



Today is World Communion Sunday, where congregations throughout the world and across denominational lines share in joy around the table. In an increasingly globalized world, where differences can be divisive, sharing in the elements of the Lord's Supper is the quiet constant that unites believers of Christ – that grace, redemption and healing are afforded through the simple sharing of sacred bread and cup. It is our prayer that each one present will find great meaning as we share in this celebration with believers throughout the world.

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Today is World Communion Sunday and is being observed as part of worship. After worship, **join us for a meal in the Fellowship Hall** as we continue in community as a church family around the table. As we fellowship, we'll enjoy all the wonderful foods you've brought to share.

Congratulations to Thomas Quisenberry, our Senior Pastor, who commemorated his 14th anniversary with us on October 4; to Patty Spells, Church Administrative Assistant, who observed her 2nd anniversary with us on September 26; and to Sharon Wilkins, Custodian, who celebrated 11 years with us on September 30. We are extremely grateful for your ministry and service among us!

We received \$305.70 for the **Benevolence Fund** on Sunday, September 22, to be used for food boxes provided through vouchers to the Chattanooga Area Food Bank as well as grants for rent and utilities each month. You are welcome to donate to this fund at any time via online giving (use the QR code below) or by noting Benevolence Fund on your offering envelope. Thank you for your generosity.

Mark Your Calendar!

- Sunday, October 13, Fall Break, no youth evening activities
- Wednesday, October 16, Fall Break, no evening activities
- Sunday, October 27, Fall Festival, 5:00-6:30PM – NOTE NEW TIME

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) invites us to join other partner churches in the **Week of Prayer for Global Missions**, October 6-12. Plan to check social media for exciting every day content. You can find a prayer guide to use individually or in small groups [here](#). We are grateful for your prayers!

How to Help: Hurricane Helene took a devastating path through Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Here are some steps to take in order to support our brothers and sisters in Christ whose lives, congregations, and communities have been indescribably impacted:

1. through your prayers,
2. giving via CBF Disaster Response,
3. through assembly of disaster response buckets,
4. the purchasing of water filters, and
5. by preparing yourself and your congregation for volunteer opportunities.



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 6

- 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Youth 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 – Communion
- 12:15 pm Churchwide Meal – 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

Tuesday, October 8

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – E211
- 5:30 pm Moving Forward CJC Classes – Lower Chapel Area

Wednesday, October 9

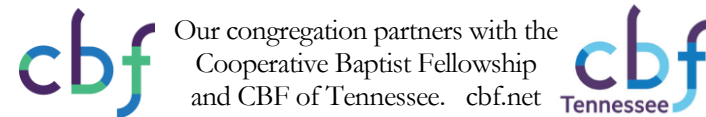
- 10:00 am BetterFi – E210
- 5:30 pm Fellowship Time (BYOF) – Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 pm Preschool Music/Missions – E107
- 6:15 pm Children's Choir – E111
- 6:15 pm Youth Gathering – Youth Area
- 6:15 pm Epiphanies (study/discussion/action) – E217
- 6:15 pm Midweek Bible Study (Pastor led) – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Gym Time (School-aged kids/youth) – Gym
- 7:15 pm Bylaws Committee – E211
- 7:15 pm House & Grounds Cmte – Conference Room

Friday, October 11

- 9:00 am Habitat for Humanity Workday – Off Campus

Sunday, October 13

- 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
- 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite
- No Youth Activities



Worship Leaders

- Dr. Thomas Quisenberry-----Senior Pastor
- Rev. Jeff Parker-----Minister of Music and Worship
- Rev. Michael Sepulveda-----Minister of Children and Youth
- Ms. Jeanne Alley-----Vocals
- Mr. Reggie Alley-----Vocals
- Ms. Jenny Parker-----Piano
- Mr. Bryan Laseter-----Guitar
- Mr. John Echols-----Bass
- Mr. David Hixson-----Cajon

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Chattanooga, Tennessee
 October 6, 2024

GATHERING

SONGS OF COMMUNITY *Jessica Nunn, violin*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GREETING *Thomas Quisenberry*

Friends, this is the joyful feast of unity.
**Christ has gathered his people around the earth
 to commune at this table.**

Across political lines and economic lines,
 in places of powerfully protected affluence,
 and among the poorest of the poor,
**we share a meal,
 remembering and celebrating the One
 who proved inclusive love is possible.**

Come, come with your doubts, come with your hopes,
 come with your inadequacies and with your strengths.

