

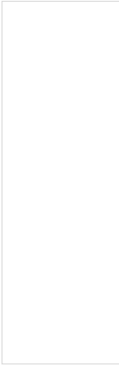
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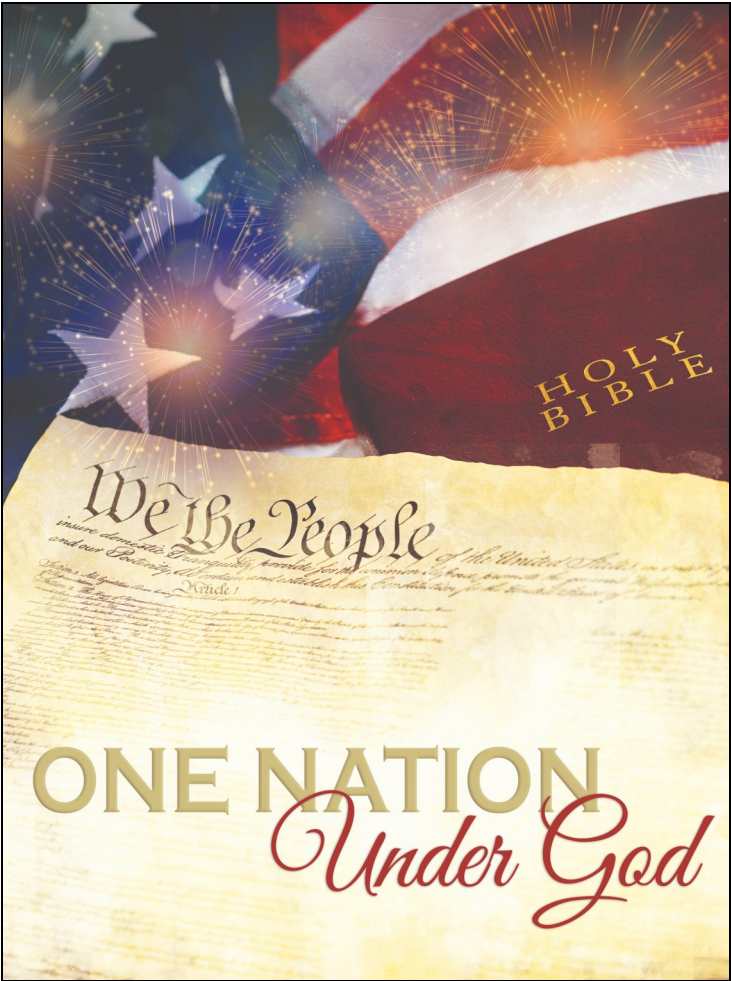
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SUNDAY, JULY 2

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

TUESDAY, JULY 4

Office Closed for Independence Day

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

No Services

SUNDAY, JULY 9

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy  
4:00 p.m. Women's Ministry Paint Party

MONDAY, JULY 10

5:00 p.m. FirstKids Splash Pad Party

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

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 - Kickball

SUNDAY, JULY 16

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

UPCOMING

July 23 Last day for taking directory pictures  
Elevate Students Fun Night at the Davis'  
July 27 PrimeTimers: Gospel Quartet Festival  
July 29 College & Career Whitewater Rafting  
July 30 FirstKids Back to School Bash - 3:30 p.m.  
Aug. 6 Deacon Nomination Vote



RFBCLife Giving

Budget Giving

Weekly Budget Requirements 2023	\$13,405.23
Budget Receipts ~ June 18	\$7,073.38
Budget Receipts ~ June 25	\$10,239.75
Budget Requirements through June 25	\$348,535.98
Budget Receipts through June 25	\$346,011.57

# Chase's Chat

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice (Philippians 4:4).” These famous words penned by the Apostle Paul were written while he was imprisoned and shackled to a Roman soldier because of his commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yet despite his imprisonment and not knowing what was ahead, look again at what Paul says. He says, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.” Have you ever wondered how he could speak of joy in light of what he was facing?

Well, very simply, he could speak of joy because of where and in whom it was rooted. If his joy had been rooted in anything but Christ, he would’ve had every reason to worry, fret and fear. He would’ve had every reason to give up hope and look like much of our world does today. But he didn’t.

For Paul, his joy was rooted not in happiness or circumstance but in Jesus Christ, his Savior and Lord. Likewise, we don’t know what the future will hold in terms of success or failure, happiness or sorrow, yet it is my prayer that no matter what we experience, we will boldly declare from the joy deep within “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!”

