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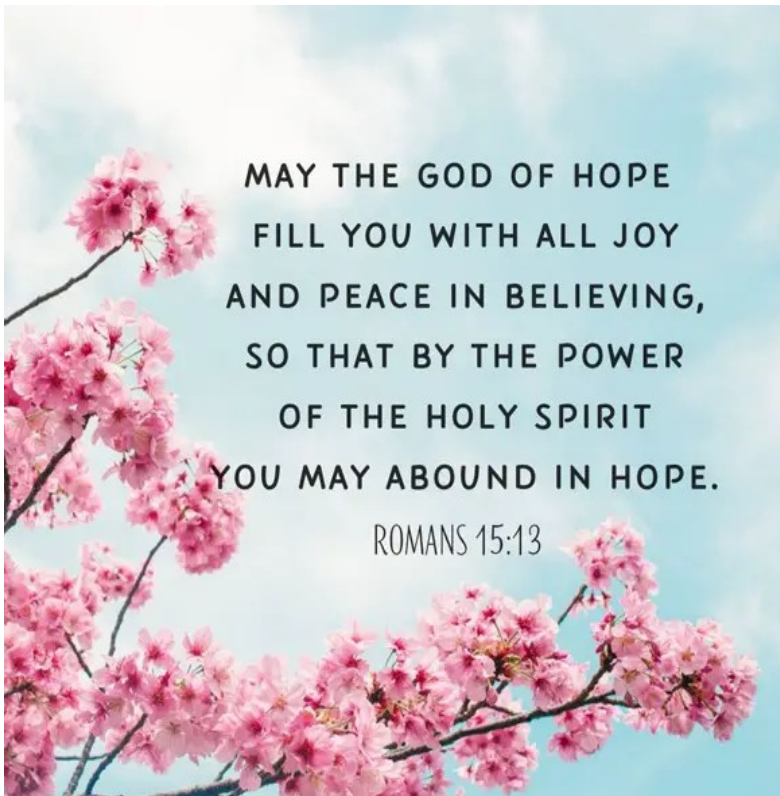
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SUNDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy
2:00 p.m. Actor's Meeting
5:00 p.m. Elevate Students: Fun Night

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study ~ Revelation

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

5:00 p.m. Wednesday Meal ~
Adults: Pinto Bean Casserole; Kids: Hot Dogs
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy
Men's Bible Study ~ Matt Uptain
Women's Bible Study ~ Sheryl Plott
First Kids; Elevate Students
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

11:00 a.m. PrimeTimer's Lunch at 43 Grill

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

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. Youth BBQ Lunch Fundraiser
5:00 p.m. D-Life Leader's Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 10

10:30 a.m. Hymn Sing

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study ~ Revelation

UPCOMING

March 12 Meal ~ All: Breakfast
March 14 Parent's Night Out
March 16 Deacon's Meeting at 5 p.m.
Night of Worship at 6 p.m.
March 19 Business Meeting at 6 p.m.

Budget Giving

Weekly Requirements 2024	\$14,229.38
Budget Receipts ~ Feb. 16	\$27,170.75
Budget Receipts ~ Feb. 23	\$13,636.50
Budget Requirements thru Feb. 23	\$113,835.04
Budget Receipts thru Feb. 26	\$125,350.26



RFBC Giving

Chase's Chat

One of my favorite Christian songs as a teenager was “Give Me Your Eyes” by Brandon Heath. The song’s chorus says, “Give me your eyes for just one second, give me your eyes so I can see; everything that I keep missing, give me your love for humanity. Give me your arms for the broken-hearted, the ones that are far beyond my reach, give me your heart for the ones forgotten, give me your eyes so I can see.”

Almost twenty years later, my prayer is still the same. Lord, give me your eyes. Give me your eyes so that I will see each person as created in your image and for your glory, and so loved that you sent your only Son to give them life and life to the full. Give me your eyes to see the spiritual needs of those before me, and help me to meet those needs with the Gospel. Lord, give me your eyes so I won’t miss those before me, and give me your eyes so I might be your example here on earth.

Love you all,

Bro. Chase



March is one of my favorite months of the year. Winter might still be hanging around, but Spring is upon us. This means warmer weather and daylight-saving time are approaching.

