



first baptist church
CHATTANOOGA

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A place to be. A place to serve.

May 21, 2025

401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402

423.265.2257

www.fbcchattanooga.org

Worship Care Workers

May 25, 2025

for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers

Karen Henderson
Debbie & Jim Hamilton



Deacon Greeters

1. Kenneth Webster
2. Carol Prevost

During May, we are collecting \$1 bills as part of our offering to be used to help fund items needed by our community, such as prescription medications, diapers, and other items that are not covered through our Benevolence Fund. We encourage you to place your dollar bills in the offering baskets as they are passed during Worship. Last Sunday we received \$164, giving a current total for the month of \$408.

Eastertide, May 25, 2025

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM



Worship at First

Streamed and in-person

It's a "dollar Sunday"!

10:50AM

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

JOHN PARKER, PIANO

11:00AM

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry

John 14:23-29

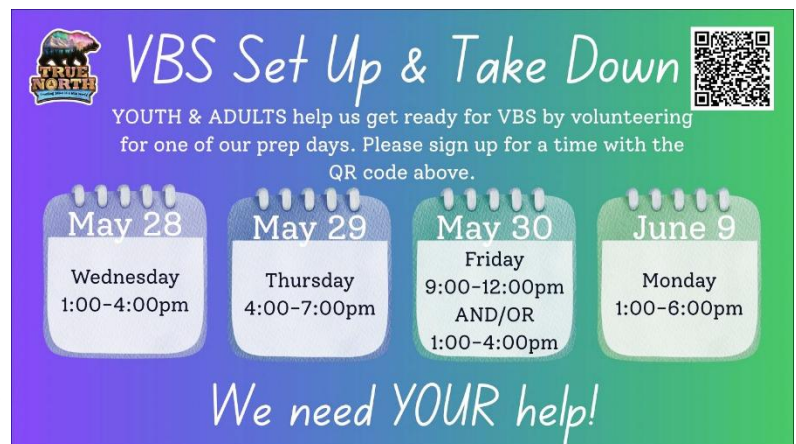
Home



Summer Choir

- All singers (adults / youth)
- Rehearses each Sunday morning from 8:45-9:20AM in the Sanctuary
- Sing any Sunday you're in town
- Begins Sunday, June 1
- Music Preview on Wednesday, May 21, at 6:30PM in the Choir Suite

Come sing with us!



VBS Set Up & Take Down

YOUTH & ADULTS help us get ready for VBS by volunteering for one of our prep days. Please sign up for a time with the QR code above.

May 28	May 29	May 30	June 9
Wednesday 1:00-4:00pm	Thursday 4:00-7:00pm	Friday 9:00-12:00pm AND/OR 1:00-4:00pm	Monday 1:00-6:00pm

We need YOUR help!

Family Camp at Dogwood Lodge

Friday - Monday, May 23 - May 26



Get away from it all and enjoy the serenity and community of our church camp. Due to kitchen renovations, the lodge is closed during May's Family Camp. For reservations, contact Lizzie Alford 423.648.2542 or lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org. There is not a churchwide picnic on May 25.

Tent camping is \$15/person/night (\$30 max)

RV spots are \$30/RV/night.

Church Family Concerns

(Updated from prayer requests and by office staff; not listed in order of priority)

Those affected by natural disasters; those affected by wars & strife
The multitude of folks all over the world without food, water, shelter, safety
Our country; our schools; our ministers

Bill Allen

Nancy Bowman and family

Mary Carol Campbell

Michelle Carroll

Sue & Bill Doyle

Ron Earl

Martha & Doug Eaves

Ralph Graham

Melinda & Olen Grubbs

Maggie Hansel

Sandy Hood

Barbara Koller

Joe Koller

Vivian Langford

Tillie Ling (hospice)

Marandi family

Ed Nichols

Teena Ray

Myra & Larry Reneau

Jody Stanford

Rose Thomas

Tom Turner, Sr.

Bobbie & Bob Walraven

Cole Angland

Sally Spears Ball

Karen Clark (hospice) (former member)

Family of Loyce Hays Key

Kim Fite, Emily Laseter's mother

Nancy Foust, Markhams's friend

Robin Gray & friend, Elizabeth

Dave Haibach, Steve Yantis's friend

Brad Harbuck

Betsy Hill, Mandy Pickett's friend

Lisa Hudson, Chase Shiflett's mother

Teresa Longer, Sandra & Charlie Longer's daughter-in-law

Wilbourne Markham's friend, Emma and her family

Margie Mayfield, Dan Mayfield's mother

Ronda McAllen

Franklin McCallie, Wilbourne Markham's friend

Chris Miller, Grady Worley's friend

Sara Newsome, Carol Prevost's sister

Tony Ott, Martha & Doug Eaves' son-in-law

Dot Peoples, Wilbourne Markham's friend

Verbie Prevost's sister, Carolyn (hospice)

Rose Thomas's niece, Jennifer

Turney Thompson, Tom McCullough's friend

Kayla Turner Stampfli, Tina Shoop's friend

Lonnie Smith, Ron Smith's brother

Cathy Suarez, Rusty Rouse's friend

Rachel Walker, Tim Burton's niece (Haiti)

Bonnie Webster, Kenneth Webster's sister-in-law

Grady Worley's nephew, Ken

Mike Willard's granddaughter, Madalyn

Recently Hospitalized

Debbie Daniel



KEY CARDS are available for those active at First Baptist. These cards work all seven days at the Lower Chapel Entrance, the Fellowship Hall Entrance, and the Office Entrance. If you would like to have one for easy access, please check with Frances Marandi in the church office.

