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January 31, please call the church office.

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Angela Woods

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Ministry Assistants: Savannah Loosier and Angie Tidwell

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### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

5:00 p.m. Meal: Potato Soup or Chicken Stew  
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, FEBRUARY 4

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy  
3:00 p.m. Women's Ministry Cookie Class/Fellowship

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

5:00 p.m. Meal ~ Breakfast  
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy  
Men's Bible Study ~ Hugh Plott  
Women's Bible Study ~ Sheryl Plott  
Elevate Students  
First Kids Skate Party  
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy  
5:00 p.m. Elevate Students Fun Night

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:00 p.m. Agape Banquet  
FirstKids: Jesus Loves Me Party

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00 a.m. PrimeTimers: Space and Rocket Center Trip

### Budget Giving

Weekly Requirements 2024	\$13,734.52
Budget Receipts ~ Jan. 14	\$9,701.00
Budget Receipts ~ Jan. 21	\$1,210.63
Budget Requirements thru Jan. 21	\$41,203.56
Budget Receipts thru Jan. 21	\$22,568.51



RFBCLife Giving

# Chase's Chat

So often, we are on the go. With kids, grandkids, jobs, sports, clubs, you name it, we are always going, going, going. Yet, unlike the energizer bunny, we cannot always be on the go. We all need time to rest, recoup, and reenergize, which is why I am so thankful for this past week. Yes, it may have been a headache at times, and it may have messed up our schedules and planned events, but this past week forced us to be still, or at the very least slow down and hopefully enjoy all the blessings the Lord has given us.

I also hope it allowed you to genuinely seek the Lord in prayer. Much like our busy lives, we are prone to rush into our prayer time with God and “get it done” rather than intentionally seeking Him and listening to Him. Yet the Lord instructs us when we come into His presence to be still and know that He is God (Psalm 46:10). We are to recognize Him as the God of the universe and give Him our full attention. He alone demands our time, our allegiance, and our devotion. And as we seek Him, life doesn’t seem as chaotic or stressful.

So, as you get back to your normal this week, I encourage you to start each day seeking and savoring the Lord. I can promise you that it will change not only your week but your outlook on your week.

God Bless,

**Bro. Chase**

## Memorials

In memory of **Velma Payne** by: Wayne & Lela Ray, Shelia Turner family, Terry & Susan Hall, Gene & Freida Ellison, Calvin & Linda Parmer, Andy & Deborah Gault, Larry & Beth Gilmer, Butch & Susan Harkness, Wade & Judy Baker

In memory of **Rosa Lee Cantrell** by: Jack Brewer, Calvin & Linda Parmer, Greg & Donna Trapp, Larry & Beth Gilmer, Butch & Susan Harkness, Wade & Judy Baker

In memory of **Roger Bedford** by: Greg & Donna Trapp

In memory of **Mr. & Mrs. John Jolly** by: Greg & Donna Trapp, Wade & Judy Baker

In memory of **Paul & Shirly Bingham** by: Greg & Donna Trapp

In memory of **Sue Hammack** by: Greg & Donna Trapp

In memory of **Tim & Alma Bowling** by: Ginny Hill

In memory of **Ellis Davis** by: Willodean Davis & Family

In memory of **Willard & Dorothy Hovater** by: Willodean Davis & Family

In memory of **Dock & Velma Davis** by: Willodean Davis & Family

# Music / Education

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 of it!

## Announcements:

- February 25: Multi-Generational Sunday (Adult, Youth, Children)
- March 17: *Then He Rose* Easter Cantata @ 10:30 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 a part of our tech team, feel free to contact me at garrett@rfbclife.com!

I never thought we would be iced in at our house for a week!! Madison and I played a lot of board games, made a lot of hot chocolate, and watched many movies. This past week, I heard, “God allowed the snow for a reason. Understand that He will provide and care for everything you need! Trust Him in this place!” There were many times during the week I was so ready for the ice to be gone and to get back to normal. However, looking back at this week, I’m grateful. Not only for having time with family, but I’m thankful that despite a hard situation, God was continually making me more like Jesus! No matter what we go through, God can use it to glorify Himself. Philippians 1:6, “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.”

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 (continued)

In memory of **Susan Goggans** by: Wade & Judy Baker, Butch & Susan Harkness, Wayne & Lela Ray

In memory of **Mitchell Hamilton** by: Wayne & Lela Ray

In memory of **Dean Craddock** by: Gene & Freida Ellison, Butch & Susan Harkness

In memory of **Kelly Moore** by: Gene & Freida Ellison, Andy & Deborah Gault, Terry & Susan Hall, Jolene Stockton

## Deacon for the Week

January 28– Feb. 3	Bill Allen	256-810-6298
February 4-10	Reese Bailey	256-443-0317
February 11-17	Wade Baker	256-577-1475
February 18-24	Gene Balding	256-627-4143
February 25-Mar 2	Jeff Barksdale	256-324-5975

# PrimeTimers / Elevate Students

After a lot of prayer and thinking through all the unknowns of the forecasted snow, on Saturday the 13th, our student ministry loaded up 34 people and headed up to the Strength To Stand Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN. Unfortunately, we had to turn around and head back to Russellville just 18 hours after arriving and barely got ahead of the ice.

During the short time, we had the opportunity to attend two sessions (one on Saturday night and another on Sunday morning). During those sessions, two of our students trusted in Jesus for the first time, one student surrendered to God’s call into ministry, and we were all spiritually challenged! God did so many amazing things in just the short time we were there!

Church Family, thank you for always supporting our students, praying for them, and always being there to help financially provide them the opportunity to attend trips like this!

**Bro. Joel**



FirstKids is off and running this New Year. We have been studying David and Goliath and how to keep our Light for Jesus through darkness. Matthew 5:16 says, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Keeping Jesus as our light helps others see Jesus in us.

We still have several spots left open to serve in our Extended Session. Please let me know if you want to serve on one of these dates. Thank you to all those who are serving in our FirstKids Ministry!

Dates: February 25, 2024, March 17, 2024, March 25, 2024, June 17, 2024, June 23, 2024, August 18, 2024, September 17, 2024, September 22, 2024

**Angela Woods**

**The Church family extends Christian sympathy to:**

John Payne, in the death of his mother, Velma Payne

Keylee Allison, in the death of her grandfather, Kelly Moore

Kenneth Craddock & Pat Hardin, in the death of  
Dean Craddock