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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Office is Closed for New Year's Day

10:30 a.m. PrimeTimer's Noon Year Party!

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

5:00 p.m. Wednesday Meal

Adults: MS Roast Sandwiches

Kids: Chicken Fingers

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy

Men's Bible Study ~ Hugh Plott

Women's Bible Study ~ Sheryl Plott

First Kids; Elevate Students

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

6:00 p.m. Praying Alabama Prayer Rally @ RFBC

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy

### MONDAY, JANUARY 13

10:30 a.m. Hymn Sing

## UPCOMING

Jan. 18-20 STS Youth Conference, Pigeon Forge, TN

January 26 CentriKids Parents Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

January 27 Hymn Sing at 10:30 a.m.

### LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

**GOAL: \$15,000.00 GIVEN: \$9,606.00**

### Budget Giving

Weekly Requirements 2024	\$13,734.52
Budget Receipts ~ Dec. 8	\$19,159.28
Budget Receipts ~ Dec. 15	\$22,025.00
Budget Requirements thru Dec. 15	\$686,726.00
Budget Receipts thru Dec. 15	\$745,297.86



RFBC Giving

# Chase's Chat

Have you made a New Year’s resolution for this year? If so, what was it? According to Google, the top resolutions each year are to exercise more, eat healthier, lose weight, and save more money. Each resolution is predicated upon the belief that if I improve myself in some way, I will be happier and more fulfilled.

While I certainly don’t believe it is a bad idea to seek improvement to our health or spending habits, the primary goal of 2025 shouldn’t be about “me.” Instead, it should be all about Jesus. John the Baptist put it this way in John 3:30 when he said, “He must increase, I must decrease.” As we enter into a new year may this be our heartbeat at RFBC. May we daily seek to pick up our cross and follow Him, may we seek to share the hope and life that He alone brings, and may the light of Jesus shine before all people. Simply put, let’s make more of Jesus, and less of us in 2025.

Happy New Year,

**Bro. Chase**

**Welcome to our newest members:**

*Jonas & Jodie Boyles*

*Taylor, Alicia & McKenzie Puckett*

**The Church family extends Christian sympathy to:**

Jo Ann & Marty Graham in the death of Mike Graham;  
Amiee’ Sumerel in the death of her mother, Zoila Frye.



# Music / Education

We have some exciting opportunities that God has opened up for us as a music ministry/education, and we would love for you to be a part of it!

Announcements:

- January 8: Adult Choir starts back at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary!!
- January 13: Hymn Singing at 10:30 a.m.
- January 27: Hymn Singing at 10:30 a.m.
- If you play an instrument or want to join our tech team, please email me at [garrett@rfbclife.com](mailto:garrett@rfbclife.com)!
- D-Life groups are an awesome way to grow your relationship with Christ and others! If you are interested in joining a D-Life group, please email me.

This past Christmas season has been so amazing to see all that the Lord did! Thank you to all who were involved with the Christmas Cantata, “Glory Touching Earth,” and the Children’s Choir program, “Bethlehem Beat.” God was glorified immensely, and seeing all that the Lord did was exciting! Madison and I love RFBC, and we cannot wait to see all the Lord has in store!

May The Lord bless you, keep you, and shine His face upon you. Madison and I love you all, and we are always here to help if you need anything.

**Bro. Garrett**

## Memorials / Honorariums

In memory of **Doris Woodruff** by: Tommie Bragwell, Butch & Susan Harkness, Ginny Hill, Jack Brewer, Don & Martha Sibley  
In memory of **Shelia Tucker** by: Wayne & Lela Ray  
In memory of **Peggy Ashburner Jones** by: Jack Brewer  
In memory of **Donald Wakefield** by: Jack Brewer  
In honor of **Tommie Bragwell’s** grandchildren (Blake, Abbie, and Luke) by Tommie Bragwell

## Deacon for the Week

Dec. 29-Jan. 4	Alan Sherrill	256-810-1214
January 5-11	Greg Trapp	256-762-2821
January 12-18	Matt Uptain	256-412-4617
January 19-25	Billy Witt	256-810-6559
January 26-Feb. 2	Reese Bailey	256-443-0317

# PrimeTimers / Elevate Students

HAPPY NOON YEAR!  
PrimeTimers, I pray you still feel the excitement of a new year! One filled with joy, laughter, and endless possibilities! Join us on New Year’s Day at 10:30 a.m. for a Happy Noon Year Party as we count down to 12 o’clock NOON!

**Bro. Joel**



It’s hard to believe we are rolling into a New Year!  
2024 was an incredible year for our FirstKids Ministry! We started the year with our annual skate party, had our Jesus Loves Me party, and went to kids’ camp. A fantastic Vacation Bible School, a back-to-school bash, and our annual fall festival followed this. We wrapped up the year with our Christmas Musical, The Bethlehem Beat. We had a busy year, but we are thankful for having a wonderful church family that supports us through everything we do.

We are so grateful to all the new families who joined us this year. We are growing in many ways in our FirstKids Ministry; you can be a part of it! Please find me on Sunday mornings and Wednesdays, and I will plug you right in! I know 2025 will be another incredible year for our FirstKids Ministry, and I cannot wait to see what the Lord does through everything we do!

I hope 2025 is a special year to remember for you and your family!

**Angela Woods**

**PrimeTimer’s Noon Year’s Party**  
Wednesday January 1, at 10:30 a.m. in the Green Room

**Elevate Students Strength to Stand Conference**  
January 18-20, 2025

Please be in prayer for our students and chaperones as they attend this conference.