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Russellville AL



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Easter Events

COME BE OUR GUEST

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 7 AT 6 P.M.

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 AT 10 A.M.

AT THE RHS

FOOTBALL PRACTICE FIELDS

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

RUSSELLVILLE, FIRST BAPTIST

213 Jackson Avenue North, Russellville, AL 35653

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SUNDAY, APRIL 2

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Dr. Gene Balding

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

No Services (Spring Break)

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 EASTER

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy

MONDAY, APRIL 10

Office Closed

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

5:00 p.m. Wednesday Meal—Breakfast

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

UPCOMING

April 17 Hymn Sing at 10 a.m.

April 21-22 Mother/Daughter Camp

April 23 VBS Volunteer Meeting at 4 p.m.

April 30 Adult Choir Fellowship at 5 p.m.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING

GOAL: \$4,000.00 GIVEN: \$3,628.00



RFBC Giving

Budget Giving

Weekly Budget Requirements 2023	\$13,405.23
Budget Receipts ~ March 19	\$10,498.73
Budget Receipts ~ March 26	\$11,327.35
Budget Requirements through March 26	\$174,267.99
Budget Receipts through March 26	\$166,180.58

Chase's Chat

Have you invited someone to Easter Sunday yet? Thom Rainer in his book, The Unchurched Next Door, suggests that as high as 82% of people would be willing or are somewhat likely to attend church if they were personally invited. The Problem as Rainer notes is that only 21% of active churchgoers invite *anyone* to church in the course of a year. But only two percent of church members invite an unchurched person to church.

I have no doubt that at this moment you could think of someone that you should invite to Easter Sunday. They may have wandered away from the church, they may have been hurt by the church, or they may have never stepped inside the walls of a church. Regardless of where they may be, it is my prayer that you will step out in obedience and invite them to sit with you and hear the good news of the Gospel this Easter at RFBC. I love you all, and we are always here for you if you need anything.

Bro. Chase



RFBC and Tharptown Baptist Church are sponsoring a community egg hunt on Saturday, April 8th. If you are interested in helping stuff eggs, hide eggs, or welcome the community at the egg hunt, please let us know!

A VBS volunteer meeting is scheduled for April 23rd at 4 p.m. Please plan to be there as we prepare for an exciting week of sharing the gospel with kids in our community! VBS t-shirt orders will be turned in at the end of April so please be sure that I have received your volunteer form with your size on it.

Tracy

Welcome to our newest members:
Danny & Jacque Pickett
Kristi Daniel

Memorials \ Honorariums

In memory of **Roy Strickland** by: Wayne & Lela Ray, Calvin & Linda Parmer, Jeff Bowling S.S. Class, Wade & Judy Baker

In memory of **Beverly Taylor** by: Wayne & Lela Ray

In memory of **Billie & Katie Gaston** by: Wade & Judy Baker

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:

- April 17th : Hymn Singing 10:00 a.m.
- Adult Choir: We meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. We would love to have you join us!
- If you play an instrument or are interested in being part of our tech team, feel free to reach out to me at garrett@rfbclife.com!

One of my favorite hymns is “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus.” One of the things that God has been teaching me is that when things get stressful or I get worried, look to Jesus! Jesus is where we find our peace, joy, and comfort. I encourage you brothers and sisters, whatever you may be going through, fix your eyes upon Jesus!

*“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of Earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.”*

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

March 26-April 1	Ricky Hall	256-810-8988
April 2-8	Johnny Hardin	256-436-5646
April 9-15	Dustin Morgan	256-810-8407
April 16-22	David Palmer	256-810-9660
April 23-30	John Payne	256-668-3823



PrimeTimers / Elevate Students

Did you know that research shows that nearly 70% of people (think about how high of a percentage that is) intentionally avoid people with special needs? On one hand, I get it. It is hard to know what to say, what to do, and the fear of making things awkward is real! On the other hand, avoiding someone because you don’t know exactly what to say or do definitely isn’t the answer!

Therefore, over the last couple of weeks, our students studied about different types of special needs. They learned how to approach these people, practiced how to properly talk with them, help them, interact with them, and how to respect them and their dignity.

Now that our Special Needs Music Class has come and gone, I couldn’t be any more proud of how our students interacted and served these people!!!! Even though our students were nervous, they took what they had practiced, applied it, and made these kids and their families smile from ear to ear!!!! Several families asked about joining us for a Sunday service. Who knows what will grow from this!

It’s crazy what you can do with a little education and a big leap of faith!

Bro. Joel

