



The resurrection of Jesus is, for Christians, the heart of history, the flashpoint from which everything is reordered. It is the beginning of the new thing that God is up to, defeating death and initiating the new Creation, which God will bring to full fruition in God's own time. The season of Eastertide lasts 50 days, because importance of the resurrection is too vast to be contained within one day. Thank you for joining us as we continue to celebrate the risen Christ. We hope you will share with us in worship each Sunday during Eastertide.

During May, we are collecting \$1 bills as part of our offering to be used to help fund items needed by our community, such as prescription medications, bus passes, and gas vouchers that are not covered through our Benevolence Fund. Last Sunday we received \$169.

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The Volunteer State Missions Offering (VSMO) of the Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (TCBF) is used to help fund these ministry efforts around the state: Samaritan Ministry (Knoxville), Olive Branch Ministries (Scott County), Neverfail Community Church (Sparta), and Welcome House (Knoxville) as well as regional ministries. Our church is encouraging **gifts to this offering** through the **end of May** as part of our celebration of the Easter season. You may donate online or by designating "VSMO" on your offering envelope.

Register now for Vacation Bible School, June 5-9, 9:00am – noon!

Go to our website and click on "event registration" in the top bar.

Sign up to volunteer! bit.ly/fbcvols2023 or you may contact Lizzie Alford (lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org / 423.648.2542).

Help us gather items for our South Africa Mission Trip, June 30 – July 11.

A collection bin is outside the church office and the current *Gateway* includes a detailed list of products needed. In addition, you may "sponsor a bin" for \$40 each (nine are needed), and make monetary donations to help with renovation projects. Our group will be doing renovations, yard work, and playground refurbishing for Pastor Musa's church in Emmaus. Please indicate "South Africa Supplies" on your donation.

After worship on Sunday, May 21, everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a **shared meal, a brief church conference, and time to enjoy being a church family.** Chicken, macaroni & cheese, as well as baked beans are being provided. We ask that you bring a dish to share with others (side and/or dessert that doesn't need to be warmed). These can be dropped off on the 21st at the Fellowship Hall entrance between 9:00-9:45 and 10:30-10:50AM. Someone will meet you to receive and transport your goodies.

Help celebrate our SFA students' achievements! Join us for the **School of Fine Arts Spring Recital Sunday, May 21,** at 2:30PM in the Chapel. This recital culminates with the awarding of the Maxine Polston Memorial Piano Scholarship. The recipient receives a full scholarship for private lessons for the 2023-2024 academic year. There will be a reception in the Parlor following the recital.

Join us for a churchwide picnic at Dogwood, Sunday, May 28, 6:00PM.

All are welcome! Bring enough food to share and come early to enjoy fellowship and outdoor activities. **Family Camp at Dogwood** is available from Friday, May 26 - Monday, May 29. To make reservations, please contact Lizzie Alford (lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org / 423.648.2542). There is an overnight fee for use of the lodge or tent camping of \$10/person/night. RV spots are available for \$20/RV/night. Dogwood Lodge is located at 1900 Lee Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 14

- 9:15 am Adult Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time – Lobby
- 10:30 am Library Open
- 10:50 am Songs of Community – Sanctuary
- 11:00 am Worship

Tuesday, May 16

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – E211
- 5:00 pm Investment Committee – Conference Room
- 6:30 pm GriefShare – E217

Wednesday, May 17

- 11:00 am FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation
- 5:30 pm Fellowship Time (BYOF) – Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 pm Preschool Music/Missions – E107
- 6:15 pm Children's Choir – E111
- 6:15 pm Youth Gathering – Youth Area
- 6:15 pm Epiphanies (study/discussion group) – E217
- 6:15 pm Midweek Study (Pastor led) – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Gym Time (School-aged kids/youth) – Gym

Thursday, May 18

- 4:00 pm Finance Committee (via Zoom)

Sunday, May 21

- 9:15 am Adult Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time – Lobby
- 10:30 am Library Open
- 10:50 am Songs of Community – Sanctuary
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Churchwide Meal & Conference – Fellowship Hall
- 2:30 pm SFA Spring Recital – Chapel
- 4:30 pm Youth Choir Puerto Rico Prep & Supper – FH200



With this QR code, you can make a donation to our budget, pay for event tickets, give to a mission opportunity, and more. Please contact the church office with any questions.



Our congregation partners with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and CBF of Tennessee. cbf.net



Worship Leaders

- Dr. Thomas Quisenberry -----Senior Pastor
- Rev. Jeff Parker-----Minister of Music and Worship
- Rev. Michael Sepulveda-----Minister of Children and Youth
- Mr. Vic Oakes -----Music Leader
- Ms. Cheryl McAfee -----Organ
- Ms. Jenny Parker-----Piano

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Chattanooga, Tennessee
 May 14, 2023

*As you enter, please pick up a card and write a prayer concern on the back.
Some of these will be read aloud during our Prayers of the Community.
At the beginning of the first hymn, someone will come down
all three aisles to collect the cards. Thank you for your participation.*

GATHERING

SONGS OF COMMUNITY *Grady Worley, piano*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE *KING'S WESTON, arr. Lind*
At the Name of Jesus

GREETING *Thomas Quisenberry*

The hospitality of God knows no bounds.
The love of God is immeasurable.
The generosity and favor of God is beyond our wildest dreams.
We gather together today:
**as invited ones,
as beloved ones,
as blessed ones.**
We come as individuals, yet God unites us as one.
So, welcome!
May we meet God in new and surprising ways today.

APPROACH

*HYMN 4 *TO GOD BE THE GLORY*
To God Be the Glory
(All children are invited to come forward during the final stanza.)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION *Vic Oakes*

CHILDREN'S TIME *Michael Sepulveda*

GOSPEL READING *Maria Stinnett*
John 14:15-21 (NRSV)
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF ASSURANCE *Maria Stinnett*

God, our Holy Parent, watches over us with love and deep compassion.
We have not been orphaned.
Jesus, our sibling, leads us by truth, in word and deed.
We have not been orphaned.
The Holy Spirit, our companion, breathes with us day and night.
We have not been orphaned.
The community of the faithful supports us in this time and space.
We have not been orphaned.
The Word of Hope that reaches from the past and into the future,
unites us throughout time.
We have not been orphaned.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 338 *FOUNDATION*
How Firm a Foundation

PROCLAMATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Thomas Quisenberry*
Acts 17:22-31
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *Thomas Quisenberry*
Rethinking the World

RESPONSE

*HYMN 51 *ST. ANNE*
Creator God, Creating Still

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY *Thomas Quisenberry*
**Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR GIVING *Dan Mayfield*

God has created us in God's image.
As we celebrate this gift, may our giving enable us
to reveal God's presence around our city and our world.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Wilby*

If Ye Love Me
Adult Choir
If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter,
that He may abide with you for ever; e'en the Spirit of Truth.
And ye know Him,
for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS *OLD 100TH*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
Him, all creatures here be - low; praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n - ly
host; praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Dan Mayfield*

*WORK OF THE CHURCH *Thomas Quisenberry*

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*BENEDICTION *Thomas Quisenberry*

*RESPONSE *ACCLAMATIONS*

**This is the threefold truth on which our faith depends,
and with this joyful cry worship begins and ends:**

Christ has died! Christ is ris-en! Christ will come a - gain!

POSTLUDE *Shaw*

Recessional for Organ

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

*Please stand, if able.

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