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A place to be. A place to serve.

August 20, 2025

401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402

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Worship Care Workers

August 24, 2025

for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers

Angie Johnson, Mandy Pickett
Janice Bond



Deacon Greeters

1. Joe Everett
2. Martha Eaves

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 \$139, giving a current total of \$378. Thank you!

We welcome our newest members, Zoe Smith and Preston Frost. They are to be married soon, too!



Worship at Dogwood Lodge Sunday, August 31, 11:00AM

Join us for a time together in community with Worship at Dogwood including the Celebration of Communion followed by a covered-dish meal. They will be no activities at our downtown location that day.

The church bus will be available for transportation from our parking lot downtown to and from the Lodge. More information about transportation and parking at Dogwood will be included in an insert to our Order of Worship for this coming Sunday.

Bring your favorite covered-dish(es) for all to enjoy as we eat together following our time of worship.

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM



Worship at First

Streamed and in-person

It's a "dollar Sunday"!

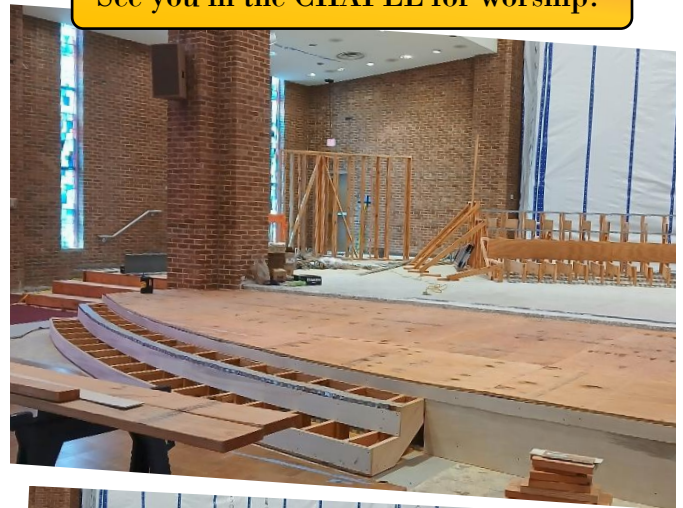
10:50AM

SONGS OF COMMUNITY
CHERYL MCAFEE, ORGAN

11:00AM

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry
Luke 13:10-17
*Right for the
Wrong Reasons*

See you in the CHAPEL for worship!



The Sanctuary Chancel – Work on the Choir Loft

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

Preparation for Worship at Dogwood on the 31st

David Campbell

Michelle Carroll

Carole Daniel

Christina Dotson

Bill Doyle (LifeCare East Ridge)

Martha & Doug Eaves

Jack Good

Ralph Graham

Robin Gray

Debbie Hamilton

Ouisi Hamilton & family

Maggie Hansel

Barbara Koller

Emily Martin

Fayer McCullough

Ed Nichols

Teena Ray

Annette Spinks

Jody Stanford

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

Carole Garrett, Brenda Hooper's sister-in-law

Dave Haibach, Steve Yantis's friend

Brad Harbuck

Lisa Hudson, Chase Shiflett's mother

David Kammerdiener

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

Morgan & Joey Lynch, Barbara Koller's relatives

Margie Mayfield, Dan Mayfield's mother

Elaine McGhee, Grady Worley's sister

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

Cordelle Terrell's neighbor, Greg

Shirley Thomas, Cordelle Terrell's friend

Rachel Walker, Tim Burton's niece (Haiti)

Sherry Wright, Grady Worley's cousin



We are excited to announce the grand reopening of the Prayer Room on Wednesday, August 27. See p. 4 for more details.

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 20

5:30 pm	Bring Your Own Supper	Fellowship Hall
7:20 pm	Committee on Committees	Conference Room

Babies / Toddlers

6:00 pm	Childcare	E104
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Preschoolers

6:15 pm	Preschool Music & Missions	E107
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Children (K-5th grade)

6:15 pm	Children's Choir	E111
7:00 pm	Gym Time	Gym

Youth

6:15 pm	Youth Gathering	Youth Area
7:00 pm	Gym Time	Gym

Adults

6:15 pm	"Wine and Wineskins"	Fellowship Hall
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Epiphanies and Midweek Study will meet together in the Fellowship Hall for the next 6 weeks as we discuss *Parables: Putting Jesus' Stories in Their Place* by Josh Scott. The author's fresh take on familiar passages brings new light and new applications to the ancient texts for our modern lives. It is not necessary to read the text ahead of time.

FINANCE REPORT (for Aug 20, 2025)

Budget receipts in the mail	\$ 5,180.00
Budget receipts digitally/online	6,250.00
BUDGET RECEIPTS for the week	\$ 11,430.00
Designated offerings	2,102.19
Total offering for this week	\$ 13,532.19
YTD BUDGET receipts	\$593,431.94
YTD Expenses	\$757,724.15



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.)

JoAnn Seaborn
606 Windy Way
Signal Mtn, TN 37377

Sue Sisson
2477 Chattanooga Valley Rd
Flintstone, GA 30725

Jody Stanford
6705 Ballad Dr #307
Chattanooga, TN 37421

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

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
Sept. 4	David Varnell
Sept. 5	Allison Gord
Sept. 8	Emily Laseter Kaitlyn Sepulveda



Adult Ministry Trip, Thursday, August 28

- Limited spaces are available.
- Please contact Frances Marandi to make a reservation. (frances@fbcchattanooga.org or 423.648.2543).
- Also note: the Market takes CASH ONLY! (No checks or cards)

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.



ON THE CALENDAR, AUG. 21 – SEPT. 3

Thursday, August 21

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

Saturday, August 23

F4: Coolidge Park Fountain	11:00AM
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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

Thursday, August 28

Adult Ministry Trip: Delano Farm Mkt	9:00AM
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Friday, August 29

Family Camp at Dogwood	
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Saturday, August 30

Family Camp at Dogwood	
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Sunday, August 31

Family Camp at Dogwood	8:45AM
Worship – Dogwood Lodge	11:00AM
Churchwide Covered-Dish Lunch	12:30PM

Monday, September 1

Church Office Closed	
Family Camp at Dogwood	

Tuesday, September 2

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	9:30AM
Lunch & Learn	11:00AM
Moving Forward CJC	5:30PM

Wednesday, September 3

FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation	11:00AM
Fellowship Time (BYOF)	5:30PM
All Small Groups	6:15PM
Gym Time	7:00PM
Committee on Committees	7:20PM

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025
October 3-4



Hosted by FBC Chattanooga!

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

Deacon Selection 2026

- **NOW: 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!

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

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.

F4 (Families, Fun, Faith, Fellowship), Saturday, August 23, 11:00AM-1:00PM

We welcome all families with young children, babies-2nd grade, to join us for our brand new ministry called F4 (Families, Fun, Faith, Fellowship). This Saturday, August 23, we will kick off this ministry by meeting at the Coolidge Park Fountain from 11:00AM-1:00PM. (Warner Park Splash Pad is closed for the season.) This is a time to enjoy one another while giving space for our little ones to let off some energy together! We encourage you to pack a lunch. The church will provide snacks, drinks, and cookies. The fountain and carousel are free right now. Have questions? Contact Kelly at 561.252.2969 or kelly@fbcchattanooga.org.



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).



Stepping Up to Youth, Photo Scavenger Hunt
Madeleine, Emmyanna, and Micah