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it. Please mark your calendars for our VBS this year, June 1-4, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Our theme for this year is Magnified! With our motto “Discovering the BIGNESS of God in the SMALLEST of things!” Our key Bible Verse-Psalm 34:3, “Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!” As we prepare for VBS as a church, let’s magnify the Lord in all we do and give God the Glory! We had a fantastic VBS last year; I know this year will be even better! I cannot wait to dive into our theme and all the things involved in VBS (planning, decorating, recruiting and praying). Will join me in praying now?

Angela Woods



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:

- March 5: Hymn Singing in the Chapel at 6 p.m.
- March 8: Tech Team Training at 10 a.m.
- March 9: D-Life Leaders Meeting at 5 p.m. in the Green Room!!
- March 10: Hymn Singing at 10:30 a.m.
- March 16: Night of Worship at 6 p.m.
- March 24: Hymn Singing at 10:30 a.m.
- If you play an instrument or are interested in joining our tech team, please email me at garrett@rfbclife.com.
- D-Life groups are an excellent way to grow your relationship with Christ and others! If you are interested in joining a group, please email me.

Philippians 3:8 says, “Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.” I’m thankful today that in every season of our lives, Jesus is all we need. He is our portion, our satisfaction, and our hope!

May The Lord bless you, keep you, and shine His face upon you.

Bro. Garrett

Welcome to our newest members:

Sharon Allen,

Jon & Denise Craigge,

and Luke & Lexie Henson

The Church family extends Christian sympathy to:

Carolyn Goss in the death of her husband, James “Bo” Goss;

Patrick James in the death of his father, Jerry Wayne James.

Deacon for the Week

March 2-8	Ken Farr	256-412-1115
March 9-15	Mickey Gerstman	256-412-1394
March 16-22	Larry Gilmer	256-668-3500
March 23-29	Ricky Hall	256-810-8988
March 30– April 5	Butch Harkness	256-412-4564

PrimeTimers / Elevate Students

I am so excited about a new series we will start with the youth. This series is designed to remind students that we have a very real enemy, Satan, and he has a bag full of evil tricks! Each week, we will get to know our enemy’s evil ways - Week 1 Satan’s Fall, Week 2 Satan’s Deception, Week 3 Satan’s Temptation, Week 4 Satan’s Possession, and Week 5 Satan’s Future.

Y’all, this series is going to be so good!!!! To top it all off, each week we will play our own version of Beast Games and by the end of Week 5 we will have only one lucky winner who is a little bit richer!

Bro. Joel

PrimeTimers Events

March 6 ~ Lunch at 43 Grill

April 26-27 ~ Trip to Nashville to watch “The Thorn”

Memorials / Honorariums

In memory of **Eulene Bradford** by: Sue Gilliland, Wade & Judy Baker, Gene & Freida Ellison, Larry & Beth Gilmer, Butch & Susan Harkness, Jolene Stockton, Royce & Rebecca Massey, The Chamber of Commerce, Willodean Davis, Greg & Donna Trapp

In memory of **Beverly Scroggins** by: Wade & Judy Baker

In memory of **Carol Mitchell** by: Wade & Judy Baker

In memory of **Mario Accardo** by: Wade & Judy Baker, Gene & Freida Ellison, Butch & Susan Harkness

In memory of **Shelia Tucker** by: Larry & Beth Gilmer, Willodean Davis

In memory of **Mike Graham** by: Jolene Stockton, Royce & Rebecca Massey, Willodean Davis

In memory of **Jo Kathren King** by: Tommie Bragwell

In memory of **Bo Goss** by: Tommie Bragwell, Crawford Environmental Services, Andy & Deborah Gault, Calvin & Linda Parmer, Wayne & Lela Ray, Terry & Susan Hall, Don & Martha Sibley, Charlotte Herston, Gene & Freida Ellison, Greg & Donna Trapp, Jolene Stockton, Butch & Susan Harkness, Kevin & Mary Elizabeth Peters, John & Cathy Payne, David & Linda Madden, Jerry & Joyce Baker

In memory of **Doris Woodruff** by: Willodean Davis

In memory of **Judy Jackson** by: Willodean Davis

In memory of **Charles Forman** by: Willodean Davis

In memory of **Mary Underwood & Mr. & Mrs. William Farned** by: Mary K. Johnson, Thomas McCarley