, the welcome center will be up and running the second Sunday in January. Every Sunday we will have coffee and a light breakfast for those who may be interested. It will be a place to welcome first time visitors as well for fellowship for everyone else. Swing by, hang out, and grab a snack while there. I am excited about this opportunity in this new year!!! See what I did there. Ha! Here's to the start of a great 2022.

Your Friend,
Matt
Acts 4:12

Happy New Year, Church Family!

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas as we celebrated the birth of our Savior and spent time with those whom we love most. I pray that the Lord's favor is over you in this new year and that we all seek to be more like Jesus each and every day in the coming year as individuals and as a church community.

Due to lack of numbers, we will be putting choir on hold for a few months. We will continue to revisit each quarter to see if there is new interest, but we will need more than two or three to make it happen. As always, if you would like to be involved on our praise team, please get with me so that we can begin making steps to add you into the rotation.

We are also still in need for audio and visual help. We are hoping to find six to eight individuals to work in teams of two and commit to one Sunday a month to run our sound board and slides. If you are not involved in a ministry area yet or feel led to help in this ministry area, please let me know and we will get you on board!

Thank you all for your goodness and willingness to serve. Happy happy New Year!

Hillary

Dear RBC Family,

For January I am planning to continue to take the students through the book of Philippians on Wednesday night. The students have also finished there 30 days of Advent since Christmas this year has officially passed. We had a blast going through the 30 day devotional together. One praise report out of this Advent devotional is Ayden told me this was the first devotional he ever did on his own.

Eva brought up some great questions about the Christmas story and even controversial questions many Christians do not bother to ask. I am so proud of her and her critical thinking and seriously pondering her walk with Christ. Amy Thomas helped lead the students on Sunday morning since the student ministry has met in September. I thank God for you!

Overall, this was the first time (that I know of the students) actually went through God's word and a devotional and on their own. Fruit has been produced and lots of discussion about Advent, the Christmas Story, and the gospel came out of the 30 days of advent journey together. Going into the new year I am going to take the student ministry through the television show "Chosen". This will be a two month series where we watch the 20-30 minute clip every Sunday, and discuss what happens in each episode.

Chosen is a multi-season television drama about Christ's life and earthly ministry. The purpose of the show is to draw its audience to encounter Jesus and see life through his eyes. The television show will help students know Christ at a more personal, intimate, and immediate way. Pray that fruit will be produced and salvation will happen in the student ministry.

Finally, events for the month of January is Winter Jam will take place on Sunday January 16th in Atlanta at the State Farm Arena. The cost is 15 dollars per student and volunteers. Would love for anyone to come and join. Also, a sign up sheet will be available in the sanctuary, John Mark's office, and in the student ministry. I am also planning on taking students in the last weekend of January to Disciple Now Weekend with FBC Hartwell. Plans to come.

Very Respectfully, John Mark Williams, Family Life Pastor, Royston Baptist Church

Women's Bible Study, Wednesday Night @ 5:45 in the FLC.

Men's Bible Study, Wednesday Night @ 5:45 in the Upper Room.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals Resume January 12,

5:00-5:45

PLEASE Sign up each week by Monday morning so we will know how to prepare.

$4 per meal; $15 cap; 5 and under eat free

Wednesday Night Dinner

Please note:

Wednesday Night Activities begin at 5:00-5:45 Fellowship Meal, 5:45-7:15 Bible Studies

Royston Baptist Church Face masks and Tee shirts are available for purchase. Tee shirts are $10 and Masks are $5. We now have 3G Kids shirts are for sale !!! $10

Needed: Children's Check In Volunteers for Sunday mornings.

Audio/Visual Team Volunteers

Mission Opportunity: Pack the Freezer with meals for Foster Care Families. Prepare a freezable one dish meal such as lasagna and freeze it. Notify Pastor Matt and he will put it in the freezer for Foster families who receive unexpected children.

RBC is collecting water for Royston Elementary School. Drop 0ff by church office.

Believers SS Class will be meeting in their regular classroom upstairs as of January 9.

Offering Envelopes are ready for 2022 and are available on the table in the office area.

New Members Class January 23rd, Sign UP by January 19, Learn more about RBC, Lunch Provided.

January 21st, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Date Night, $5 per kid, $15 cap, Dinner Provided.

As you enter the sanctuary please feel free to grab sermon notes and announcement sheets in order to keep up with what is going on in the life of our church.

3G Kids is available each Sunday during Worship Time for Grades 1st-5th.

Nursery volunteers needed! Anyone interested in serving in the nursery during worship service please contact Family Life Pastor John Mark Williams. All help appreciated!

Join the Hospitality Team-If interested, call the office.

Right Now Media is available featuring Online Video Library, Biblical studies and helps, etc. Contact Matt or Pam with your email so you can join.

Listening devices are available upon request each Sunday during Worship Time. Check with a Sound Team Member.

We have received contributions to the Endowment Fund in Memory of *Mrs. Docia Strickland* by Mary, Pattie & Joseph Strickland, Bert & Joanna Hill, Dr. James & Mrs. Barbara Strickland, Lee & Sheenea Strickland,

And in Memory of *Mrs. Christine Herring* by Mike and Lorie Carson.

A donation has been made in honor of the Ladies of Royston Baptist Church by The Ladies Bible Study Group of First United Methodist Church, Royston, GA

RBC Students

Wednesday Nights 6-7:15
Sunday Mornings 10-11
Youth Department

Fellowship of Christian Seniors

January 25, 11:00-1:00

Soup and Hymn Singing

Family Life Center

Please sign up on sheet at office door.

Up next for **Bereavement Meal**:

Mrs. Joy Jordan

Look around each week and make a note of someone you miss seeing at church. Give them a call or send a card. It will make a difference.