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## Easter Events

COME BE OUR GUEST

### EASTER CANTATA

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 @ 10:30 A.M.

### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 AT 6 P.M.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 AT 10 A.M.  
AT FBC

### EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

RUSSELLVILLE, FIRST BAPTIST

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## R F B C

### SUNDAY, MARCH 3

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy  
11:30 a.m. Mission Trip Fundraiser: BBQ

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

5:00 p.m. Meal ~ Chicken Pot Pie  
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  
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

### SUNDAY, MARCH 10 (DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS)

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

### MONDAY, MARCH 11

10:30 a.m. Hymn Sing

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

5:00 p.m. Meal ~ Chicken Spaghetti  
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

### THURSDAY, MARCH 14

11:30 a.m. PrimeTimers: Green Luncheon

## UPCOMING

March 3 FirstKids Camp Deposit Due  
March 17 *Then He Rose* Easter Cantata  
March 29 Good Friday Service at 6 p.m.  
March 30 Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m.  
March 31 Easter Sunday  
April 1 Office Closed

### Budget Giving

Weekly Requirements 2024	\$13,734.52
Budget Receipts ~ Feb. 18	\$8,664.38
Budget Receipts ~ Feb. 25	\$13,290.75
Budget Requirements thru Feb. 25	\$109,876.16
Budget Receipts thru Feb. 25	\$108,875.02



RFBCLife Giving

# Chase's Chat

Can you believe we are a month away from Easter? They say life flies the older you get and that seems to be the case this year. Scripture often talks about the brevity of life. The Psalmists echo statements such as, “teach us to number our days” and “O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!” James even says that our life is a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

So, with the understanding that life on earth can end at any moment, shouldn't we live with a sense of urgency in making Christ known today? The Apostle Paul certainly thought so. He said in Acts 20:24 in speaking to the elders of Ephesus, “I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.”

Church, may we take note of Paul's example, may we run the race Christ has set out for us, and may we seek to share the good news of the Gospel with every breath that he has given to us.  
God Bless,

**Bro. Chase**



It's hard to believe that I am planning for Vacation Bible School! We are 115 days away from VBS 2024, **Sunday, June 23rd-Wednesday, June 26th**. Our theme is Breaker Rock Beach. The Bible Verse, "Be transformed by the renewing your mind." Romans 12:2

Please start praying about how you can serve in VBS. I will need Bible Story Leaders, Craft Leaders, Leader Guides, Music Assistants, a Food Team, a Decorating Team, a Prayer Team, etc. We can only make our VBS a success with your help!!

Thank you all for the love, encouragement, and support! I greatly appreciate it so much!

**Angela Woods**

## VBS

# June 23-26, 2024

# 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:

- March 10: D-Life Promotion Sunday
- March 11: Hymn Singing @ 10:30 a.m.
- March 17: Then He Rose Easter Cantata @ 10:30 a.m.
- September 22: Night of Worship with ReSound Quartet at 6 p.m.
- Adult Choir meets on Wednesdays at 7 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 reach out to me at [garrett@rfbclife.com](mailto:garrett@rfbclife.com)!

I heard this song the other day that says, “I'm fighting a battle You've already won. No matter what comes my way, I will overcome. Don't know what You're doing, but I know what You've done. I'm fighting a battle You've already won.” This song has been replaying in my head for the past couple of days because of the truth that it speaks. No matter what trial or battle we face, we don't face it alone! We fight from a place of victory because our Savior has already won! Take heart in that truth, brothers and sisters, that we are fighting a battle that Jesus has already won!

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**



March 3-9, 2024: Week of Prayer

Offering Goal: \$6,000.00

## Deacon for the Week

February 25-Mar 2	Jeff Barksdale	256-324-5975
March 3-9	Andy Gault	256-810-7446
March 10-16	Gene Ellison	256-810-8163
March 17-23	Eddie Beason	256-810-5864
March 24-30	Mickey Gerstman	256-412-1395

# PrimeTimers / Elevate Students

## Help CHANGE the Dominican Republic!

Even if you aren't one of the 10 people heading down to the Dominican Republic, you can still have a big part in CHANGING the situation of a local church down there. The change will last much longer than our short-term mission trip! The best part is that most of those who help will probably not even miss it because all we are asking for is your loose CHANGE (mostly silver). With everyone's loose coin collection, we will fill up that old glass jar, and surprisingly, we will have THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS that will go a long way in making a big CHANGE!

**Bro. Joel**

## Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

March 22-27

Please be in prayer for our team as they travel and minister to the people of the Dominican Republic.

**Team:** Garrett & Madison Booth, Joel Davis, Luis Lucas, Gloria McKee, Hugh Plott, Kevin & Addie Strickland, Shelia & Angela Woods

## Thank You

*A Thank you card has been received from:*

**The Dean Craddock Family**

*You may view the card on the bulletin board next to the office.*

## The Church family extends Christian sympathy to:

Jackie McDuffa, in the death of his brother, Jerry McDuffa;

Theresa Burns, in the death of her father, Garry Orrick;

Keylee Allison, in the death of her mother, Shanna Ozbirn;

The Family of Dr. Aubrey Terry;

The Family of Nelda Whitlock;

Jerry Saint, in the death of his mother, Carrie Jean Saint