



*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.

We welcome back Dr. Wesley Roberts as our guest organist. He served as a member of the music faculty at Campbellsville University from 1982-2022, teaching courses in piano, organ, and musicology. Additionally, he has presented concerts as pianist and organist throughout the U.S. as well as in Europe and China. Along with his wife Sida, the two have jointly served in various church music positions. We are so thankful to have him as a leader in worship today.

If you would like to know more about becoming 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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You are invited to join us in a reception for Michael Sepulveda, thanking him for 13 years of ministry here at First Baptist, this afternoon from 3:30-5:30PM in the Fellowship Hall.

The Fall Festival is just a week away, Sunday, October 27, 5:00-6:30PM! 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! **The deadline to sign up for these has been extended to Wednesday, October 23.** Contact Lizzie Alford in the church office (lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org/423-648-2542). We'll once again have music, face painting, a photo booth, 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.

How to Help: Recent hurricanes have taken devastating paths through Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. As a church, we're participating in CBF Disaster Response by putting together **Cleanup Bucket Kits**. Directions for the kits are available in the current *Gateway*; or printed lists are available on the credenza in the Narthex and on the table near the church office. The approximate cost of each completed bucket is \$100. Please bring the completed Cleanup Bucket Kits to church for **collection on Sunday, October 27**, either during Worship or during the Fall Festival. You may also donate items from the list that go into these Kits. Those items will be used to pack additional Cleanup Bucket Kits on Wednesday, October 30, at 6:15PM. Another helpful option is to donate the cost of one or more Cleanup Bucket Kits to [Donate to CBF Hurricane Relief \(classy.org\)](https://www.classy.org)

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 20

- 9:10 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
- 3:30 pm Reception for Michael Sepulveda – 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 22

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

Wednesday, October 23

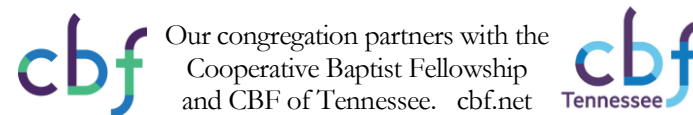
- 10:00 am BetterFi – E210
- 5:30 pm Fellowship Time (BYOF) – Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 pm Preschool Music/Missions – E107
- 6:15 pm Children's Choir – E111
- 6:15 pm Youth Gathering – Youth Area
- 6:15 pm Epiphanies (study/discussion/action) – E217
- 6:15 pm Midweek Study (Pastor led) – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Gym Time (School-Age Kids/Youth)

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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.



Worship Leaders

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry -----Senior Pastor
 Rev. Jeff Parker-----Minister of Music and Worship
 Dr. Wesley Roberts-----Organ
 Ms. Jenny Parker-----Piano

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Chattanooga, Tennessee
 October 20, 2024

*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

John Echols

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Walther

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

GREETING

Thomas Quisenberry

Look at the heavens, stretched out like a tent!
Listen to the winds, the messengers of God.
Gaze at autumn's changing colors, painted for us.
Reflect on God's mountains, majestic and strong.
Blessing and honor to our Creator God!
Majesty and praise to the One who gives us life!

APPROACH

ANTHEM

arr. A. Parker

Ye Boundless Realms of Joy

Ye boundless realms of joy, exalt your Maker's fame,
his praise your songs employ above the starry frame.
Your voices raise, ye cherubim and seraphim, to sing his praise.

United zeal be shown his wondrous fame to raise,
whose glorious name alone deserves our endless praise;
Earth's utmost ends his pow'r obey, his glorious sway the sky transcends.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Thomas Quisenberry

*HYMN 14

LOBE DEN HERREN

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

John Echols

GOSPEL READING

Rose Thomas

Mark 10:35-45 (NRSV)
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rose Thomas

God with us,
when we privilege our own agendas,
hurt others in the effort to impose our will,
or chain ourselves to our fears,
**tumble us off the throne of our pride,
and release us into finding our worth in your love.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
you know us, you love us, you free us,
and then you call us to follow you.
Your mercy meets us in our wandering;
may your spirit meet us in our living.
Amen.

*HYMN 294

ADELAIDE

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

PROCLAMATION

PSALM READING

Thomas Quisenberry

Psalm 91:9-16 (NRSV)

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

MESSAGE

Thomas Quisenberry

Refuge in the Storm

RESPONSE

*HYMN 410

VILLE DU HARVE

It Is Well with My Soul

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Jeff Parker

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on 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, forever. Amen.

PREPARATION FOR GIVING

Alishea Hixson

We bring these offerings with hearts full of love and gratitude,
inspired by the beauty of creation and the Love that binds us all.
We dedicate these gifts to further the kingdom with joy and patience.
May they bring hope, peace, and transformation, reflecting God's love for all.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Walcha

Ah, Holy 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

Alishea Hixson

*WORK OF THE CHURCH

Thomas Quisenberry

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

Thomas Quisenberry

*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.

POSTLUDE

Callahan

The Strife Is O'er

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

*Please stand, if able.

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