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*Happy Mother's Day!*

## R F B C

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- 5:00 p.m. Meal ~ Hotdogs
- 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

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

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

### MONDAY, MAY 6

- 10:30 a.m. Hymn Sing at Burns Nursing Home

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

- 5:00 p.m. Meal ~ Sloppy Joes
- 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

### SUNDAY, MAY 12 ~ MOTHER'S DAY

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Worship/ Parent-Child Dedication

### TUESDAY-THURSDAY, MAY 14-16

PrimeTimer's Trip to Dollywood

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

No Services

### UPCOMING

- May 5 Final Payment for Kids Camp due
- May 19 Graduation Sunday
- May 27 Memorial Day: Office Closed
- June 3-5 FirstKids Camp at Marshall Baptist Retreat
- June 23-26 VBS: Breaker Rock Beach

Budget Giving	
Weekly Requirements 2024	\$13,734.52
Budget Receipts ~ April 14	\$13,252.41
Budget Receipts ~ April 21	\$10,049.50
Budget Requirements thru April 21	\$219,752.32
Budget Receipts thru April 21	\$221,533.91



RFBC Giving

# Chase's Chat

In Matthew 28:16-20 Jesus issued a command, not only to His disciples but to all believers. This command, known as the Great Commission, tells us to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” But have you ever noticed what Jesus said to His disciples before he commanded them to go? In verse 18, Jesus said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” Now, why would Jesus share those words before his command?

I believe Jesus shared these words to remind his disciples and us today that whenever we step out and GO in His name, we are already empowered, for He is in absolute control. When we GO, we can know that the one who reigns in heaven and formed Earth and man is with us. We must GO, but it is equally important to know that when we GO, we possess the power of God, which lives within us and stays with us to the end of the age. Whether in Russellville, Alabama, or a third-world country, the command to GO and trust remains the same. So, I ask you, will you GO forth with the strength and power of the Lord to reach the nations for him?

Love you all,  
**Bro. Chase**



As we near the end of another successful school year, we ask for your heartfelt prayers for our students, teachers, and administrators. Let's come together in prayer as we close out this 2023-2024 school year, ensuring we end on a solid note.

## Important dates for FirstKids

- Kids camp: June 3-5: Final payment is due **Sunday, May 5!**
- Get ready for an exciting event! On Sunday, June 9, our 2-5 graders will showcase their talent by singing the National Anthem at the Trash Panda baseball game. Our adult and youth choir will join them, making it a truly memorable experience.

Please save the dates for VBS; it is an excellent opportunity to come together and serve. From June 23-26, we invite you to join us and find a place to contribute! Remember, there's a place for everyone at VBS, and we look forward to serving with you!

**Angela Woods**

# 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:

- May 6: Hymn Singing at 10:30 a.m. at Burns Nursing Home
- May 8: Last Choir Rehearsal Before Summer at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary!! We would love to have you!
- June 9: We will be singing the National Anthem at Trash Pandas baseball game at 4:05 p.m. \*Church-wide Event!!!
- August 7: Choir starts back at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary!!
- September 22: Night of Worship with ReSound Quartet at 6 p.m.
- If you play bass guitar 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)!
- Discipleship is a HUGE part of what we do at RFBC, and we want you to be involved!! If you would like to join our D-Life groups or get involved in a Sunday School Class, we would love to have you come! Feel free to contact me.

These past few days, I have had the amazing privilege of being a part of the Southern Baptist Music Conference. This time has been such a blessing of renewal and refreshment from The Lord. One of the songs we sang congregationally that stuck out to me was “Christ Our Hope and Life and Death.” The chorus says this, “O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal. O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess. Christ our hope in life and death!” As we sang this song together, Christ reminded me of the hope that He is and the hope we have because of Him! Take courage, brothers and sisters, that no matter what you face, Christ is our hope!

## The Church family extends Christian sympathy to:

Tim McKinney, in the death of his sister, Mildred Kimbrough  
Jamie Medley, in the death of his father, Roy Medley

## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Offering Goal: \$6,000.00 Given: \$5,145.00

## Deacon for the Week

April 28-May 4	Wayne Ray	256-710-8353
May 5-11	Alan Sherrill	256-810-1214
May 12-18	Greg Trapp	256-762-2821
May 19-25	Billy Witt	256-810-6559
May 26-June 1	Bill Allen	256-810-6298

# PrimeTimers / Elevate Students

This year, RFBC has nine amazing students graduating from High School and stepping into a brand new chapter of life! The graduates are Aaliyah Prince, Addie Strickland, Brady Bolton, Chloe Sheffield, Kevin Costco, Kinsley Palmer, Maggie Uptain, and Nehemias Garcia.

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 genuinely loves and cares for them!

Graduation Sunday is May 19. Each graduate will have a table set up 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 gifts, and highlighting your favorite verse in their new gift Bible.

**Bro. Joel**

## Welcome to our newest member:

*Jennifer Warhurst*

## Memorials

In memory of **Terry Green** by: Larry & Beth Gilmer

In memory of **Myrna McNutt** by: Larry & Beth Gilmer, Terry & Susan Hall

In memory of **Phillip Wade** by: Larry & Beth Gilmer, Jack Brewer, Terry & Susan Hall, Cheryl Bradford

In memory of **Corinne Blackwell** by: Terry & Susan Hall

In memory of **Alice Bragwell** by: Royce & Rebecca Massey, Cheryl Bradford

In memory of **Roy Medley** by: Royce & Rebecca Massey, Terry & Susan Hall, Wayne & Lela Ray, Gene & Freida Ellison, Butch & Susan Harkness

In memory of **Donnie Bowling** by: Royce & Rebecca Massey

In memory of **Mildred Kimbrough** by: Royce & Rebecca Massey, Terry & Susan Hall, Gene & Freida Ellison

In memory of **David Willis** by: Royce & Rebecca Massey, Cheryl Bradford

In memory of **Nelda Whitlock** by: Royce & Rebecca Massey

In memory of **Buzzy McKinney** by: Cheryl Bradford