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SUNDAY, MARCH 30

9:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
2:00 p.m.

Coffee Fellowship
Sunday School & Bible Study
Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy
Willodean Davis's 85th Birthday

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

9:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study ~ Revelation

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Meal

Adults: Poor Man's Supper; Kids: Hamburgers

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

Adult Choir Practice

7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Coffee Fellowship
Sunday School & Bible Study
Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy
Easter Program Dress Rehearsal

MONDAY, APRIL 7

10:30 a.m.

Hymn Sing at J.D. Robinson's home

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

9:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study ~ Revelation

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Meal

Adults: Pot Roast Sandwiches; Kids: Hotdogs

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

Easter Program Dress Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 13 Jesus: The Greatest Story Ever Told at 10:30 a.m.
April 18 Good Friday Service at 6 p.m.
April 19 Easter Egg Hunt 10-12 p.m.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

GOAL: \$6,000 GIVEN: \$2,957

BUDGET GIVING	
Weekly Budget Requirements 2025	\$14,229.38
Budget Receipts ~ March 16	\$11,864.50
Budget Receipts ~ March 23	\$12,368.50
Budget Requirements through March 23	\$170,752.56
Budget Receipts through March 23	\$180,181.89

Chase’s Chat

As I look across our congregation each week and see how the Lord is blessing His church in Russellville, I have noticed that more and more people are attending and plugging into our church body. But do you know why? I’ve found that for many, it’s simply because someone within the body invited them to church.

Let me ask you, have you invited someone yet? When was the last time you invited someone to church, especially a non-churchgoer? If you haven’t done so in quite a while or have never done so, why not go ahead and set Easter as your goal? And as you invite people that the Lord would put into your path, pray that the Lord will work and move in their lives as only He can. Who will be your one this Easter at RFBC? The one you invite to hear the gloriously good news of the Gospel?

God Bless,
Bro. Chase



April is finally here! We are slowly wrapping up this current school year!

With school winding down, we are getting closer to summer and VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!! VBS is less than 70 days away! Our theme is Magnified, which will encourage all kids to examine God’s greatness. God made us, loves us, cares for us, and forgives us.

I have placed sign-up sheets in the hallway in the Children’s Area. Please stop by and sign up to help serve at VBS! We will decorate for VBS May 27-30, from 5-8:30 p.m. and May 31, from 9-11:30 a.m.

I have made an Amazon wish list for VBS that we would love to have to decorate for VBS. Please scan the QR Code to see our wish list. This will help our decorating team out so much. If you purchase something, you are welcome to ship it to your house or ship it to the church.

Lastly, thank you all who came to my sweet, perfect little housewarming party! I’m so thankful for all who stopped by, brought gifts, and gave me words of encouragement! I am excited about my new house and cannot wait to make many memories! Please stop by for a visit!

Ms. Angela

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:

- April 6: Dress Rehearsal for “Jesus The Greatest Story Ever Told” at 5 p.m.
- April 7: Hymn Singing at 10:30 p.m. at JD and Beth Robinson’s house.
- April 9: Dress Rehearsal for “Jesus The Greatest Story Ever Told” at 6:30 p.m.
- April 13: Easter Program “Jesus The Greatest Story Ever Told” at 10:30 a.m. at RFBC!
- April 18: Good Friday Service at 6 p.m.
- April 19: Easter Egg Hunt (Children’s Ministry) 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- April 20: Easter Sunday!!
- April 28: Hymn Sing at the Pearl of the Shoals at 1 p.m.
- If you play an instrument or want to join 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.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, “Trust in The Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.” The Lord has been teaching me to trust Him in all circumstances. When we let go and trust The Lord with our situations, we place these circumstances in the best hands possible. I encourage you to trust The Lord with all circumstances because He is trustworthy and true!

Also, thank you again to all who helped out with our church clean-up day!! We have more rooms available for our Sunday School growth, and I cannot wait to see what The Lord has in store! I love you guys, and thank you for all you do!!

