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### Important Year-end Financial Information

To be counted for 2023, all contributions need to be brought to the church or postmarked by **December 31**.

### Newsletters

Please let us know if you would like to receive your newsletters by email or if you would like to stop receiving newsletters from FBC.  
Email: [angie@rfbclife.com](mailto:angie@rfbclife.com)



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**Chase Dowdy**  
Pastor  
**Joel Davis**  
Students/Sr. Adults

**Garrett Booth**  
Music/Education  
**Angela Woods**  
Int. Children/Preschool Coordinator

**Ministry Assistants:** Savannah Loosier and Angie Tidwell  
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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy  
11:30 a.m. PrimeTimer's New Year's Party

### MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Office is Closed for New Year's Day

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

6:00 p.m. Adult 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. Adult Choir Practice

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 8

10:30 a.m. Hymn Sing

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

9:30 a.m. Prayer in the Staff Suite

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

5:00 p.m. Wednesday Meal ~ Stromboli & Baked Potato  
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy  
Men's Bible Study ~ Hugh Plott  
Women's Bible Study ~ Sheryl Plott  
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## UPCOMING

January 13-15 STS Youth Conference, Pigeon Forge, TN  
January 14 D-Life Leaders Meeting at 5 p.m.  
January 17 Meal: Breakfast  
January 21 Hymn Sing at 10:30 a.m.

### LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

**GOAL: \$15,000.00 GIVEN: \$9,888.25**

### Budget Giving

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Weekly Requirements 2023         | \$13,405.23  |
| Budget Receipts ~ Dec. 10        | \$15,495.75  |
| Budget Receipts ~ Dec. 17        | \$10,162.76  |
| Budget Requirements thru Dec. 17 | \$683,666.73 |
| Budget Receipts thru Dec. 17     | \$692,752.52 |



RFBC Giving

# Chase's Chat

Reflecting on this past month, I cannot help but be proud to be your pastor. Not only did you spend weeks preparing scenes for our Walk Thru Bethlehem, not only did you sacrifice four evenings during a busy season, not only did you endure cold weather, but through it all, you shined the hope that alone comes through Jesus Christ. As a result of your faithfulness to be the hands and feet of Jesus, almost 2,000 people heard the good news of the Gospel and the true meaning of Christmas. We rejoice in those who placed their faith in Christ, and while we may never see the full harvest here on this earth, we rejoice knowing that we planted the Gospel seeds, which God will make grow!

Thank you so much for gathering in, growing up, and going out. It is a joy and honor to serve Jesus alongside you and I love you all. I can't wait to see what the Lord has for RFBC in 2024.

God Bless,

**Bro. Chase**

*Thank You*

*Thank you cards have been received from :  
Sara Porch,  
John & Cathy Payne,  
and the family of Rosa Lee Cantrell.  
You may view the cards on the bulletin board next to the office.*

## Deacon for the Week

|                    |               |              |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Dec. 31-Jan. 6     | Wayne Ray     | 256-710-8353 |
| January 7-13       | Alan Sherrill | 256-810-1214 |
| January 14-20      | Greg Trapp    | 256-762-2821 |
| January 21-27      | Billy Witt    | 256-810-6559 |
| January 28– Feb. 3 | Bill Allen    | 256-810-6298 |

# 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:

- January 3- Adult Choir starts back at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary!!!
- January 8- Hymn Singing starts back at 10:30 a.m.
- January 14- D-Life Leaders Meeting at 5 p.m. in the Green Room.
- If you play an instrument or want to join our tech team, please get in touch with me at [garrett@rfbclife.com](mailto:garrett@rfbclife.com)!
- D-Life groups are going well! If you would like to be a part of a group, please feel free to contact me.

Colossians 3:17 says, “Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of The Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.” One of the greatest blessings that we have in our lives is to serve others in the name of Jesus. I encourage you to take every opportunity Jesus puts before you to serve others. Also, I want to give a huge “Thank you!” to everyone who had a part in our Christmas Cantata! It is such a blessing to minister and serve alongside such amazing people! To God be The Glory!

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**

## Memorials

In memory of **Olene Barksdale** by: Terry & Susan Hall  
In memory of **Rosa Lee Cantrell** by: Gene & Freida Ellison, Andy & Deborah Gault, Wayne & Lela Ray, Jerry & Joyce Baker, Royce & Rebecca Massey, Terry & Susan Hall

## The Church family extends Christian sympathy to:

Gary Cantrell, in the death of his mother, Rosa Lee Cantrell

# PrimeTimers / Elevate Students

Prophets foretold it, angels announced it, Jesus declared it, and disciples continue to proclaim: Jesus came to seek and save the lost! (Luke 19:10). That's right, Jesus CAME looking for us and to offer us the hope of eternal life! (John 10:10). My friends, that is what Christmas is all about!

Therefore, I encourage you to make Jesus the highest priority and the main focus of your Christmas with your family and friends. Here are a few ideas to consider:

1. Read the Christmas story together. (Luke 2:8-16)
2. Pray and thank God for Jesus, the best gift you will ever receive.
3. Listen & sing to Christmas worship songs.
4. Invite family and friends to join you at church on Sunday.
5. Throw Jesus a Birthday party!
6. Serve others less fortunate.

**Bro. Joel**



Church family,

Thank you for the love and support of our FirstKids Ministry. It does not go unnoticed at all. I greatly appreciate everything you do for our FirstKids Ministry.

We need a few more volunteers to serve in our Extended Session. Please consider signing up and serving in our childcare rotation. Please see me if you are interested in serving.

In Christ's Love,

**Angela Woods**

## PrimeTimer's New Year's Eve Party

Sunday, December 31, at 11:30 a.m. in the Green Room  
The Church will provide the meal.

## Elevate Students Strength to Stand Conference

January 13-15, 2024

Please be in prayer for our students and chaperones as they attend this conference.