ONLINE GIVING is now set up to accept Venmo and PayPal!

The only requirement is using the correct browser:

Apple devices require Safari.

Android devices require Chrome.

If you're interested in having a personal copy of our new hymnal, *Glory to God*, you may purchase one through our music office for \$25.00. We have ordered some that are the same color as our new hymnals but without First Baptist Church printed on the front. See Jeff Parker or Frances Marandi to place your order.

FURNITURE NEEDED!

Some members of our current homeless community are moving into housing and are in need of furniture. If you have furniture you can donate, please contact Herb Hooper at 423.580.0851.

FINANCE REPORT (for May 21, 2025)

Budget receipts in the mail	\$ 5,836.10
Budget receipts digitally/online	6,305.00
BUDGET RECEIPTS for the week	\$ 12,141.10
Designated offerings	2,606.71
Total offering for this week	\$ 14,747.81
YTD BUDGET receipts	\$334,707.20
YTD Expenses	\$425,417.37



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

NOTE-WORTHY FRIENDS

(They'd love a note from you.)

Sheila Hinkle
1300 Darlene Cir
East Ridge, TN 37412

Debbie Hixson
1020 Runyan Dr #226A
Chattanooga, TN 37405

Judy Hudson
2760 Northpoint Blvd #114
Hixson, TN 37343

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Tyler Cain, Virginia Condry, Jamie Fitch
Matthew Hellier, Coty Kissinger
Michael Land, Keith Mays
Sydney McDougal, Nathan Skidmore



May 21	Diana Thacker
May 22	Paige Hilvers
May 23	Tyler Mullins
May 24	Verbie Prevost
May 26	Jessie Weaver
May 28	Laura Warren
May 30	Billie Cooper
May 31	Carter Alley
June 1	Brenda Underwood
June 3	Bill Allen Bob Martin Andy Schwall



After working exclusively in Alton Park for the past several years, this month our Habitat team worked on a new house start in Eastdale. We arrived to find the walls had been raised earlier in the week. Our task was to secure the walls in position and install the siding as the before-and-after photos illustrate. We left the project ready for a group of lawyers assigned to work on Saturday.

One of the interesting features of working on Habitat projects is meeting the future homeowners. This month we joined two young women who were working off their "sweat equity" as required to qualify for purchasing a Habitat home. Their family, from Sudan, are the future owners of the home we worked on last month. They had no experience with construction, but were excited to lend a hand while learning about home building. The moral of the story? It doesn't require experience to lend a helping hand. If you have any questions, talk with any of our volunteers or contact Jim McAfee at 423.802.5011.



2025 Summer Events

Register on our website under Event Registration starting May 1.

VBS Jun. 2-6 9am-12pm

All kids 3 years old to completed 5th grade welcome!

Music & Arts Camp Jun. 30-Jul. 2

All kids completed K-5th grade welcome!

Preschool B.A.M Camp Jun. 30-Jul.2

All preschool kids 3-5 years old welcome!

Kids Camp Jul. 14-18

All kids completed K-5th grade welcome!

Youth Camp Jul. 14-19

All youth completed 6th-12th grade welcome!

ON THE CALENDAR, MAY 22 – JUNE 8

Thursday, May 22

Shower Ministry 2:00PM

Friday, May 23

Family Camp at Dogwood (tent/RV only)

Saturday, May 24

Family Camp at Dogwood (tent/RV only)

Sunday, May 25

Family Camp at Dogwood (tent/RV only)

Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:10AM

Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30AM

Fellowship Time/Library Open 10:30AM

Songs of Community 10:50AM

Worship 11:00AM

Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day

Family Camp at Dogwood (tent/RV only)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group 10:00AM

Deacon Council Meeting 5:30PM

Wednesday, May 28

VBS Set Up (pt 1) 1:00PM

Youth Choir Puerto Rico Prep 4:00PM

Thursday, May 29

Shower Ministry 2:00PM

VBS Set Up (pt 2) 4:00PM

Friday, May 30

VBS Set Up (pt 3) 9:00AM

VBS Set Up (pt 4) 1:00PM

Sunday, June 1

Summer Choir Rehearsal 8:45AM

Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30AM

Fellowship Time/Library Open 10:30AM

Songs of Community 10:50AM

Worship 11:00AM

Monday, June 2

Vacation Bible School 9:00AM

Tuesday, June 3

Vacation Bible School 9:00AM

Wednesday, June 4

Vacation Bible School 9:00AM

FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation 11:00AM

VBS Family Night 5:30PM

Thursday, June 5

Vacation Bible School 9:00AM

Friday, June 6

Vacation Bible School 9:00AM

Sunday, June 8

Summer Choir Rehearsal 8:45AM

Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30AM

Fellowship Time/Library Open 10:30AM

Songs of Community 10:50AM

Worship - Pentecost 11:00AM

Youth Choir Puerto Rico Prep 5:00PM

FBC Ministerial & Support Staff

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry	Senior Pastor	
Rev. Jeff Parker	Minister of Music & Worship	
Rev. Kelly Kunf	Interim Minister of Youth & Children	
Ms. Megan Long	Intern, Youth & Children	
David Daley	Facilities Supervisor	423.648.2548
Lila Knauth	Financial Associate	423.648.2547
Patty Spells	Church Administrative Assistant	423.265.2257
Lizzie Alford	Education Administrative Ass't	423.648.2542
Frances Marandi	Music Administrative Assistant	423.648.2543

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