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

Bro. Garrett

- The Church family extends Christian Sympathy to:**
 - Butch Harkness in the death of his father, Daniel Harkness;
 - Hoyt Dillard and family in the death of his wife, Opal Dillard;
 - Bobbie Sumerel in the death of her husband, Kenny Sumerel.

Deacon of the Week

March 30-April 5	Butch Harkness	256-412-4564
April 6-12	Jayson Harper	256-571-0944
April 13-19	Dustin Morgan	256-810-8407
April 20-26	Wayne Ray	256-710-8353
April 27-May 3	Alan Sherrill	256-810-1214

PrimeTimers / Elevate Students

Easter is almost here! In just a few weeks, churches worldwide will celebrate the risen savior!! I have no doubt Russellville First Baptist will be making Easter Sunday a real CELEBRATION!!!! Brother Garrett will do it with great music, Pastor Chase will be delivering an incredibly powerful sermon, and even though many of us (our RFBC family) will not have a part to play on stage for everyone to see, we still have a vital part by offering a welcoming atmosphere of fellowship before, during, and after our worship service.

You see, Easter is the ONE day when people are naturally inclined to peek in and see what the church is up to. Therefore, will you join me in taking advantage of this opportunity to invite people to see how awesome our God is and how he is working through all of us here at RFBC?

Bro. Joel

Memorial / Honorariums

In memory of **James “Bo” Goss** by: Larry & Beth Gilmer, Elizabeth White, Jan Masterson, Joan Jeffery, Joy Newton, Angela Maxwell, Judy Crisler, Sue Gilliland, Ginny Hill, Royce & Rebecca Massey, Joey & Sandra Coan, Tom Ed & Opal Masterson, Tim & Dana Carpenter, Jenni Frost, Adam Flora, Billy Joe & Darlo Wimberly, Dene Briggs, Phillip & Laura Ellis, Barry & Gretchen Mansell, Brenda Elliott, Bob & Fay Torstrick, Bill White, Vicky Thompson, Tim & Lisa Stockton, Jeff & Nancy Bowling, Yvon Brantley, Jack Brewer, Buddy & Nancy Johnsey, Bill & Denise Allen, Wade & Judy Baker, Johnny & Pat Hardin

In memory of **Eulene Bradford** by: Ginny Hill, Barry & Gretchen Mansell

In memory of **Gene Graham** by: Royce & Rebecca Massey

In memory of **Mike Graham** by: Jeff & Nancy Bowling

In memory of **Opal Dillard** by: Andy & Deborah Gault, Wayne & Lela Ray, John & Cathy Payne, Jerry & Joyce Baker, Gene & Freida Ellison, Don & Martha Sibley, Bill & Denise Allen, Butch & Susan Harkness, Kevin & Mary Elizabeth Peters, Wade & Judy Baker, Greg & Donna Trapp, Terry & Susan Hall

In memory of **Daniel Harkness** by: Andy & Deborah Gault, Wayne & Lela Ray, John & Cathy Payne, Jerry & Joyce Baker, Gene & Freida Ellison, Jolene Stockton, Wade & Judy Baker, Greg & Donna Trapp, Terry & Susan Hall, Ronald Holdbrooks

In memory of **Dot Knight** by: Bill & Denise Allen

In memory of **Kenny Sumerel** by: Bill & Denise Allen, Jolene Stockton, Gene & Freida Ellison, Butch & Susan Harkness, Wayne & Lela Ray, Gary & Marynell Tapp, Andy & Deborah Gault, Johnny & Pat Hardin, Jeff & Nancy Bowling, Wade & Judy Baker, Ed & Donna Letson, Greg & Donna Trapp, Terry & Susan Hall

In memory of **Glen Vinson** by: Wayne & Lela Ray, Andy & Deborah Gault, Wade & Judy Baker

In memory of **Carl Dean** by: Wade & Judy Baker

In memory of **Theresa Sorrells** by: Gene & Freida Ellison

In memory of **Marvin Bransdorf** by: Wade & Judy Baker

In memory of **Judy Jackson** by: Terry & Susan Hall