



*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.

The floral arrangement is given by the Waters Class to enhance our worship experience 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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Our Fall Festival is this evening, Sunday, October 27, 5:00-6:30PM! We'll once again have music, face painting, a photo booth, and food and drinks! Which chili will be judged best? Which trunk will be the kids' favorite? This is an event for everyone. Come out, enjoy the evening, and be a part of the festivities.

How to Help: As a church, we're participating in CBF Disaster Response to recent hurricanes 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 today, October 27, either this morning 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 option is to donate the cost of one or more Cleanup Bucket Kits to [Donate to CBF Hurricane Relief \(classy.org\)](http://Donate to CBF Hurricane Relief (classy.org))

Tickets are available today for the Adult Ministry Italian Feast! Join us for a catered Italian Feast on Sunday, November 17, at 12:15PM in the Fellowship Hall. This event offers food, fun, and friends for just \$10 a ticket. Bring some long-shelf-life milk for the Food Bank as our service project. Tickets will be available on Sundays before worship (Lobby) and after worship (Narthex) as well as in the church office during business hours thru the 10th.

Questions about the 2025 FBC Budget? Opportunities will be provided to discuss the proposed budget with a member of the Finance Committee on Sunday, November 3, from 12:15-12:30PM in the Conference Room and on Wednesday, November 6 from 5:30-6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Choir Showcase, Sunday, November 10, 6:00PM, Fellowship Hall Our youth invite you to a wonderful evening of entertainment provided by our multi-talented group. Desserts will add to the enjoyment.



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 27

- 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
- 5:00 pm Fall Festival – Front Lawn

Monday, October 28

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

Tuesday, October 22

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – E211

Wednesday, October 30

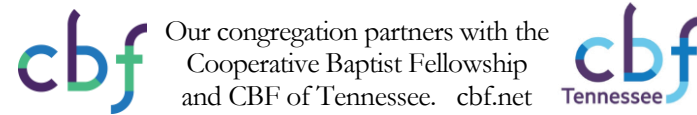
- 10:00 am BetterFi – E210
- 5:30 pm Fellowship Time (BYOF) – Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 pm Preschool Music/Missions – E107
- 6:15 pm Children's Choir – E111
- 6:15 pm Youth Gathering – Youth Area
- 6:15 pm Epiphanies (study/discussion/action) – E217
- 6:15 pm Midweek Study (Pastor led) – Fellowship Hall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

Thursday, October 31

- 2:00 pm Shower Ministry – Rec Center Area

Sunday, November 3

- 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, All Saints' Sunday
- 12:15 pm Budget 2025 Discussion – Conference Room
- 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



Worship Leaders

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

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Chattanooga, Tennessee
October 27, 2024

GATHERING

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

Mark Mardis

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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GREETING

Thomas Quisenberry

We look around and see how we have been blessed –
blessed with community, with beauty, with friendship, with faith;
that goodness washes over us, and we receive these gifts with thanks.

In this time, we thank God for all that we have been given.

So let us worship God.

APPROACH

*HYMN 231

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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

MADRID

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jeff Parker

CHILDREN'S TIME

Susan Laseter

PSALM READING

Jim Boles

Psalm 34:1-8 (NRSV)

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

ANTHEM

Palmer

Taste and See

Adult Choir

Taste and see the goodness of God.

I will bless the Lord at all times, God's praise shall always be in my mouth.

My soul will glory in the Lord, so the poor might hear and be glad.

Proclaim with me God's greatness; together let us praise his name.

I called out to God who answered me, who delivered me from all my fears.

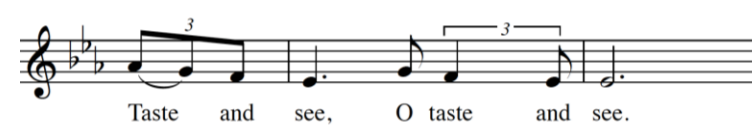
Look to God, and be filled with joy; your faces will not blush in shame.

In my troubles I call on the Lord,
for God hears and saves me from my distress.

WORDS OF THANKSGIVING

Jeff Parker

You are invited to share ways in which you
"taste and see the goodness of God."



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PSALM READING

Jim Boles

Psalm 34:19-22 (NRSV)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Jim Boles

Your word says that we will suffer.

**Help me as I face trouble this week. May I not despair.
Instead, help me cry to you because I know you hear me.**

Give us grace to trust in you in our moments of need.

**When I am brought low, when I am discouraged,
when I am afraid, you draw near.**

**When my heart is breaking, when my spirit is crushed,
you do not stand at a distance.**

Today, help us to keep trusting you,
to know that when we call out to you for help you draw near to each of us.

Help me to taste and see that you are good.

In Jesus' name, amen.

*HYMN 338

FOUNDATION

How Firm a Foundation

PROCLAMATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Thomas Quisenberry

Jeremiah 31:7-9 (NRSV)

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

MESSAGE

Thomas Quisenberry

Can You Hear the Calling?

RESPONSE

*HYMN 309

COMING HOME

Lord, I'm Coming Home

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Thomas Quisenberry

PREPARATION FOR GIVING

Andy Schwall

Generosity begins as a decision from the heart.
It reflects care and concern for the needs of the world
as well as trust for the abundance of God's creation.

Let us give from what we have been given as an act of faithfulness.

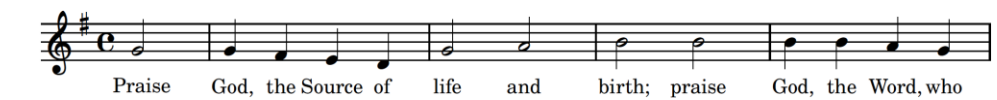
GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERING

arr. Howard

For the Beauty of the Earth

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

OLD 100TH



*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Andy Schwall

WORK OF THE CHURCH

Thomas Quisenberry

TDOT Report

Jim Boles & Alishea Hixson

*WORDS OF BLESSING

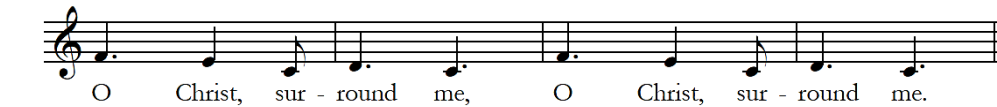
*BENEDICTION

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:**



POSTLUDE

Getty, arr. Payne

O Church, Arise

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

*Please stand, if able.

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