



Here in this place, there are no foreigners, for all are welcome in God's house.  
 Here in this worship, there is only acceptance, for love is the language of faith.  
 Here in our lives, there are no divisions, for God dwells in each of us.

Thank you for joining us for worship today. It is our truest desire that you feel at home here. The green displayed in our Sanctuary represents growth, indicating the current season of our church year (often called Ordinary Time) during which we look to God to help us strengthen our faith and our service.

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**The Fall Festival is next Sunday, October 29, 4:00-6:30PM!** There are so many ways you can be involved in making this an amazing event for our young people: you can represent your Sunday School class by entering your best chili recipe in the chili cook-off; get together with your family or friends and decorate your vehicle for the Trunk-or-Treat; or help run some of our fun games where you'll get to laugh and have fun with the kids who show up for the Fall Festival! We'll once again have live music, a photobooth, and food and drinks! This is an event not just for the kids but for everyone. Come out, enjoy the evening, and be a part of the festivities. If you want to sign up your chili or your trunk, look for the sign-up sheet in your Sunday School class or if you want to help with games or food contact Lizzie Alford (423.648.2542/lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org).

**The 2024 Proposed Budget** has been emailed to active church members. Copies of the summary are available in the Narthex and Lobby. If you'd like to have a more detailed copy, go to the MEMBERS section on our website or see a staff member. **Opportunities to discuss** the proposed 2024 budget with Finance Committee representatives will be available on Wednesday, October 25, at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall, and on Sunday, October 29, from 10:30-10:50AM in the Conference Room. **The church vote** on the proposed 2024 budget will be at the conclusion of worship on Sunday, November 5.

**The slate of deacons nominated to serve for 2024-2026 has been selected** and is available in the current *Gateway*. Both Angie Johnson and Jordyn Parker are candidates for ordination. The Ordination Council will be held on Wednesday, November 1, at 6:15PM in the Fellowship Hall. Church affirmation of the slate of deacons will be at the conclusion of worship on Sunday, November 5. The Service of Ordination and Blessing will be on Sunday, November 19.

**Join the FBC Golf Tour** for round two at Moccasin Bend Golf Club on Saturday, October 28. Tee time is 8:00AM and the guest fee is \$40. Contact Bob Martin (423.842.2089) for more information.

**Surviving the Holidays, a ministry of GriefShare**, deals with difficult issues for those who have lost a loved one by death. We invite you to attend this support group that uses a professional video, survival guide and discussion. This free seminar is planned for Saturday, November 12, from 10:00AM-noon in E217. Register online at [fbcchattanooga.org/griefshare](http://fbcchattanooga.org/griefshare). For additional information, please contact Jim Schwall (423.280.7998).

**The CHATT Foundation** (formerly the Community Kitchen) is **using our kitchen** every day now through November 3 while they upgrade and remodel the Edith Yantis Kitchen at their facility. While here, they are cooking two meals a day which are transported back to their facility for serving the homeless and others in need.



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

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 22

- 9:15 am Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite
- 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
- 4:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal – FH200
- 5:15 pm Parent/Youth Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 5:15 pm Youth Supper – Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study – Youth Area
- 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite

### Monday, October 23

- 5:30 pm Moving Forward CJC Classes – Lower Chapel Area

### Tuesday, October 24

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – C102

### Wednesday, October 25

- 10:00 am BetterFi – E210
- 5:30 pm Fellowship Time (BYOF) – Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 pm 2024 Proposed Budget Discussion – 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/action) – E217
- 6:15 pm Midweek Bible Study (Pastor led) – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Gym Time (School-Age Kids/Youth)
- 7:30 pm House & Grounds Cmte – Conference Room

### Thursday, October 26

- 8:45 pm Fall Foliage Excursion Departs – Kentucky

### Friday, October 27

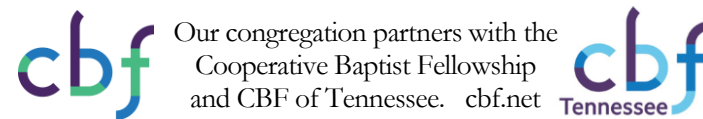
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- 10:50 am Songs of Community – Sanctuary
- 11:00 am Worship
- 4:00 pm Fall Festival – Front Lawn
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite



### Worship Leaders

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry-----Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Jeff Parker-----Minister of Music and Worship  
 Rev. Michael Sepulveda-----Minister of Children and Youth  
 Mr. Ethan McGrath-----Organ  
 Ms. Jenny Parker-----Piano



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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Chattanooga, Tennessee  
 October 22, 2023

## GATHERING

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

*Mark Mardis*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

McGrath

*Chorale Prelude on WUNDERBARER KÖNIG*

GREETING

*Thomas Quisenberry*

Welcome this day to the house of our God.

**We are greeted in peace and in love.**

Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.

**We worship in hope and with grace.**

Welcome this day to our community of faith,

**Where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.**

Friends, let us worship God.

## APPROACH

\*HYMN 20

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

(All children are invited to come forward during the final stanza.)

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Jeff Parker*

CHILDREN'S TIME

*Michael Sepulveda*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Rose Thomas*

*Exodus 33:12-23 (NRSV)*

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

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*Rock of Ages*

Adult Choir

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
these for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgement throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

PRAYER OF ASSURANCE

*Rose Thomas*

Keeper of every moment in eternity:

we come, not only to hear the words which can transform us,  
but to be filled with your grace and hope.

**We have come, not out of habit, but to respond to your call,  
willing to be called away from the familiar ways of our lives.**

When uncertainty fills every block in our daily planners,  
**You come to offer that hope which anchors us in your heart;  
to place our feet firmly on that Rock called peace;  
to bring us safely to that haven filled with your steadfast love.**

God in Community, Holy in One, Rock of every age,  
we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

\*HYMN 406

SOLID ROCK

*The Solid Rock*

## PROCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING

*Thomas Quisenberry*

*Matthew 22:15-22 (NRSV)*

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

*Thomas Quisenberry*

*Because He Lives*

## RESPONSE

\*HYMN 275

SURRENDER

*I Surrender All*

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

*Thomas Quisenberry*

PREPARATION FOR GIVING

*Rusty Rouse*

“Give to God the things that are God’s.”

We are God’s people, created in God’s image.

Everything we are, and all that we have, comes from God.

Out of gratitude for God’s rich blessings, bring your offering and gifts.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rutter

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

\*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

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

*Rusty Rouse*

\*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

Bach

*Chorale Prelude on JESU, MEINE FREUDE, BWV 610*

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

\*Please stand, if able.

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