

Newsletters

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SUNDAY, APRIL 30

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

MONDAY, MAY 1

10:00 a.m. Hymn Sing

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

5:00 p.m. Wednesday Meal—Potato Bar
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

SUNDAY, MAY 7

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

5:00 p.m. Wednesday Meal—Spaghetti
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

May 14 Parent-Child Dedication
May 21 Graduation Sunday
May 29 Memorial Day (Office Closed)
May 31 VBS Decorating
June 4-7 VBS at 5:30 p.m.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING
GOAL: \$4,000.00 GIVEN: \$6,472.00



RFBC Giving

Budget Giving

Weekly Budget Requirements 2023	\$13,405.23
Budget Receipts ~ April 16	\$9,375.63
Budget Receipts ~ April 23	\$12,228.68
Budget Requirements through April 23	\$227,888.91
Budget Receipts through April 23	\$219,590.90

Chase's Chat

In most newsletters, I write to encourage you. But this time, I want to thank you for encouraging me. Since I became your pastor, you have embraced my family and me with open arms. You have prayed for, supported, and loved us through every season our family and church have been through. In short, you have been the hands and feet of Jesus to this pastor.

When I think of you all, I am filled with pride and am reminded of Philippians 1:3-6, in which the Apostle Paul says to the people of Philippi, "I thank my God every time I remember you." In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor. Thank you for loving my family and me, and thank you most importantly for sharing, showing, and living out the life of Christ. Let's continue seeking to make much of Jesus in Russellville and beyond.

Bro. Chase

Memorials \ Honorariums

In memory of **Mark Baker** by: Willodean Davis, Butch & Susan Harkness, Jolene Stockton, Andy & Deborah Gault, Gene & Freida Ellison, Wayne & Lela Ray, Jeff & Nancy Bowling, Charlotte Herston, Calvin & Linda Parmer, Mary Kimbrough, Terry & Susan Hall, Johnny & Pat Hardin, Joe & Helen Benson, Wade & Judy Baker, Cynthia Shiraki

In memory of **Orland Britnell** by: Roger Bedford

In memory of **Patty Woodruff** by: Butch & Susan Harkness, Andy & Deborah Gault, Gene & Freida Ellison, Wayne & Lela Ray, Charlotte Herston, Calvin & Linda Parmer, Wade & Judy Baker

In memory of **Mary Holden** by: Butch & Susan Harkness, Gene & Freida Ellison

In memory of **Johnnie Lindsey** by: Butch & Susan Harkness

In memory of **Jimmie Morgan** by: Butch & Susan Harkness, Andy & Deborah Gault, Gene & Freida Ellison, Wayne & Lela Ray

In memory of **Emmie Kay Jones** by: Annie Sue Long

In memory of **Emma Spears** by: Wade & Judy Baker

In memory of **Ann Garrard** 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:

- If you play an instrument or are interested in being part of our tech team, feel free to email me at garrett@rfbclife.com!
- Youth Choir starts back on May 7th at 4:00 p.m. If you have a youth that loves music, we would love for them to join us!
- May 10th- Last Choir Rehearsal and Adult Praise Team Rehearsal before summer. We will resume back on August 9th
- May 21st- Music Ministry Fellowship at RFBC starting at 5!!!

I had lunch with a good friend this past week, and one thing that stuck out to me was him saying, "Garrett do you know why today is special...Because we worship a Risen Savior today just like we did on Easter!" The amazing thing for us as believers is that every day we worship a Risen King! The One who has conquered death and given us an everlasting hope! Rejoice today because our King is Risen!

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

April 30-May 6	Wayne Ray	256-710-8353
May 7-13	Alan Sherrill	256-810-1214
May 14-20	Matt Uptain	256-412-4617
May 21-27	Bill Allen	256-810-6298
May 28-June 3	Ben Amick	615-758-3773

Welcome to our newest member:

Gloria McKee

The Church family extends Christian sympathy to:

Jerry & Joyce Baker in the death of their son, **Mark Baker**
Doris Woodruff in the death of her daughter-in-law,
Patty Woodruff

Barbara Pace in the death of her sister, **Mary Holden**
Justin Morgan in the death of his father, **Jimmie Morgan**
Gene Ellison in the death of his aunt, **Johnnie Lindsey**

PrimeTimers / Elevate Students

This year RFBC has five students graduating high school and stepping into a brand new chapter of life! Therefore, as their church family, I hope you will encourage these kiddos to step wisely, continue living a life that honors the Lord, and remind them that they've always got a church family that truly loves and cares for them!

Graduation Sunday, May 21 - Each graduate will have a table setup in the gym that morning following the service; please plan on stopping by each table, hugging their necks, dropping off a word of encouragement, and highlighting you favorite verse in their gift Bible.

May 26- Graduating from Russellville – Kaitlyn Balding, Seth Burns, Kara Moore, Anna Beth Oliver, and Conner Warhurst

Following Russellville's graduation, we will be hosting a graduation party here at the church with light snacks and finger foods.

Bro. Joel



Some exciting things are just around the corner for First Kids!

- May 7 we will have our Mother's Day breakfast.
- May 14 will be our Parent-Child Dedication Service.
- May 31-June 2, we will have decorating nights for VBS,
- June 4-7, VBS is happening !

It's an exciting time as we prepare to reach our community with the love of Jesus, and I'm looking forward to seeing our church rally together again to make it wonderful!

Tracy

Thank You

There are Thank You cards from:

Jerry & Joyce Baker

Jolene Stockton

They can be viewed on the bulletin board beside the office.