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### SUNDAY, MARCH 31 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 1

Office Closed

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

5:00 p.m. Meal ~ Grilled Hamburgers  
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study ~ Bro. Garrett Booth  
Men's Bible Study ~ Hugh Plott  
Women's Bible Study ~ Sheryl Plott  
College & Career; Elevate Students; First Kids  
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

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

### MONDAY, APRIL 8

10:30 a.m. Hymn Sing

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

5:00 p.m. Meal ~ Chicken Fingers  
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy  
Men's Bible Study ~ Hugh Plott  
Women's Bible Study ~ Sheryl Plott  
College & Career; Elevate Students; First Kids  
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

10:00 a.m. PrimeTimers: Trip to Tupelo

## UPCOMING

April 14 Bridal Tea For Ellyse Strickland 1:30-3 p.m.  
April 22 Hymn Sing at 10:30 a.m.  
April 28 Parent-Child Dedication forms and pictures due  
May 5 Final Payment for Kids Camp due  
May 12 Parent-Child Dedication

### Budget Giving

Weekly Requirements 2024	\$13,734.52
Budget Receipts ~ March 17	\$12,159.63
Budget Receipts ~ March 24	\$10,445.75
Budget Requirements thru March 24	\$164,814.24
Budget Receipts thru March 24	\$167,442.03



RFBC Giving

# Chase's Chat

In John chapter 11, Jesus arrives at what appears to be a hopeless scene. Lazarus, his good friend, has passed away and Lazarus's sisters, Martha and Mary, are hurting. To make matters worse, Martha and Mary had called for Jesus's help days earlier.

Upon His arrival, the scripture tells us that Lazarus's body had been in the tomb for four days. It also reveals the genuine sorrow of the sisters and Martha's comment to Jesus, who said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." The situation appears bleak.

But amidst a hopeless situation, Jesus shares the hope He alone brings. He looks to Martha in her mourning and says, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

In the middle of the mourning and sorrow, Jesus reveals the hope to not only Martha, Mary, and Lazarus but to all who have placed their faith in Him. Because Christ himself has conquered sin, defeated death, and risen from the grave, there is no end for the believer. Instead, we truly begin the life we were meant to live all along. So when life seems discouraging or you lose someone unexpectedly in the faith, be reminded of the hope, promise, and future that awaits all believers in Christ.

## Bro. Chase



FirstKids has been busy for these past few months! Many things are happening in our FirstKids Ministry, and I am so excited! If you want a place to serve, we can always use extra help on Sunday mornings with our infants and on Wednesday nights! We would LOVE to have you!

VBS is just around the corner. Join us at Breaker Rock Beach for our VBS this year! Please start praying about how you can help serve! I will need Bible Story leaders, a food team, music helpers, recreation helpers, a craft team, many more! There's a place for everyone to serve during VBS week!

Parent-Child Dedication will take place **on Sunday, May 12**. If you are interested in having your child dedicated, please contact me! **Pictures are due Sunday, April 28**.

## Angela Woods

### Welcome to our newest members:

*Lori Tompkins*

*Annelise Delgado*

# 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:

- Hymn Singing: April 8 & April 22 at 10:30 a.m.
- September 22: Night of Worship with ReSound Quartet at 6 p.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 joining our tech team, feel free to contact me at [garrett@rfbclife.com](mailto:garrett@rfbclife.com)!

This past week, God placed a song on my heart that is called "The Jesus Way." The chorus goes like this, "I follow Jesus. I follow Jesus. He wore my sin I'll gladly wear His name. He is the treasure! He is the answer! I choose The Jesus Way!"

What an incredible privilege we have to choose The Jesus Way! To choose every day to love as God has loved us and to serve as God would have us to serve. There is no greater blessing than obeying our Father's commandments and serving Him with great joy!

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

### The Church family extends Christian sympathy to:

Sherene Wade in the death of her husband, Phillip Wade.  
(son of Betty Wade)

Gary McNutt in the death of his mother, Myrna McNutt

Stuart Mills in the death of his father, Terry Green

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Offering Goal: \$6,000.00 Given: \$2,441.00

### Deacon for the Week

March 31– April 6	Ricky Hall	256-810-8988
April 7-13	Jayson Harper	662-571-0944
April 14-20	Dustin Morgan	256-810-8407
April 21-27	John Payne	256-668-3832
April 28-May 4	Wayne Ray	256-710-8353

# PrimeTimers / Elevate Students

Hello from the Dominican Republic!

This mission trip has already been (and continues to be) absolutely amazing! I can't wait to report the many things God has done! Thanks to Pastor Chase, I look forward to sharing with you all on Sunday, April 7. We are so thankful for a church family that loves us, supports us, and continues to pray for us! To God be the glory!

## Bro. Joel

### Memorials

In memory of **Dr A. E. Terry** by: Wade & Judy Baker, Greg & Donna Trapp, Don & Martha Sibley, Terry & Susan Hall, Jack Brewer, Willodean Davis

In memory of **Rae Ginn** by: Wade & Judy Baker

In memory of **Nelda Franks** by: Wade & Judy Baker, Willodean Davis

In memory of **Carrie Saint** by: Wade & Judy Baker, Larry & Beth Gilmer, Greg & Donna Trapp, Terry & Susan Hall, Willodean Davis, Jack Brewer

In memory of **David Willis** by: Wade & Judy Baker, Larry & Beth Gilmer

In memory of **Shanna Ozbirn** by: Larry & Beth Gilmer, Greg & Donna Trapp, Terry & Susan Hall

In memory of **Alta Morrison** by: Anne Sparks

In memory of **Susan Goggans** by: Tommie Bragwell

In memory of **Buzzy McKinney** by: Tommie Bragwell, Don & Martha Sibley

In memory of **Nelda Whitlock** by: Tommie Bragwell

In memory of **Alice Bragwell** by: Tommie Bragwell

In memory of **Corinne Blackwell** by: Wayne & Lela Ray

In memory of **Dean Craddock** by: Greg & Donna Trapp, Don & Martha Sibley

In memory of **Myrna McNutt** by: Greg & Donna Trapp, Wayne & Lela Ray

In memory of **Garry Orrick** by: Greg & Donna Trapp, Terry & Susan Hall, Jack Brewer

In memory of **Sue Hammack** by: Don & Martha Sibley

In memory of **Donnie Bowling** by: Terry & Susan Hall

In memory of **Terry Green** by: Wayne & Lela Ray

In memory of **Phillip Wade** by: Andy & Deborah Gault, Butch & Susan Harkness, Calvin & Linda Parmer, Wayne & Lela Ray