We come, for at this table all are invited and all are welcome.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Morris*
As for Me and My House
 Youth Choir

APPROACH

PRAYER OF ADORATION *Thomas Quisenberry*

PSALM READING *Libbie Weaver*

Psalm 8 (NRSV)

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

ANTHEM *Forrest*

Psalm 8
(Adonai, Adonenu: Lord, our Lord)
 Adult Choir

Adonai, Adonenu.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and stars, that you have set in place,
 what are mortals? What are mortals that you care for them, O Lord?

*HYMN *HOLY MANNA*

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table
 (All children are invited to come forward during the final stanza.)
 (Please see insert.)

CHILDREN'S TIME *Emma Mullins*

PROCLAMATION

EPISTLE READING *Thomas Quisenberry*

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 (NRSV)
 The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *Thomas Quisenberry*

Above All

INVITATION TO THE TABLE *Angerman & Martin*

At the Table of the Lord
 Youth Choir

At the table of the Lord there is hope.
 At the table of the Lord there is joy.
 Come and take your place at the banquet of grace.
 There is room at the table for you.

At the table of the Lord there is peace.
 At the table of the Lord there is love.
 And though many have come, there is still room for one,
 there is room at the table for you.

At the table of the Lord there is rest for the weary.
 At the table of the Lord there is strength for the soul.
 At the table of the Lord there is comfort and mercy,
 and the lives that are broken can all be made whole.

At the table of the Lord there is life.
 At the table of the Lord there is grace.
 The meal is prepared; no cost has been spared.
 There is room at the table for you.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION *Thomas Quisenberry*

RESPONSE

*HYMN *SAN ANSELMO*

Together We Serve
 (Please see insert.)

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY *Jeff Parker*

PREPARATION FOR GIVING *Emma Mullins*

There is unity at this table,
 unity in this place, and unity with our sisters and brothers around the world.
 As we experienced grace and renewal around the table,
 may our gifts demonstrate our unity and strengthen our ministry.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERING *Guerra and McCracken*

The Kingdom of Jesus

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS *OLD 100TH*

Praise God, the Source of life and birth; praise God, the Word, who
 came to earth; praise God, the Spi - rit, ho - ly flame; all
 glo - ry, hon - or to God's name! A - men.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Emma Mullins*

WORK OF THE CHURCH *Thomas Quisenberry*

Vote on Finance Committee Request: Ministry Fund

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*BENEDICTION *Thomas Quisenberry*

*PARTING RESPONSE *GREEN TYLER*

**Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
 Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
 Christ in the hearts of all who know me:**

O Christ, sur - round me, O Christ, sur - round me.

*Please stand, if able.

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Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

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

Look who gathers at Christ's table,
hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping, some are laughing,
some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited,
burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome;
there is room for everyone.

Clouds of Light surround the table,
ancient followers appear,
saints confessing how they've wrestled
with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
Peter tells of his denying
Christ was ever in his sight.
Paul relates his fruitless effort
to obliterate the Light.

Their sad stories are repeated
in a thousand different ways.
But they share one thing in common;
they all end in thanks and praise
for the host who has invited
north and south and east and west
to converge around this table
where all life is fed and blest.

Bring your joy and bring your sadness;
and prepare to be surprised
by the host whose hands are wounded,
who will open wide your eyes
when He blesses bread and breaks it,
truth and manna from above,
and then passes wine that wakens
in your heart the taste of love.

Together We Serve

The musical score for 'Together We Serve' is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are as follows:

To geth - er we serve, u -
We seek to be - come a
We wel - come the scarred, the
To geth - er, by grace, we
nit - ed by love, in - vit - ing God's
bea - con of hope, a lamp for the
wealth - y, the poor, the bus - y, the
wit - ness and work, re - mem - ber - ing
world to the glo - ri - ous feast. We
heart and a light for the feet. We
lone - ly, and all who need care. We
Je - sus, in whom we grow strong. To -
work and we pray through sor - row and
learn, year by year, to let love shine
of - fer a home to those who will
geth - er we serve in Spir - it and
joy, ex - tend - ing your love to the
through un - til we see Christ in each
come, our hands quick to help, our hearts
truth, re - mem - ber - ing love is the
last and the least.
per - - - son we meet.
read - - - y to dare.
strength of our song.

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