



Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda, secundum verbum Dei –
The church reformed, always being reformed,
according to the word of God.

Today is Reformation Sunday, a day when we celebrate the action of Martin Luther and others who recognized the shortcomings of the church and called on it to reform. In celebrating these actions, we recognize that the church and those who comprise its community are called to a life of reform, knowing that our understanding and vision are never complete. It is a journey, and we are grateful you have joined us today for worship as part of that journey.

If you would like to know more about being a member of First Baptist or about making a profession of faith, please see Thomas Quisenberry in the Narthex after the service. A time will be arranged when you can speak together about the next steps to take in finding your place in our church family.

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The Fall Festival is this afternoon, 4:00-6:30PM!

We'll have games, face painting, trunk or treating, live music, a photobooth, and food (with a chili cook-off) and drinks! This is an event for everyone. Come out, enjoy the evening, and be a part of the festivities.

The 2024 Proposed Budget is available online by going to the MEMBERS section on our website (or see a staff member for a hard copy). There is an **opportunity to discuss** the proposed 2024 budget with a Finance Committee representative this morning from 10:30-10:50AM in the Conference Room. **The church vote** on the proposed 2024 budget is 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*. Angie Johnson comes as a candidate 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.

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 11, from 10:00AM-noon in E217. Register online at fbchattanooga.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 29

- 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
- 10:30 am 2024 Proposed Budget Discussion – Conference Room
- 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

Tuesday, October 31

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – C102

Wednesday, November 1

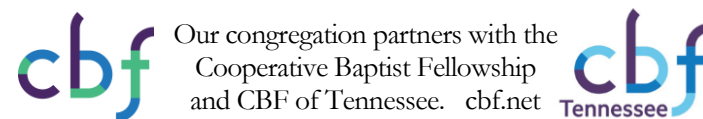
- 10:00 am BetterFi – E210
- 11:00 am FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation
- 5:30 pm Fellowship Time (BYOF) – Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 pm Preschool Music/Missions – E107
- 6:15 pm Children’s Choir – E111
- 6:15 pm Youth Gathering – Youth Area
- 6:15 pm Deacon Ordination Council – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Gym Time (School-Age Kids/Youth)

Thursday, November 2

- 2:00 pm Shower Ministry – Rec Center Area

Sunday, November 5

- 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
- 12:15 pm Deacon Council Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 4:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal – FH200
- 5:30 pm Youth Supper – Youth Area
- 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study – Youth Area
- 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite



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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 29, 2023

GATHERING

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

Jordan Otis, soprano

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Pachelbel

Chorale Prelude on EIN' FESTE BURG

GREETING

Thomas Quisenberry

We come from many backgrounds.
We come from many generations.
 We come from many spiritual walks.
We come from many experiences.
 Let us celebrate our unity in Christ.
Let us celebrate our diversity in Christ.

APPROACH

*HYMN 14

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
 (All children are invited to come forward during the final stanza.)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Thomas Quisenberry

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michael Sepulveda

PSALM READING

Sean Pickett

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17 (NRSV)
 The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

REFORMATION PRAYER

Sean Pickett

On this Reformation Sunday,
we pray for harmony, knowing that unity is central to your being.
 We pray for all our siblings in Christ, confessing it is mainly culture,
 political polarization, and familial customs that separate us.
 As your church, preserve us from our desire for earthly monuments and keep
 us from wasting our precious time wringing our hands over self-preservation.
Re-direct us from worshipping the past.
 Through the gift of baptism you have called each one of us
to use our God-given gifts to reflect your grace and glory,
to impact this world for Christ's sake,
and to enable all our neighbors to flourish in this world you so love.

To that end, help us to rejoice in the legacy of the Reformation,
 and to be a church that embraces our role in the public sphere
 alongside Christians of other traditions and people of other faiths.

In our life together, make us a likeness of your beloved community.
 And outside the walls of our community of faith, enable each of us to pursue
 a life, not of completion, but one that looks to the future with confidence.

**This confidence comes from knowing
 that your Holy Spirit will continue to direct us
 toward a life of compassion, justice and inclusion.**

Until then, may we be "reformed and always being reformed,"
 not as a principle, but according to your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 51

ST. ANNE

Creator God, Creating Still

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Thomas Quisenberry

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Matthew 22:34-46 (NRSV)

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

ANTHEM

Miller

I Choose Love
 Youth Choir

In the midst of pain, I choose love.
 In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
 I await the sun again, I choose love.
 In the midst of war, I choose peace.
 In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,
 I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.
 When my world falls down, I will rise.
 When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,
 I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.

MESSAGE

Thomas Quisenberry

What If They Are the Same Thing?

RESPONSE

*HYMN 489

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Michael Sepulveda

PREPARATION FOR GIVING

Sandra Longer

Through the gifts that we place in these baskets
 and the offerings that we give of our time and talents,
 we seek to grow the work of God's ministry.
 Let us continue to find creative ways to contribute.
 And may our Still-Speaking-God call us to not only build
 but reform Christ's church. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Mozart

Laudate Dominum (Praise the Lord)

Adult Choir; Jordan Otis, solo

(translation)

O praise the Lord, all ye nations; extol him, all ye populace;
 great is his kindness toward us, his love is great toward us;
 great is his love, ours everlastingly; faithful is our God forever.
 Glory to the Father and to the Son, glory be to the Spirit.
 As it was, shall be forevermore, world without end. Amen.

*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

Sandra Longer

*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

EIN' FESTE BURG, arr. Payne

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

*Please stand, if able.

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