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SUNDAY, JUNE 4

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy
5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5-7

5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Youth Led Worship ~ Bro. Joel Davis
11:30 a.m. Youth BBQ Lunch Fundraiser

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

6:00 p.m. Bible Study ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy;
Men's Bible Study ~ Hugh Plott
Women's Bible Study ~ Sheryl Plott
First Kids; Elevate Students

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 16-17

Men's Gridiron Conference

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 FATHER'S DAY

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study
Father's Day Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy

UPCOMING

June 1-30 Deacon Nominations
June 28 Elevate Student Pool Party 5-9 p.m.
July 2 Church Fellowship
July 4 Office Closed



RFBC Giving

Budget Giving

Weekly Budget Requirements 2023	\$13,405.23
Budget Receipts ~ May 14	\$11,775.50
Budget Receipts ~ May 21	\$14,010.88
Budget Requirements through May 21	\$281,509.83
Budget Receipts through May 21	\$282,036.16

Chase's Chat

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world (John 16:33)."

If you have been at RFBC for a month or a year, you have probably heard me quote this verse on several occasions, and that is purposeful. The reality is that in this sin-ridden world, we will have troubles, trials, and tribulations. Life here will never be easy because of the fall in the garden and sin entering the world. There will be sadness, loss, and sorrow; and if we live the life of Christ, there most certainly will be tribulation and seasons of suffering.

Yet for the believer in Christ, though these things may come, our hope is never diminished but strengthened each day. We are fighting from victory, for Christ, our Savior, has overcome the world. He has taken the best that Satan could throw at him, made a public spectacle of him at the cross, and cemented His dominance in the resurrection. "Because He lives, we can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone. Because we know He holds the future, and life is worth the living because He lives."

One day our faith shall become sight, and we will see our Savior face to face, but until that day, may we joyfully go forward making much of His name, for He has overcome the world, He is with us, and in Him, we are more than conquerors.

Bro. Chase



VBS is finally here! We will have decorating nights on May 31st, June 1st, and June 2nd, with VBS happening June 4th-7th! It's an exciting time as we prepare to reach our community with the love of Jesus.

We all know that VBS is a huge undertaking requiring lots of hands to pull it off successfully, so please plan to join us on our decorating days. We need all the help we can get!

Most importantly, pray for the kids who attend VBS. And pray that we as a church make much of Jesus and show His love in all we do and say!

Tracy

Welcome to our newest members:
Gary & Marynell Tapp

Music Ministry

What's Happening in the Music Ministry!

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

Announcements:

- If you play an instrument or are interested in joining our tech team, feel free to reach out at garrett@rfbclife.com!
- June 9- National Anthem at Trash Pandas Game (Adult and Youth Choir)
- August 9- Praise Team and Adult Choir Rehearsals start back.
- D-Life groups are going well! If you want to join a group, don't hesitate to contact me at garrett@rfbclife.com!

Thank you all for all the love you have shown Madison and me this past year! We are so blessed to be a part of the RFBC family, and we cannot wait to see what The Lord has in store for the future! You all have been such lights and examples to us about what it means to love as Christ loves and to serve others well. So again, thank you for all you have done, and we look forward to serving The Lord with you here at RFBC!

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

-Bro. Garrett

Deacon for the Week

May 28-June 3	Ben Amick	615-758-3773
June 4-10	Jerry Baker	256-668-2719
June 11-17	Wade Baker	256-577-1475
June 18-24	Gene Balding	256-627-4143
June 25-July 1	Jeff Barksdale	256-324-5975

The Church family extends Christian sympathy to:

Patti Kimbrough in the death of her husband,
Jerry Kimbrough

Angie Bailey in the death of her aunt, **Madelene McAnally**

Honorariums

In honor of **Jerry & Joyce Baker** by: Ruth Smith
In honor of **Doris Woodruff** by: Ruth Smith
In honor of **Calvin & Linda Parmer** by: Ruth Smith
In honor of **Susan Harkness** by: Terry & Susan Hall

PrimeTimers / Elevate Students

The Sunday School teacher asked her class to draw a story from the life of Jesus. Little Tommy declared he was drawing Jesus's flight out of Egypt in an airplane. "Ah, a cute mistake," the teacher thought. She asked, "Who's on the plane?" Little Tommy said, "That's Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus." "Who's in the front seat?" "Oh, that's Pontius; he's the pilot!!!!"

May was packed full of events (men's weekly breakfast, gather night, Mother's Day, movie at the Roxy, gradation breakfast, Graduation Sunday, graduation after-party, SPAN party, and much more). However, looking at the church calendar, things don't slow down in June. So make sure you get your calendar marked up, stay prayed up, and rest up, and that JESUS TAKES THE WHEEL!

June 4-7: VBS

June 9: Trash Panda Baseball Game

June 11: Youth Sunday with BBQ Lunch

June 16-17: Men's Grid Iron Conference

June 20: PrimeTimers Trip

June 28: Youth Pool Party

Bro. Joel

Memorials

In memory of **Emma Spears** by: Andy & Deborah Gault, Calvin & Linda Parmer, Wayne & Lela Ray, Greg & Donna Trapp

In memory of **Johnnie Lindsey** by: Andy & Deborah Gault, Wayne & Lela Ray, Cheryl Bradford

In memory of **Ann Garrard** by: Andy & Deborah Gault, Calvin & Linda Parmer, Wayne & Lela Ray, Ruth Smith, Greg & Donna Trapp

In memory of **Jimmie Morgan** by: Larry & Beth Gilmer, Calvin & Linda Parmer

In memory of **Mark Baker** by: Larry & Beth Gilmer, Ruth Smith, Greg & Donna Trapp, Cheryl Bradford

In memory of **Mary Holden** by: Calvin & Linda Parmer, Wayne & Lela Ray, Ruth Smith, Cheryl Bradford

In memory of **Emmie Kay** Jones by: Wayne & Lela Ray

In memory of **Patty Woodruff** by: Ruth Smith, Cheryl Bradford

In memory of **Maxie Witt** by: Wayne & Lela Ray

In memory of **Jerry Kimbrough** by: Jeff & Nancy Bowling, Andy & Deborah Gault, Jerry & Joyce Baker, Butch & Susan Harkness, Wayne & Lela Ray, Gene & Freida Ellison, Calvin & Linda Parmer, Greg & Donna Trapp, Cheryl Bradford, Johnny & Pat Hardin, Terry & Susan Hall

In memory of **Madelene McAnally** by: Andy & Deborah Gault