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SUNDAY, JUNE 1

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy  
6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2-4

6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

6:00 p.m. Special Needs Vacation Bible School

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

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

SUNDAY-TUESDAY, JUNE 8-10

R.A. Boys Camp

SUNDAY-FRIDAY, JUNE 9-13

Elevate Students: Fuge Camp

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy  
Men’s Bible Study ~ Matt Uptain  
Women’s Bible Study ~ Sheryl Plott  
First Kids; Elevate Students

SUNDAY, JUNE 15 ~ 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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

6:00 p.m. Business Meeting ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy  
Men’s Bible Study ~ Matt Uptain  
Women’s Bible Study ~ Sheryl Plott  
First Kids; Elevate Students

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 19 PrimeTimers: Old CookStove in Danville  
June 22 Praise Team Interest at 9 a.m.  
June 27-29 FirstKids: CentriKids Camp  
June 29 Connect Night & Fellowship at 6 p.m.  
Michael Bozeman: AL Baptist Children’s Home  
Hamburgers, Hotdogs and Ice Cream to follow

BUDGET GIVING	
Weekly Budget Requirements 2025	\$14,229.38
Budget Receipts ~ May 18	\$12,892.13
Budget Receipts ~ May 25	\$12,172.25
Budget Requirements through May 25	\$298,816.98
Budget Receipts through May 25	\$316,916.32

# Chase’s Chat

The summer is among us and with it comes our greatest evangelistic opportunity of the year: VBS! Last year, we saw not only an increase in attendance and decisions made, but we also witnessed lasting fruit in the life of our church. As a result of last year’s VBS, we have seen five families join our membership and those families have invited more to come and be a part of what God is doing at RFBC. I say all of this to say that God uses VBS to make an impact for His kingdom.

Will you join me in praying for another fruitful year? Will you pray for those who will be serving and share the good news of the Gospel? Will you pray for children to be saved and will you invite those with young children who aren’t plugged into a body of believers to join us at RFBC? I can’t wait to see what God does this year!

Love you all,  
Bro. Chase



School is officially out for summer! Our students and teachers have worked hard this school year and now we can rest and relax! Summer is a time for families to take vacations and let kids sleep late, but most importantly, it is a time to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. I cannot think of a better way to start summer off than by serving alongside our church family during VBS. I know VBS is a busy and tiring week, but in the end it is worth it. During this week, we glorify Jesus through missions, music, crafts, Bible stories, recreation, driving the bus, running the sound, serving dinner, and so much more. VBS is a time for us to love children and invite new families to be a part of what God is doing at RFBC.

We are so excited to be going to CentriKid Camp at Shocco Springs in Talladega on June 27-29. This is the first time we have been to camp in several years and I am so excited about what God will do and how our lives will be forever changed!

If you want to write cards with words of encouragement for our campers and adults, please come by the kids check-in desk. I'll be glad to give you the list of campers and adults going to camp!

Ms. Angela

# 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:

- June 20: Trash Pandas National Anthem @ 6:35 p.m.
- June 22: Praise Team Interest @ 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary. If you are a member of the church and you are a male vocalist in the choir, play bass, or play drums, we would love to have you join us.
- August 6: Choir starts back @ 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- August 18: Hymn Singing @ 10:30 a.m.
- If you play an instrument or want to join our tech team, please email me at garrett@rfbclife.com.
- D-Life groups are an excellent way to grow your relationship with Christ and others! If you are interested in joining a group, please email me.

I heard this quote by a worship theologian the other day that struck a chord with me. This person said, “Worship is the expression of a relationship in which God the Father reveals Himself and His love in Christ, and by His Holy Spirit administers grace, to which we respond in faith, gratitude, and obedience.” Worship is Revelation and Response!! What a blessing that we have to respond to the revelation of the Lord in Christ Jesus and what He has done for us in His death, burial, and resurrection! There is no greater joy in life to know Him and make Him known! I’m thankful to serve and minister alongside each of you and how you all desire to make much of the name of Jesus!

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

The Church family extends Christian Sympathy to:

Pat Hardin in the death of her aunt, Jan Bush

June Operation Christmas Child Collection

Water bottles, plastic cups, utensils, sunglasses and hats

Deacon of the Week

June 1-7	Wade Baker	256-577-1475
June 8-14	Gene Balding	256-627-4143
June 15-21	Lucas Cantrell	256-412-6547
June 22-28	Gene Ellison	256-810-8163
June 29-July 5	Ken Farr	256-412-1115

# PrimeTimers / Elevate Students

If you see the words “Vacation Bible School,” and you immediately think to yourself, “This article isn’t for me,”... PLEASE KEEP READING because this article is precisely for you!

Yes, VBS is a fantastic tool to minister to young children. However, VBS has also had so many positive effects on our entire church family! Youth ministry has at least four students attending each week, thanks to last year’s VBS! (Plus, a couple moving up this year). That’s a big deal!

As a direct result of VBS, the Children’s Ministry has grown, the Youth Ministry has grown, the Men’s Ministry has grown, the Women’s Ministry has grown, church membership has grown, church finances have grown, and even our Senior Adult Ministry has grown.

Most importantly, the Kingdom of Heaven has grown as a direct result of VBS! Therefore, let us all join together and participate in growing our church...God’s Church!

Bro. Joel

## Memorial / Honorariums

In memory of **James “Bo” Goss** by: Janice Stanford, Sam Warf  
In memory of **Mike Graham** by: Janice Stanford  
In memory of **Opal Dillard** by: Janice Stanford  
In memory of **Daniel Harkness** by: Janice Stanford  
In memory of **Kenny Sumerel** by: Janice Stanford, Dede Myl & Mindi Ma  
In memory of **Larry Thornton** by: RHS Class of 1967, Gene & Freida Ellison, Butch & Susan Harkness, Larry & Beth Gilmer. Wade & Judy Baker, Willodean Davis  
In memory of **Peggy Montgomery** by: Royce & Rebecca Massey, Willodean Davis, Calvin & Linda Parmer  
In memory of **Brittany Brown** by: Willodean Davis  
In memory of **Ann Barnett** by: Gene & Freida Ellison, Jerry & Joyce Baker, Andy & Deborah Gault, Calvin & Linda Parmer, Jack Brewer, Wade & Judy Baker, Teresa McKee, Alfred & Barbara Pace  
In memory of **Tilda Sumerel** by: Wade & Judy Baker  
In memory of **Chuck Kelley** by: Wayne & Lela Ray, Willodean Davis, Calvin & Linda Parmer, Don & Martha Sibley, Gene & Freida Ellison  
In memory of **Shirl King** by: Calvin & Linda Parmer  
In honor of **Beth Robinson** by: Jack Brewer