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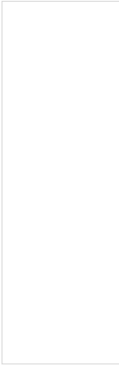
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BACK TO SCHOOL

August 6 @ 10:30 a.m.
Bring your child's backpack for a special prayer time for our students, teachers, and school staff

August 6 @ 6 p.m.
We will be prayer walking the schools.
We will meet at West Elementary.

August 7 @ 11 a.m.
Teacher's Luncheon
If you can help, please sign up or call the office to let us know.

August 8
School Starts Back

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SUNDAY, JULY 30

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy
3:30 p.m. First Kids Back to School Bash

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy
Deacon Election / Prayer for Schools
2:00 p.m. Baby Shower for Kylee Plott Saint
6:00 p.m. Prayer Walk RCS —meeting at West Elem.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

11:00 a.m. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Patrick Crummie & Daniel Wilson
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Meal

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal
6:00 p.m. Bible Study ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy;
Women's Bible Study ~ Sheryl Plott
Men's Bible Study ~ Hugh Plott
First Kids; Elevate Students

Budget Giving

Weekly Requirements 2023	\$13,405.23
Budget Receipts ~ July 16	\$11,005.76
Budget Receipts ~ July 23	\$7,107.25
Budget Requirements through July 23	\$402,156.90
Budget Receipts through July 23	\$396,980.09



RFBCLife Giving

Chase's Chat

We've had a wonderful summer at RFBC and I can't wait for the school year to begin. I wanted to take the time to share some important dates with you and several opportunities for you to serve in the days ahead. On Sunday morning, August 6, we will have a special prayer time for our teachers and students following our 10:30 a.m. service (please bring your children's backpacks so we can pray over them). We will have our annual prayer walk for Russellville City Schools at 6 p.m. at West Elementary.

On August 7, we will host our teachers for a luncheon from 11 to 12:30. If you would like to help serve, clean up, or even take out the trash, we could certainly use your help. In addition, we will be giving out gift cards for giveaways and handwritten cards from our church family, letting our educators know that we are praying for them. Please see me if you want to serve in any of these capacities.

Finally, we have a special business meeting on Wednesday, August 23, at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. In this meeting, we will discuss not only our new officers and committee members but also Gene Ellison will be giving us an update on behalf of the Long Range Planning Committee regarding the elevator. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Bro. Chase

Memorials

In memory of **Mary Jane Carter** by: Terry & Susan Hall, Jack Brewer

In memory of **Martha Fuller** by: Willodean Davis, J.D. & Beth Robinson, Calvin & Linda Parmer, Gene & Freida Ellison, Butch & Susan Harkness, Terry & Susan Hall, Ruth Godwin, Wayne & Lela Ray

In memory of **Mark Woodruff** by: Calvin & Linda Parmer, Gene & Freida Ellison, Andy & Deborah Gault, Wayne & Lela Ray

In memory of **Stacy Cantrell** by: Andy & Deborah Gault

In memory of **Shirley Bingham** by: Butch & Susan Harkness, Wayne & Lela Ray

In memory of **Barry Cummings** by: Wayne & Lela Ray

In memory of **Derek Morgan** by: Wayne & Lela Ray

In memory of **Tom Morgan** by: Wayne & Lela Ray

In memory of **Joyce Loden** by: Jack Brewer

The Church family extends Christian sympathy to:

Beth Gilmer in the death of her aunt, **Joyce Loden**

Donna Bolton in the death of her mother, **Martha Fuller**

Doris Woodruff in the death of her son, **Mark Woodruff**

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/education, and we would love for you to be a part!

Announcements:

- Aug. 9- Adult Choir starts back from 7-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary!
- Aug. 16- Adult Praise Team starts back at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary!
- Sept. 10- Sunday School Teachers Appreciation Lunch in the Fellowship Hall following service
- Sept. 24- ReSound Concert at 6:00 p.m. at RFBC (Connect Night)
- If you play an instrument or are interested in being a part of our Tech Team, feel free to contact me.
- D-Life groups are going well! If you would like to be a part of a group, please feel free to contact me.

I read this verse in Matthew 26:30 a couple of weeks ago: "After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives." This event occurred at the end of The Lord's Supper. Most scholars believe that Jesus and His disciples sang Psalm 118, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the day that The Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we pray, O Lord! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The Lord is God, He has made His light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! Give thanks to The Lord for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!"

I was encouraged by this verse. Amid trying times, worship allows us to turn our hearts from focusing on the situation to focusing on The Lord who gives us joy, peace, and rest! Be encouraged today, and let us point our hearts to The Lord who provides and sustains!

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

July 30– Aug. 5	Ricky Hall	256-810-8988
August 6-12	Johnny Hardin	256-436-5646
August 13-19	Dustin Morgan	256-810-8407
August 20-26	David Palmer	256-810-9660
August 27-Sept. 2	John Payne	256-668-3823

Welcome to our newest members:

Brian, Amy and Emma Claire Bragwell

PrimeTimers / Elevate Students

The other day I was out driving my old Jeep when I hit a bump, and suddenly my rearview mirror fell off. That got me thinking about how a safe driver keeps a frequent watch on their rearview mirror; however, a driver that can't take their eyes off the rearview mirror won't stay on the road very long!

When we're too focused on where we've been, we lose track of where we're going. Avoid rearview living by ensuring you live in the present to the fullest! Make sure you look towards the future! By the way, I know there are great things in our future here at RFBC!!!! I hope you can see it too!!!!

Bro. Joel



After much prayer, the Lord has led me to step down from my position as the Children's and Preschool Ministry Coordinator. It has been an honor to serve in this position for the past two years. I have loved getting to know and walk alongside our kids and young families! I look forward to seeing the children's ministry continue to flourish under new leadership and continue to worship and serve with you all here at RFBC.

Tracy

First Kids Volunteers

We need volunteers for the 2023-2024 church year. Please go to the table by choir room to sign-up to help.

Job Opening: Children/Preschool Coordinator

Principal Function: The Children/Preschool Coordinator is responsible for planning, coordinating, directing, and evaluating the Children's Educational Ministry of the Church.

Deadline for Resumes: August 27.

For more information or submit resumes email:

Chase@RFBClife.com

Job Opening: Receptionist

Duties include: answering phone, greeting guests, assisting with benevolence cases, maintaining Sunday School rolls, etc.

Part time hours: 20 hours per week

Email resumes to: Chase@rfbclife.com

Homecoming

August 13, 2023

10:30 a.m.

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Guest Speaker
Daniel Wilson
Evangelism Director
AL State Board of Missions



Worship Leader
Patrick Crummie
Worship Associate
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