

# The Church Gathers for Worship

November 23, 2025 @ 9:35 AM



## Order of Worship

The Prelude ..... Musicians  
The Prayer For Thanksgiving ..... Dea. Jeffery Sligh  
Dea. Lonnie Hawthorne

### PRAISE & ADORATION:

The Call to Worship ..... Rev. Marian Hawthorne  
The Invocation/Prayer of Confession ..... Rev. Marian Hawthorne  
The Prayer Response ..... "The Lord's Prayer"  
The Hymn of Praise ..... *Blessed Assurance* ..... Choir/Congregation  
The Greetings ..... Rev. Marian Hawthorne  
The Musical Selection ..... Men of Praise Choir

### CONFESION & FORGIVENESS

The Scripture in Response.. *Psalms 116: 1-12 NIV.*.. Rev. Marian Hawthorne

### THANKSGIVING

The Offertory Prayer & Period of Giving ..... Pastor Simmons  
The Pastoral Reflections ..... Pastor Simmons  
The Behavioral Health Presentation ..... Sis. Janice Alford

### HEARING FROM GOD

The Musical Selection ..... Men of Praise Choir  
The Spoken Word ..... "Expressing My Gratitude To God" ..... Pastor Simmons  
The Call to Discipleship ..... Pastor Simmons  
The Hymn of Invitation ..... "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"  
The Call to Prayer ..... Min. MacArthur Black  
The Hymn of Benediction ..... "I Need You To Survive"  
The Benediction ..... Pastor Simmons

## HYMN OF INVITATION

### "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

#### Verse 1

*I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus – No turning back, no turning back!*

#### Verse 2

*Tho no one join me, still I will follow, Tho no one join me, still I will follow, Tho no one join me, still I will follow – No turning back, No turning back!*

#### Verse 3

*The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me – No turning back, No turning back!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### REMINDER!

*Don't forget to sign the Attendance Card located on the clipboard on your pew.*

### Join Us for RFBC Sunday School - Sundays @ 8:30 AM

We're excited to relaunch our Sunday School Ministry and we'd love to see you there! Come grow with us as we explore God's Word together in a friendly and welcoming setting. Here's what you'll find:

- Clear and practical teaching that connects the Bible to everyday life
- ▢ Supportive relationships that encourage and strengthen one another
- ▢ Classes for all ages—so bring the whole family!

**Operation Christmas Child** collection week runs from Nov. 17th-24th Drop-Off Dates & Times are: November 23<sup>rd</sup> 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM, November 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Save the Date for a Servant of God. On Sunday 12/14/25, RFBC will honor and recognize Pastor T. E. Simmons, Lady Angela Simmons and the Simmons Family for 42 Years of service to our church family and community. Each member is asked to join us for worship and to make a sacrificial gift of \$42 representing a dollar for each year. (Or give what you can). We honor our pastor for his exemplary leadership, commitment to excellence, compassion, faithful ministry to the body of Christ, and his devotion to this church and community.

### Christmas Fellowship Dinner

Greetings RFBC Family you are invited to our 2025, Christmas Fellowship Dinner that will be held on Sunday, December 21, 2025, 11:30AM in the Family Life Center. To secure a space(s) for you and your family please register via the RFBC app or sign-up outside the Admin Assistant office. Deadline for signups is Monday, December 15, 2025. In addition, volunteers from middle school up, are needed to assist in supporting our 2025 Christmas fellowship dinner. Please sign up outside the admin office to participate. Finally, persons that want to share their culinary skills may sign up to bring their favorite Christmas dessert. Deadline for signup is Wednesday, 12/17/2025. Set up of the FLC is schedule for Thursday 12/18/25 @ 9:00AM.

### We're Back! UCAA 2025-2026 Basketball Season

Registration is now open for the upcoming basketball season!

Registration Fee: \$50 per person (deadline is 12/18/25)

Age Groups: 4-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-18

Practice Times: Week of 11/17, Week of 12/1, 12/8, & 12/15

\* Monday & Tuesday: Ages 12-14 (6-7 PM), Ages 15-18 (7-8 PM)

\* Thursday: Ages 4-5 & 6-8 (6-7 PM), Ages 9-11 (7-8 PM)

Volunteers Needed: We are seeking dedicated Coaches, Bookkeepers, Scoreboard Operators, and Concession Attendants.

How to Register: Sign up on the church app or visit [www.reedyforkbaptist.org](http://www.reedyforkbaptist.org)

Questions? Contact Deacon Eugene Williams at 864-906-8305 or Angela Simmons at 864-275-4745. We look forward to your participation!

