



RUSSELLVILLE First Baptist Church

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If you have any prayer needs or would like to speak to one of our Ministers after office hours, please text us at **256-815-5529**.



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SUNDAY, MAY 9 MOTHER'S DAY

8:45 a.m. Worship Service ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy
9:30 a.m. Bible Study / Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy
(WGOL: 920 AM or 100.7 FM)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy
First Kids; Elevate Student Ministry

SUNDAY, MAY 16

8:45 a.m. Worship Service ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy
9:30 a.m. Bible Study / Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy
(WGOL: 920 AM or 100.7 FM)

TUESDAY, MAY 18

11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Picnic at City Lake

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy
First Kids; Elevate Student Ministry

UPCOMING

May 23 Graduate Sunday
May 30 Picnic In the Park
June 7-11 Youth Fuge Camp at Southern Wesleyan University, SC
June 27-30 Vacation Bible School

Deacon for the Week

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| May 2-8 | Matt Uptain | 256-412-4617 |
| May 9-15 | Billy Witt | 256-810-6559 |
| May 16-22 | Ben Amick | 615-785-3773 |
| May 23-29 | Wade Baker | 256-668-2719 |
| May 30-June 5 | Jerry Baker | 256-577-1475 |

Budget Giving

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| Weekly Budget Requirements | \$12,446.39 |
| Budget Receipts ~ April 25 | \$9,438.38 |
| Budget Receipts ~ May 2 | \$18,98.00 |
| Budget Requirements through May 2 | \$224,035.02 |
| Budget Receipts through May 2 | \$237,313.51 |

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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• GATHER IN • GROW UP • GO OUT •

Happy Birthday!!

MAY 9 - MAY 22

- 5/10 Shane Moore, Callie Palmer
- 5/11 Jack Brewer, Brianna Wood, Brody James
- 5/12 Ricky Hall, Donna Norris
- 5/13 Larry Dover, Jan Sherrill, Doris Woodruff, Morgan Willingham, Jeremy Willis, Theresa Burns
- 5/14 Peggy Jones, Wes Reed
- 5/15 Lacy Graham
- 5/16 Nancy Thornton, Kara Moore, Mackenzie Burleson
- 5/17 Jessica Hamilton, Addie Rose
- 5/19 Luke O'Neal, Judd Ward
- 5/20 Roge Bedford, John Harvey, Alfred Pace, Houston James
- 5/21 Bert Fowler, Pat Hardin, Geraldine Hooper

Chase's Chat

Have you heard anyone over the past year say, "I can't wait to get back to normal?" Chances are if you've heard this once, you've heard it a hundred times. Now while we are certainly not back to normal yet, and Covid-19 remains a legitimate concern and threat, we are thankful to see things trending in the right direction, and are excited about the future at Russellville First Baptist.

With things shifting in a more positive direction I believe that we should go back to some of the things that are foundational to our church. Therefore, beginning Sunday, May 23rd, we will transition back to our one service time at 10:30 a.m. Two weeks later (June 6th), we will make the move back to our traditional Sunday school format at 9:30 a.m.

Please know that we will certainly continue to monitor needs and issues as they arise, and do everything that we can to ensure safety among our church body and community.

Chase

The Church family extends Christian sympathy to

Alan Wilson, in the death of his brother,
Teddy Wilson

**Welcome to the newest members of the
RFBC church family,
Daniel & Linda Mueller**

Memorials

In memory of Jeanette Grissom by Jerry & Joyce Baker,
Gene & Freida Ellison, Wayne & Lela Ray, Ann Sparks,
Donald & Linda Hovater, Ronald & Carol Holdbrooks,
Butch & Susan Harkness

In memory of Joe Hamilton by Andy & Deborah Gault, Wilbur Underwood

In honor of Lynn Suddith by Andy & Deborah Gault, Wilbur Underwood, Betty Bedford

In memory of Teddy Wilson by Ronald & Carol Holdbrooks,
Gene & Freida Ellison, Butch & Susan Harkness

In memory of Nell Bedford by J.D. & Beth Robinson

Bert's Babblin's

Let's Have a Picnic!!!

In less than two weeks, we will be able to get together for the first time *in over a year!!!* I'm so excited to be able to see you all together at once. We have reserved the pavilion at City Lake Park for **Tuesday, May 18 at 11:00 a.m.** The church will provide the fried chicken fingers, drinks, and eating utensils. You can bring all the other goodies – chips, baked beans, casseroles, veggies, and desserts – especially desserts. We will have some games to play including: corn hole, horseshoes, some card games, and anything else you might want to bring. I hope you will plan to attend and invite someone. If it rains, we will move it to the Fellowship Building.

Bert

Youth Summer Camp

June 7-11, 2021

At Southern Wesleyan University

Cost: \$99 per student

Sign-up for Summer Camp ASAP!

Picnic in the Park

May 30th, after the morning service

A Faith Forward Fundraiser

Hamburgers, Hotdogs and Ice Cream

Sign up with Shelia Woods or Youth Members



Vacation Bible School

June 27-30, 2021

6-8 p.m.

Theme: Destination Dig

Bible Verse: You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart. *Jeremiah 29:13* (CSB).

Vacation Bible School is just right around the corner!
I have sign up sheets in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Building,
and the Church Office to sign up!



Jesus taught his disciples in Acts 1:8 to start where they were located (Jerusalem) and then begin working their way towards the end of the Earth with the good news! Therefore, why are so many people willing to jump on a plane, fly across the world, spend an entire week sharing the Gospel, and yet refuse to walk across the street to share their faith with a neighbor? According to a recent survey of 1,600 people by the *Jesus Film Project*, fear is the common thread that weaves together many of the different responses to this question. Respondents often used words like "fear," "scared," or "afraid," to describe their feelings about the reasons they don't talk about spiritual matters. For example, many responses came in along the lines of "fear of rejection," "I'm afraid I'll come across as pushy," or "I'm scared to start an argument."

With that said, Elevate Student Ministry has decided to punch fear in the face and to stick with the same method Jesus taught his disciples in Acts 1:8. We plan to address the problem by teaching our students how to share the good news of salvation by starting right here in Russellville, Alabama!

Y'all, serving here in Russellville is harder on our students than going on a foreign mission trip, it is much more uncomfortable, and it for sure isn't as popular... However, if one person responds in faith as a result of it, it is going to be worth it!!!! Secondly, if it builds the slightest amount of confidence in any of our students... it is worth it!!!!

Therefore, we need your prayers! This Wednesday night is Go Night of our students. Elevate Students will be serving right here in Russellville at the Eastside Apartments, playing games, cooking hotdogs, singing, laughing, and sharing the message of hope! Please be praying! I can't wait to share with you what God does through this Go Night!

Joel



I'm so excited for this Sunday as we have Baby Dedication on Mother's Day! We have five precious children to be dedicated this Sunday! I hope you make plans to join us to celebrate this special occasion with their families!

Proverbs 31:25-26: "She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."