## Bro. Chase

### Memorials

In memory of **Jerry Kimbrough** by: Willodean Davis, Larry & Beth Gilmer, Dr. A.E. Terry, Dr. Timothy & Lesa Walsh, Jack Brewer, Debbie McCollum, Royce & Rebecca Massey, Donald & Linda Hovater, Lanny & Donna Norris, Ruth Smith, Wade & Judy Baker

In memory of **Ann Garrard** by: Willodean Davis, Bobbie Sumerel

In memory of **Emmie Jones** by: Willodean Davis, Ruth Smith

In memory of **Harlan “Peaches” Winston** by: Larry & Beth Gilmer

In memory of **Mark Baker** by: Dr. Timothy & Lesa Walsh

In memory of **Mary Kimbrough** by: Calvin & Linda Parmer, Jerry & Joyce Baker, Wayne & Lela Ray, Gene & Freida Ellison, Ruth Smith, Wade & Judy Baker

In memory of **Mary Holden** by: Donald & Linda Hovater

In memory of **Emma Spears** by: Ruth Smith

In memory of **Byron Fretwell** by: Wade & Judy Baker

### Honorariums

In honor of **Doris Woodruff** by: Ruth Smith

In honor of **Susan Harkness** by: Ruth Smith

In honor of **Terry & Susan Hall** by: Ruth Smith

### The Church family extends Christian sympathy to:

Sharon Robinson in the death of her aunt, **Rose Killen**

Mindy Sheffield in the death of her brother, **Stacy Cantrell**

# 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:

- August 7- Hymn Singing starts back at 10:30 a.m.
- August 9- Praise Team and Adult Choir Rehearsals resume
- September 10- Sunday School Teachers Appreciation Lunch in Fellowship Hall following the service
- September 24- ReSound Concert at 6 p.m. at RFBC
- If you play an instrument or want to join our tech team, email me at [garrett@rfbclife.com](mailto:garrett@rfbclife.com)!
- D-Life groups are going well! If you would like to be a part of a group, please feel free to email me at [garrett@rfbclife.com](mailto:garrett@rfbclife.com)!

Thank you to everyone who attended the “National Anthem at the Trash Pandas Game” event! We had such a great time of fellowship. Throughout that day, I was reminded of Matthew 5:16, “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven.” You all were a light for Christ in that stadium! The way you loved, served, and glorified Christ was a witness for the Lord to many people. I was so blessed to see how the Lord used you all to be His light. Thank you for all you do, and continue to shine His light to our community and the world!

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



Our FirstKids are enjoying a new series this summer called Mission Kids: India! We will spend the summer learning what the Bible teaches about missions and how missionaries are sharing the Gospel in India every day!

At the end of summer, the kids will participate in a fundraising project to benefit orphaned children through Lifeline Children's Services in Birmingham. We'll be sharing more information about this soon!

## Tracy

# PrimeTimers / Elevate Students

- July 12 – Community-Wide Kickball Tournament
- July 23 – Sunday Night Fun Night at the Davis House
- July 27 – PrimeTimers’ Trip – Gospel Quartet Festival in Lawrenceburg, TN

Sunday morning Pastor Chase started a new sermon series on Philemon. During the message, he asked us a couple of questions, “How do you use your position as a Christian?” and “How do you view others?” Little did I know, I was about to have to answer those questions honestly!

After church, we were all alone in the parking lot, hungry, and heading to the restaurant to meet some friends. A man with a bloody eye approached us. The gentleman didn’t speak much English. However, using sign language, he kept pointing to his bloody eye, and I could understand he was in pain and needed some help.

We were in a hurry, hungry, and because of the language barrier, helping this guy was extra hard. I was close to letting someone else run with it (if he could find someone else). However, reminded of the message, I called one of my students, Pedro Lopez, who translated for me. The man had been welding when a hot piece of metal popped into his eye. He was new to the area, didn’t know where anything was, and needed help finding a hospital.

After getting him to the hospital, the gentleman said something I can’t get out of my mind. He said, “I knew if I found a Christian, I would find someone willing to help me.”

Little did he know I was so close to not living up to his expectations of a Christian, and most importantly, I was really close to not doing what God has called me to be, “A light in the darkness.”

Church Family, we are all in a hurry, and helping others is always hard! However, let this be a reminder to all of us because we bear the name of Christ (Christian). People will notice if we make time for them!

## Bro. Joel

### Deacon for the Week

July 2-8	Eddie Beason	256-810-5864
July 9-15	Ken Farr	256-412-1115
July 16-22	Andy Gault	256-810-7446
July 23-29	Larry Gilmer	256-668-3500
July 30-Aug. 5	Ricky Hall	256-810-8988

### Welcome to our newest members:

*Brandon, Erica & Ariel Cothrum; Aaliyah & AnnaFaye Prince; and Lillian Ritter*