Thank you Pastor Simmons & The RFBC Family for your calls, visits, and compassion during my time of illness. Words cannot express how thankful we are. May God bless you all. Sincerely, Helen Hawthorne & Family.

Thank you Pastor Simmons & The RFBC Family for your kind words, flowers, cards, and prayer during our time of sorrow. The love you have shown our family has given us much comfort and touched us deeply. We appreciate your heartfelt expressions of sympathy and support. With Gratitude, The Family of Ulysses S.G. Sweeney, III

## RFBC WEEK AT A GLANCE: NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2025 – NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

TIME	MINISTRY	LOCATION
<b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup></b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>Wade/Cassandra Garrett</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622
8:30 AM	Sunday School	Classrooms
9:35 AM	Sunday Morning Worship	FLC, RFBC App, & Facebook Livestream
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Operation Xmas Child Drop-Off	Room #201
<b>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup></b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>Avery/Keesha Thomas</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Church Office Hours	Administrative Building
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Janice Alford-Grief Counseling	Community Office
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Operation Xmas Child Drop-Off	Room #201
<b>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup></b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>Mary Evans</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Church Office Hours	Administrative Building
6:30 PM	Voices of Praise Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> (OFFICE CLOSED)</b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>Alicia/Mallory Watson</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622
<b>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> HAPPY THANKSGIVING – OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>Cleveland/Angela Beaufort</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622
<b>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> (OFFICE CLOSED)</b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>Bradley/Winnical Robinson</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622
<b>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup></b>		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	<b>Eric/Penny Robinson</b>	267-807-9605, 769-622
11:00 AM	Voices of Praise Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>HOSPITAL/CONVALESCENT CENTER</b>		
Sis. MARY DENNIS Sis. MARY GARRETT	N.H.C. MAULDIN, 850 E. BUTLER RD. GREENVILLE, SC 29607 WINDSOR HOUSE, 1931 PELHAM RD. GREENVILLE, SC 29615	
<b>PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT IN</b>		
Lorraine Barksdale Evelyn Burts Bobby Chapman Sarah Chapman Brittany Copeland Ray Dennis Jerry Earl Lonnie Epps	Dorlee Evans Mary Evans Barbara Harris Joe G. Hawthorne Tamica Hawthorne Clarence Henderson David Lewers Sr. Willie R. Lewers.	Reginald Logan Jr Jennifer McKinney Mattie McKinney Aimee Nava Linda Faye Nelson Elizabeth Robertson Freddie Robertson Melvina Robertson Albert Sweeney Connie Robinson
Eric Robinson Genevenia Robinson Kenneth Robinson Vanessa Robinson Ruby Rosemond Gail Samons Joyce Shockley Jessie Thomason		

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** God shines into the shadows of our world.

**Congregation:** The sun of God's mercy and strength bathes all creation.

**Leader:** Blessed be the Holy One,

**Congregation:** Who looks upon us with love and mercy.

**Leader:** Blessed be the Holy One,

**Congregation:** Who sent us a Savior to rescue us from despair.

**Leader:** Blessed be the Holy One and God's beloved Child.

**Congregation:** Who rules in a realm of forgiveness and peace.

**Leader:** Blessed be the Holy One,

**All:** Who is worthy of our worship.

## THE SCRIPTURE IN RESPONSE: PSALMS 116: 1-12 (NIV)

**Leader:** 1 I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

**Congregation:** 2 Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

**Leader:** 3 The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

**Congregation:** 4 Then I called on the name of the LORD: "LORD, save me!"

**Leader:** 5 The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

**Congregation:** 6 The LORD protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.

**Leader:** 7 Return to your rest, my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.

**Congregation:** 8 For you, LORD, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,

**Leader:** 9 that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

**Congregation:** 10 I trusted in the LORD when I said, "I am greatly afflicted";

**Leader:** 11 in my alarm I said, "Everyone is a liar."

**All:** 12 What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me?

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Enter to Worship

Depart to Serve

## Psalms 116: 1-12 (NIV)

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*vs. 12 What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me?*

## Our Mission

This church seeks to glorify God by **Reaching** people for Christ; providing **Teaching** opportunities for them to grow in Christ; **Ministering** to the needs of the congregation, community, and the world; devoted to enjoying **Fellowship** of one another, and continually **Worshipping** together.



## Our Vision

*"Reaching The Unchurched For Christ"*

Come walk with us; we will do thee good!