



first baptist church
CHATTANOOGA

G A T E W A Y

A place to be. A place to serve.

August 6, 2025

401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402

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www.fbcchattanooga.org

Worship Care Workers
August 10, 2025
for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers
Caroline Shoop, Tina Shoop
Jessica Shiflett



Deacon Greeters

1. Jane Everett
2. Lynne Mayfield

During August, we are collecting **\$1 bills** as part of our offering to be used to help fund items needed by our community, such as diapers, prescription medications, 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 \$112. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, August 10

- Sunday School Promotion for all children and youth. Bring your backpack! (More information on p. 3)
- Blessing of the Backpacks (during Worship)
- Cool Kids Collective Party (3rd-5th grades), 12:30PM (see p. 3)
- Youth Sunday Evening Kickoff (6th-12th grades), 5:00PM

Wednesday, August 13

- Fellowship Time (Bring Your Own Food), 5:30PM
- Summer Missions Report (South Africa & Puerto Rico), 6:15PM

Sunday, August 17

- Unveiling of the Refreshed Preschool Area
We invite you to walk the hallway that morning and appreciate the hard work of many hands.
- Adult Choir Fall Kickoff, 6:00PM

Wednesday, August 20

- Fellowship Time (bring your own food), 5:30PM
- Wednesday Evening Kickoff:
Children's choirs / Youth gathering / Adult studies, 6:15PM

Sunday, August 31

- Sunday Morning Worship at Dogwood Lodge
- Covered-Dish Lunch following Worship

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM



Worship at First

Streamed and in-person

It's a "dollar Sunday"!

10:50AM

SONGS OF COMMUNITY
REGGIE ALLEY & FRIENDS

11:00AM

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry
Luke 12:32-40

Good Pleasure

See you in the CHAPEL for worship!



The Sanctuary chancel area is growing!

FBC at the Lookouts vs Birmingham Game
Saturday, Sept. 6, 7:15PM

- Reserved seating in the family section
- one meal voucher per ticket =
1 drink, 1 hot dog/pizza slice, 1 bag of chips/popcorn
- tickets are \$10 each (children 4 and under are free)
and are available to purchase Sunday, August 17 –
Wednesday, September 3.



Church Family Concerns

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

The multitude of folks all over the world without food, water, shelter, safety
Those affected by the conflicts in the Middle East
Those affected by: the deadly flooding in Texas; recent shootings
Our country; our schools; our ministers

Tony Carrell

Michelle Carroll

Carole Daniel

Bill Doyle (LifeCare East Ridge)

Martha & Doug Eaves

Ralph Graham

Robin Gray

Debbie Hamilton

Ouisi Hamilton

Maggie Hansel

Sheila Hinkle

Dean Jackson and her brother, Billy Coe

Barbara Koller

Emily Martin

Ed Nichols

Teena Ray

Jody Stanford

Sharon Tousek

Bobbie & Bob Walraven

Mike Willard

Jane & Steve Yantis

Mike Duncombe & family, Wilbourne Markham's nephew

Brent Edwards, Vivian Langford's son

Russell Ellis, Rose Ellis' husband

Quinton Finnell, Wilbourne Markham's friend

Kim Fite, Emily Laseter's mother

Family of Larry Fogo

Montana Freeman, Robin Gray's daughter

Family of Tom Grainger

Dave Haibach, Steve Yantis's friend

Patrick Hamilton's Aunt Pat

Brad Harbuck

Doris Heath, Grady Worley's cousin

Lisa Hudson, Chase Shiflett's mother

Mark Jackson, Robin Gray's friend

David Kammerdiener

Family/friends of Allan Ledford

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

Morgan & Joey Lynch, Barbara Koller's relatives

Wilbourne Markham's friend, Emma and her family

Margie Mayfield, Dan Mayfield's mother

Chris Miller, Grady Worley's friend

Sara Newsome, Carol Prevost's sister

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

Verbie Prevost's sister, Carolyn (hospice)

Sara Ellen & Ron Reid, Mary Jayne & Bill Allen's friends

Lonnie Smith, Ron Smith's brother

Michael Strong, Rodney Strong's brother

Cathy Suarez, Rusty Rouse's friend

Shirley Thomas, Cordelle Terrell's friend

Family of Tom Thurman

Rachel Walker, Tim Burton's niece (Haiti)

Sherry Wright, Grady Worley's cousin



Deacon Selection 2026

- Sunday, August 17: Forms available for Deacon nominations
- Sunday, September 7: Nominations end at 12:15PM
- Wednesday, November 5, 6:15PM: Deacon Ordination Council, If needed, followed by ratification by the Deacon Council of the slate of deacons for 2025-27
- Thursday, November 6: Final slate emailed to church members
- Sunday, November 9: Church affirmation of deacons for 2025-27
- Sunday, November 16: Ordination of new deacons and blessing of all deacons.

