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SUNDAY, JUNE 29

9:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

Coffee Fellowship
Sunday School & Bible Study
Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy
Connect Night ~ Michael Bozeman
Fellowship

MONDAY, JUNE 30

9:00 a.m.

OCC Work Session

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 (NO SERVICES)

SUNDAY, JULY 6

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
Adoption Celebration for the Townsends
Adult Bible Study ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy
Men’s Bible Study ~ Matt Uptain
Women’s Bible Study ~ Sheryl Plott
First Kids; Elevate Students

SUNDAY, JULY 13

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

Coffee Fellowship
Sunday School & Bible Study
Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

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: Pool Party

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 23 PrimeTimers: Southern Gospel Quartet Festival
July 30 Russellville City Schools Appreciation Luncheon
August 3 Deacon Election
August 8 Wednesday Night Meals Start Back
August 10 Homecoming

BUDGET GIVING	
Weekly Budget Requirements 2025	\$14,229.38
Budget Receipts ~ June 15	\$7,891.63
Budget Receipts ~ June 22	\$12,211.75
Budget Requirements through June 22	\$355,734.50
Budget Receipts through June 22	\$372,406.84

Chase's Chat

Do you have a specific Bible verse that causes you to be in awe or wonder, no matter how many times you read it? One of these verses for me is 2 Corinthians 5:21, which says, “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” The beauty of this verse, and the beauty of the gospel, is that while we deserved nothing and there was nothing we could do to change our helpless state (because of sin), God sent Jesus. God sent Jesus to glorify Himself, He sent Jesus to live the life we could never live, and He sent Jesus to pay the price for our sins on the cross.

On the cross, though He had never sinned, Jesus bore our sin. On the cross, Jesus was subjected to mockery, insult, and abandonment; yet He freely and willingly took it to glorify the Father and to redeem sinners. He took our cross so that we might no longer be enemies of God, but rather, sons and daughters of God. One of my very favorite quotes, and a quote that I use often, comes from Charles Spurgeon, who once said, “You stand before God as if you were Christ, because Christ stood before God as if He were you.” May we never lose the wonder or awe, brothers and sisters, that if we are in Christ, God no longer sees us or defines us by our sin, but rather, by Christ’s righteousness.

Love you all,
Bro. Chase

PrimeTimers / Elevate Students

Primetimers, this year’s trip to the Southern Gospel Quartet Festival in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, is going to be more exciting than ever! This year, our group will be attending on Wednesday, July 23, at 7:00 p.m. during the FAN FAVORITE NIGHT! Wednesday night’s lineup includes: Mark Trammell Quartet, Karen Peck & New River, Tribute Quartet, Kingsmen, and the Kellys! This is going to be AMAZING!!!! Tickets will only cost \$20 per person. Please sign up as quickly as possible. We will leave Russellville around 3:30 p.m., eat dinner along the way, attend the concert, and return home late that night.

Bro. Joel

Operation Christmas Child: Christmas in July

Choose an envelope or decoration from the Christmas trees to donate to Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

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:

- August 6: Choir starts back @ 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- August 18: Hymn Singing @ 10:30 a.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.

We had an amazing time with our church family at the Trash Pandas baseball game! I am so proud of our choir’s singing of the National Anthem and how our church family shone the light of Jesus! It was a great day!

It has been so amazing to see how the Lord has been moving through our music/education ministry and I cannot wait to see what He has in store for this year!

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:

Lisa Stockton in the death of her mother, Jimmie Lou Nichols;
Brandi Boyd, in the death of her mother, Sherlene Lee

Welcome to our newest members:

Alaina Askins, Lupe Martinez, Sally Moore,
Landon Puckett, & Luke Puckett

Deacon of the Week

June 29-July 5	Larry Gilmer	256-668-3500
July 6-12	Mickey Gerstman	256-412-1394
July 13-19	Ken Farr	256-412-1115
July 20-26	Ricky Hall	256-810-8988
July 27- Aug. 2	Butch Harkness	256-412-4564



THANK YOU for a MAGNIFICENT VBS Week!!

From the excitement of opening night to the joy-filled Family Night celebration, we saw God move in powerful ways. Over the week, we welcomed an average of 95 children into our church to discover more about the bigness of God—even in the smallest of things. That is incredible!

This would not have been possible without YOU—our amazing church family!! Thank you to every volunteer who taught a class, led music, served food, directed traffic, helped with crafts, ran recreation activities, or simply showed up with a smile and a willing heart. Your dedication, energy, and love helped plant seeds of faith that will continue to grow in the hearts of our children.

To end the amazing month of June, a group of our children and adult leaders attended CentriKid Camp at Shocco Springs for fun, worship, learning, and spiritual growth. I pray that each camper will always remember it as a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ.

Thank you again, church family, for your faithfulness in serving our children at RFBC.

Ms. Angela

Memorial / Honorariums

In memory of **Ann Barnett** by: Tommie Bragwell, Cheryl Bradford, Judi Williams
In memory of **Chuck Kelley** by: Tommie Bragwell, Wade & Judy Baker, Cheryl Bradford,
In memory of **Larry Thornton** by: Tommie Bragwell, Cheryl Bradford
In memory of **Daniel Nichols** by: Wade & Judy Baker
In memory of **Ruby Mayfield Calhoun** by: Wade & Judy Baker
In memory of **Opal Dillard** by: Gayle McAlister
In memory of **Peggy Montgomery** by: Cheryl Bradford
In memory of **Jimmie Lou Nichols** by: Butch & Susan Harkness, Gene & Freida Ellison, Terry & Susan Hall
In memory of **Tilda Sumerel** by: Willodean Davis