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# Russellville First Baptist

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**SUNDAY, MAY 4**

9:00 a.m.      FirstKids Fundraiser: Sweets for Summer Camp  
9:30 a.m.      Sunday School & Bible Study  
10:30 a.m.      Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy  
6:00 p.m.      Deacons Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7**

5:00 p.m.      Wednesday Meal ~ Hotdogs  
6:00 p.m.      Adult Bible Study ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy  
7:00 p.m.      Men’s Bible Study ~ Matt Uptain  
                 Women’s Bible Study ~ Sheryl Plott  
                 First Kids; Elevate Students  
                 Adult Choir Practice

**SUNDAY, MAY 11 MOTHER’S DAY**

9:00 a.m.      Coffee Fellowship  
9:30 a.m.      Sunday School & Bible Study  
                 Mother’s Day Breakfast  
10:30 a.m.      Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy  
                 Parent/Child Dedication

**MONDAY, MAY 12**

10:30 a.m.      Hymn Sing

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14**

6:00 p.m.      Adult Bible Study ~ Bro. Ted Vafeas  
                 Men’s Bible Study ~ Matt Uptain  
                 Women’s Bible Study ~ Sheryl Plott  
                 First Kids; Elevate Students  
                 Adult Choir Practice  
7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 15**

TBA      PrimeTimer’s Trip to Niki’s West / Birmingham Zoo

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

8:00 a.m.      High School Graduate Breakfast

**SUNDAY, MAY 18 ~ GRADUATE SUNDAY**

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

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING**

**GOAL: \$6,000 GIVEN: \$5,590.00**

BUDGET GIVING	
Weekly Budget Requirements 2025	\$14,229.38
Budget Receipts ~ April 20	\$11,069.50
Budget Receipts ~ April 27	\$9,936.38
Budget Requirements through April 27	\$241,899.26
Budget Receipts through April 27	250,236.35

# Chase’s Chat

What a wonderful few weeks we have had at RFBC. From our choir’s presentation of “Jesus the Greatest Story Ever Told” to our Good Friday service, Easter egg hunt, and Easter service, the Lord has moved mightily. Not only have we witnessed new believers follow through with baptism and worshipped the Lord with lifted hands and hearts, but we have shared the hope that the resurrection of Jesus Christ brings.

Which leads me to ask, now that Easter is over, will we continue to share the hope that Jesus Christ brings? On Easter Sunday, we gave the Lord our best, but church, He is worthy of it every day. Because Jesus has come and lived the life we could never live, because Jesus has taken our sin and God’s wrath upon a cruel rugged cross and died the death we deserve for the forgiveness of sins, and because He resurrected on the third day, He deserves all the glory, honor, and praise. In short, He deserves our lives.

It's my prayer that the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ wouldn’t be characterized as a seasonal event in our lives, but would be the heartbeat of them, and we would share the good news of Jesus Christ everywhere and with everyone we know.

Love you all,  
Bro. Chase



We had an incredible Easter Egg Hunt! The weather was phenomenal. The kids all had a blast hearing an Easter story from Bro. Chase, hunting eggs, playing games, and being surrounded by our loving church family. Thank you to all who donated candy and who stuffed our eggs! We appreciate you serving and helping behind the scenes to make our Easter Egg Hunt a success!

Summer is just around the corner, and we are gearing up for one of our favorite event of the year... VBS!! There is a spot for you to teach Bible Stories, assist with crafts, music, missions, recreation, the security team, or the bus team, etc. Please stop by the children’s area and sign up!

If you plan to serve with VBS, I need your shirt size by Wednesday, May 7. Please scan the QR Code above and complete the form, or please give your name and shirt size and give it to Brittney Morgan.

As we head into summer, let’s not forget: summer is a great time to serve Jesus. Whether it’s helping with VBS, going on a mission trip, or loving on your neighbors, God calls us to be His hands and feet year-round! Let’s make this summer one to remember--full of faith, fun, and fellowship.

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:
- May 12: Hymn Singing at 10:30 a.m.
  - June 20: Trash Pandas National Anthem @ 6:35 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.

Thank you again to everyone who had a part in “The Greatest Story Ever Told”! The Lord was lifted high, and the Gospel was shared! I could not be prouder of everyone involved and so thankful to have the opportunity to make much of the name of Jesus!