Preparation has already begun on the budget for 2026 and the Committee on Committees has begun their work as well. Plan to say "yes" when asked to serve!

FINANCE REPORT (for Aug 6, 2025)

Budget receipts in the mail	\$ 5,456.99
Budget receipts digitally/online	7,035.00
BUDGET RECEIPTS for the week	\$ 12,491.99
Designated offerings	3,894.85
Total offering for this week	\$ 16,386.84
YTD BUDGET receipts	\$554,521.93
YTD Expenses	\$707,387.75



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.



NOTE-WORTHY FRIENDS

(They'd love a note from you.)

Vivian Langford
1023 East Valley Dr
Rossville, GA 30741

Carol Martin
635 Alexian Way H-409
Signal Mtn, TN 37377

Mildred Mays
429 Page Rd
Rossville, GA 30741

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

Aug. 6 Judy Hudson
Aug. 7 Monica Calderon
Cordelle Terrell
Aug. 8 Terri Lowe
Nancy Meyers
Aug. 9 Robert Brown
Jakob Bruner
Rebecca Bruner
Aug. 10 Maggie Quisenberry
Cord Terrell
Aug. 11 Molly Terrell
Aug. 12 Warren Bowles
Weston Hammond
Aug. 13 Joel Avery
Nannette Avery
Lynne Mayfield
Aug. 16 John Echols
John Nichols
Aug. 17 Ralph Graham
Kedrick Green-Conner
Aug. 18 Annette White
Jane Yantis
Aug. 20 Tiffany Cofer
Aug. 21 Bobby Colvin
Janice Hooper
Tommye Manning
Aug. 22 Dot Forlidas
Jessica Green



The assignment for our **Habitat for Humanity workday** on **Friday, August 8** is at 2615 East 45th Street (37407). We will be working on installing the subfloor. Let me know if you can join us this Friday at 8:30AM (Jim McAfee: 423.802.5011).

Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday, August 10, during Worship

All preschool and elementary school kids, bring your backpacks to church on August 10. The backpacks will be blessed during Children's Time (which will occur near the end of the service). A Blessing of all other students and school employees will occur as part of this time, also. This is one way the First Family can show that we support you as you begin your new school year. Parents, please check your email for additional information.



Cool Kids Collective (CKC) Party, Sunday, August 10

CKC (grades 3-5) is meeting this Sunday, August 10, from 12:30PM-2:30PM for a **Back-2-School Party**. We will meet in the Youth Area for a lunch of pizza, chips, and frozen treat. Please bring \$5 for lunch. Get ready to meet new friends, celebrate the new school year, and share a small devotional together. Have questions? Reach out to Kelly at 561.252.2969 or kelly@fbcchattanooga.org.

Creative Prayer Room



Grand Reopening!

We are excited to announce the grand reopening of the Prayer Room on Wednesday, August 27. It has moved to a new location and taken on a more creative theme in an effort to foster meaningful prayer time. Our Creative Prayer Room is located on the second floor of the Education Hallway in what once was the Counseling Room. In this space you will find prayer prompts that can help foster a spiritual conversation while exploring new prayer practices. The room is open during regular office hours during the week and when the congregation gathers at our regular meeting times. At the entry door, you will find a tag letting you know if the room is available or occupied. We encourage you to visit the space, open your heart in honest conversation, and regularly engage with our Great Maker. Many thanks to Brenda Hooper and Mary Jayne Allen for preparing this space for our usage.

Sing for the Lord

First Baptist Church Adult Choir

KICKOFF

Sunday, August 17

6:00 p.m.

Adult Choir Suite

Bring "finger-food" to share.

