



first baptist church
CHATTANOOGA

G A T E W A Y

A place to be. A place to serve.

August 13, 2025

401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402

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www.fbcchattanooga.org

Worship Care Workers
August 17, 2025
for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers
Caroline Shoop, Tina Shoop
Jessica Shiflett



Deacon Greeters

1. Herb Hooper
2. Samuel Bond

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 \$127, giving a current total of \$239. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Wednesday, August 13 – THIS EVENING!

- 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

Saturday, August 23

- F4: Families, Fun, Faith, Fellowship (preschool – 2nd grade)
Warner Park Splash Pad (Watch for more information!)

Sunday, August 24

- CKC: Cool Kids Collective (grades 3-5)
Ultimate Relay Races Challenge (Watch for more information!)

Sunday, August 31

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

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM



Worship at First

Streamed and in-person

It's a "dollar \$unday"!

10:50AM

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

TILSON BOSHEARS, LUKE OAKES
OWEN LASETER, DAVID WEAVER

11:00AM

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry

Luke 12:49-56

All Very Unsettling

See you in the CHAPEL for worship!



The Sanctuary chancel area continues to change; prep for choir loft!

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 conflicts and wars

Those affected by the recent shootings in Atlanta

Those affected by local flooding, especially those that lost lives

Our country; our schools; our ministers

Mary Carol Campbell

Michelle Carroll

Sue Crockett

Carole Daniel

Christina Dotson

Bill Doyle (LifeCare East Ridge)

Martha & Doug Eaves

Ralph Graham

Robin Gray

Debbie Hamilton

Ouisi Hamilton & family

Maggie Hansel

Barbara Koller

Emily Martin

Ed Nichols

Teena Ray

Jody Stanford

Sharon Tousek

Bobbie & Bob Walraven

The Daniels, Mary Jayne Allen's friends

Brent Edwards, Vivian Langford's son

Russell Ellis, Rose Ellis' husband

Kim Fite, Emily Laseter's mother

Montana Freeman, Robin Gray's daughter

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

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

Ralph Sartin and family

Jim Smith, Jenny Parker's father

Lonnie Smith, Ron Smith's brother

Michael Strong, Rodney Strong's brother

Cathy Suarez, Rusty Rouse's friend

Shirley Thomas, Cordelle Terrell's friend

Rachel Walker, Tim Burton's niece (Haiti)

Sherry Wright, Grady Worley's cousin

Thank you from

HCS Induction Team: New Teacher Academy



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 13, 2025)

Budget receipts in the mail	\$ 19,822.00
Budget receipts digitally/online	7,560.00
BUDGET RECEIPTS for the week	\$ 27,382.00
Designated offerings	3,029.68
Total offering for this week	\$ 30,411.68
YTD BUDGET receipts	\$583,552.26
YTD Expenses	\$751,422.63



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.)

Nancy Meyers
5215 Randolph Rd Apt 2039
Charlotte, NC 28211

Naomi Miller
307 McBrien Rd
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Colleen Payne
8592 Dallas Oaks Ln
Hixson, TN 37343

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

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

Aug. 23 Mary Jayne Allen
Mary McGill

Aug. 28 Ford Cofer
Sandra Longer
Frances Marandi
Colleen Payne

Aug. 29 Martha Eaves

Aug. 31 Lyn Harris

When we arrived at this month's site for our **Habitat for Humanity** workday on August 8, most of the support structure for the flooring was complete. We finished that task, then installed all of the subflooring. At the end of the day, this future home was ready for the next group to raise the walls.

Teams of volunteers will continue to shape this site into a home that will provide a qualifying family security and stability. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, join us on the 2nd Friday of any month. For more information, contact Jim McAfee (423.802.5011).



to Helen Gross, Sandra Longer, Susan Rouse, Patsy Schwall, Judy Sullivan, and Jan Varnell for cleaning up and cleaning out the staff kitchen! It sparkles; and we can see the shelves and find the can opener!

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. 14 – AUG. 27

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
Gym Tim	7:00PM
Committee on Committees	7:20PM

Thursday, August 21

Shower Ministry	2:00PM
Finance Committee (Zoom)	4:30PM

Saturday, August 23

F\$: Warner Park Splash Pad

Sunday, August 24

Dogwood Committee	8:30PM
Adult Choir Rehearsal	9:00AM
Sunday School/Bible Study	9:30AM
Fellowship Time/Library Open	10:30AM
Songs of Community	10:50AM
Worship - Chapel	11:00AM
CKC: Ultimate Relay Races Challenge	12:30PM
Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:30PM
Youth Supper	5:30PM
Youth Bible Study	6:00PM
Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:00PM

Monday, August 25

First Friends Council	11:00AM
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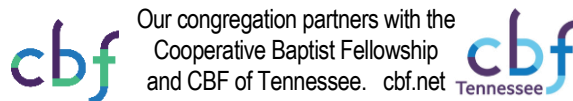
Tuesday, August 26

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	10:00AM
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Wednesday, August 27

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
Gym Time	7:00PM

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



Stepping Up to Youth!
Madeleine,
Emmyanna,
and Micah



Our CHATT Foundation lunch crew:

Grady Worley, Mary Jane Allen, Jim Schwall, Bill Allen, Steve Yantis, Patsy Schwall, Mary Beth Yantis Parnel, Helen Gross, Jane Yantis, Jane Nichols (and Ed Nichols, not pictured). They serve the first and third Wednesdays each month; contact Patsy Schwall if you'd like more information (423.991.3198).

Adult Ministry Trip

Limited spaces available.
Contact Frances Marandi
to make a reservation.
(frances@fbcchattanooga.org
or 423.648.2543)



Hosted by FBC Chattanooga!



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).

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.

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/>