We are singing the National Anthem at the Trash Pandas baseball game again on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>! This will be a fireworks night again, and will be a great opportunity to be The Light in the community! Please feel free to reach out to me if you are interested in going. Reminder: If you sing the National Anthem, you get a discount on your ticket price!!

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

Welcome to our newest members:  
Sophie Sharp, Sydney O’Malley  
Cesar Rueda, Landon Presley  
Miranda Gutierrez

The Church family extends Christian Sympathy to:  
Nancy Thornton in the death of her husband, Larry Thornton;  
Freida Ellison in the death of her sister, Peggy Montgomery;  
Larry Gilmer in the death of his niece, Brittany Brown;  
Ann Barnett Family

<u>Deacon of the Week</u>		
April 27-May 3	Alan Sherrill	256-810-1214
May 4-10	Greg Trapp	256-762-2821
May 11-17	Matt Uptain	256-412-4617
May 18-24	Billy Witt	256-810-6559
May 25-31	Reese Bailey	256-443-0317

# PrimeTimers / Elevate Students

This year RFBC has five amazing students graduating high school and stepping into a brand new chapter of life! Therefore, 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 truly loves and cares for them!

Graduation Sunday, May 18th - Each graduate will have a table setup in the gym that morning following the service. Please plan on stopping by each table, hugging their necks, dropping off a card, and highlighting you favorite verse in their new gift Bibles.  
Graduating from Russellville – Kaytlynn Brady, Cade Parker, Jesus Rivera, and Drew Strickland.  
Graduating from Phil Campbell - Noah Raper

Bro. Joel

Memorial / Honorariums  
In memory of **James “Bo” Goss** by: Cheryl & Libby Bradford, Ricky & Kathy Hall, Bob & Jama Rogers, Willodean Davis  
In memory of **Eulene Bradford** by: Tim & Lisa Stockton  
In memory of **Gene Graham** by: Cheryl & Libby Bradford, Tim & Lisa Stockton  
In memory of **Mike Graham** by: Joe & Carolyn Porter, Bob & Jama Rogers  
In memory of **Opal Dillard** by: Royce & Rebecca Massey, Larry & Beth Gilmer, Bob & Jama Rogers, Willodean Davis  
In memory of **Daniel Harkness** by: Jack Brewer, Larry & Beth Gilmer, Willodean Davis, Tim & Lisa Stockton, Royce & Rebecca Massey  
In memory of **Billie Cotton** by: Cheryl & Libby Bradford  
In memory of **Kenny Sumerel** by: Calvin & Linda Parmer, Joe & Carolyn Porter, Royce & Rebecca Massey, Long Lewis Foundation, Cheryl & Libby Bradford, Larry & Beth Gilmer, Lana Boyd, Bob & Jama Rogers, Mike & Millie Richard, Jerry & Joyce Baker, Tim & Lisa Stockton, Jolene Stockton, Willodean Davis  
In memory of **Glen Vinson** by: Calvin & Linda Parmer, Tim & Lisa Stockton, Jack Brewer  
In memory of **Larry Thornton** by: Wayne & Lela Ray, Andy & Deborah Gault  
In memory of **Theresa Sorrells** by: Calvin & Linda Parmer, Jack Brewer, Willodean Davis, Greg & Donna Trapp  
In memory of **Peggy Montgomery** by: Butch & Susan Harkness, Andy & Deborah Gault, Jolene Stockton, Wayne & Lela Ray, Susan & Terry Hall, Wade & Judy Baker, Jerry & Joyce Baker, Jack Brewer  
In memory of **Judy Jackson** by: Cheryl & Libby Bradford, Butch & Susan Harkness  
In memory of **Brittany Brown** by: Butch & Susan Harkness, Wayne & Lela Ray, Wade & Judy Baker, Jack Brewer  
In memory of **Doris Fuller** by: Wayne & Lela Ray  
In memory of **Jeanette Parsons** by: Wade & Judy Baker  
In memory of **Tommy Baker** by: Wade & Judy Baker  
In honor of **Willodean Davis** by: Terry & Susan Hall, Patricia Smith