For more info contact Jeff at 423.648.2545



ON THE CALENDAR, AUG. 7 – AUG. 20

Thursday, August 7

Shower Ministry 2:00PM

Friday, August 8

Habitat for Humanity Workday 8:30AM

Sunday, August 10

Summer Choir Rehearsal 8:45AM

Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30AM

Fellowship Time/Library Open 10:30AM

Songs of Community 10:50AM

Worship – Blessing of the Backpacks 11:00AM

Cool Kids Collective Back-2-School Party 12:30PM

Youth Sunday Evening Kick-off 5:00PM

Tuesday, August 12

Tuesday Book Group 9:00AM

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group 10:00AM

Wednesday, August 13

Fellowship Time (BYOF) 5:30PM

Summer Report – Missions Trip 6:15PM

House & Grounds Committee 7:15PM

Sunday, August 17

Unveiling - Refreshed Preschool Area 8:45AM

Summer Choir Rehearsal - Chapel 8:45AM

Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30AM

Fellowship Time/Library Open 10:30AM

Songs of Community - Chapel 10:50AM

Worship - Chapel 11:00AM

Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM

Youth Supper 5:30PM

Youth Bible Study 6:00PM

Adult Choir Fall Kickoff 6:00PM

Tuesday, August 19

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group 10:00AM

Investment Committee 5:00PM

Wednesday, August 20

FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation 11:00AM

Fellowship Time (BYOF) 5:30PM

Preschool Music/Missions 6:15PM

Children's Choir 6:15PM

Youth Gathering 6:15PM

Epiphanies (study/discussion/action) 6:15PM

Midweek Study (Pastor led) 6:15PM

Committee on Committees 7:20PM



Our congregation partners with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and CBF of Tennessee. cbf.net



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



During the spring, our Midweek Study group focused on the lives and impact of the Thirteen Apostles. As a part our exploration of these students and spiritual guides, we watched video clips of them in *The Chosen* television series. This September and October, there will be a Lunch & Learn program offered each Tuesday (almost) where the episodes of *The Chosen: Season One* will be shown. Lunch & Learn will be held in the Fellowship Hall following this format:

11:00AM - a showing of the episode for that week

Noon - a discussion of that episode

Feel free to bring your own lunch to eat at the tables as we talk. For those who cannot get away from work or other commitments for the full time, feel free to watch the episode at home and join us for the time of conversation.

Meeting dates are:

September 2, 16, 23, 30

October 7, 14, 21, and 30 (Thursday).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025 October 3-4



Hosted by FBC Chattanooga!

TAG (TN, AL, GA) Assembly is this year's name for our annual TCBF General Assembly in 2025. It's the first time in my memory that two or more CBF state and regional organizations have shared annual meeting space. The event promises to be resource rich with a focus on the Church's calling to nurture the next generation of children and youth. Author Meredith Miller will challenge and lead us to consider the nature of our discipleship of children and youth! These are unique times that call for supportive community and fresh resources through dialogue and fellowship. This year's Assembly aims to deliver on all of those fronts while offering the traditional elements of fellowship and networking we anticipate each year.

This year's Assembly WILL offer childcare and programming for preschoolers, children, and youth.

The core of TAG Assembly fits with our traditional annual schedule beginning at 5PM on Friday through Saturday at 1PM. And it's packed with opportunities to worship, fellowship, learn, network, and enjoy Chattanooga! But if you're willing and able to come early, there is SO MUCH MORE for equipping you and especially those who serve our children's and youth populations. Take a look and REGISTER today! Grab your discounted hotel room before it's too late! Bring your family, stay the weekend, visit Ruby Falls (request tour guide Tyler Bennett :)), and take advantage of all that Chattanooga has to offer!

~Rick Bennett, TN CBF Coordinator

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Register here: <https://tn.cbf.net/tag/>



Life Through a Jesus Lens

A Jesus Worldview Conference

Oct. 13-15, 2025 | Nashville, TN



David Gushee

Ethicist, speaker and author of *The Moral Teachings of Jesus*



Cindy Morgan & Friends

Award-winning singer-songwriter with other gifted Nashville musicians



Drew Hart

Speaker and author helping reimagine what it means to follow Jesus in a world marred by legacies of conquest



Greg Jones

President of Belmont University, visionary leader and author of numerous books on innovative leadership

Hosted by the Rev. Charlie Curb Center for Faith Leadership at Belmont University and the Gospel and Our Culture Network. Monday evening, Oct. 13, through Wednesday morning, Oct. 15.



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