



first baptist church
CHATTANOOGA

GATEWAY

A place to be. A place to serve.

September 3, 2025

401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402

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www.fbcchattanooga.org

Worship Care Workers

September 7, 2025

for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers

Roberta Echols, Sandra Longer
Lynne Mayfield



Deacon Greeters

1. Joe Everett
2. Jane Everett



Sunday, September 7, 2025

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM

10:50AM

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

JIM SCHWALL & GRADY WORLEY

11:00AM

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry

Luke 14:25-33

Little Red Hen



Worship at First

Streamed and in-person

See you in the CHAPEL for worship!



The Sanctuary Chancel as of this afternoon:
notice the aisle carpet has been removed, and the choir loft is filling out.

Deacon Selection 2026

- 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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
CHATTANOOGA

Chapel Series

A concert series highlighting
local musicians.

**MAKE THEM
HEAR YOU!**
Music for Male Voices

VOCI VIRILI MEN'S CONSORT
Harv Wileman, Artistic Director

SUNDAY September 7 | 3 PM

MCEWEN CHAPEL 401 Gateway Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37402

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

Those affected by recent earthquakes and landslides

Our country; our schools; our ministers

Sarah Warren Bowles

David Campbell

Michelle Carroll

Jay Cassavant

Carole Daniel

Christina Dotson

Bill Doyle (LifeCare East Ridge)

Martha & Doug Eaves

Jessica & Jack Good

Ralph Graham

Robin Gray

Debbie Hamilton

Ouisi Hamilton & family

Maggie Hansel

Richard Hewitt

Abigail Hixson

Barbara Koller

Joe Koller

Dan Mayfield

Ed Nichols

Teena Ray

Annette Spinks

Jody Stanford

Bobbie & Bob Walraven

Casey Brown, Jane & Joe Everett's neighbor

Brent Edwards, Vivian Langford's son

Russell Ellis, Rose Ellis's husband

Kim Fite, Emily Laseter's mother

Montana Freeman, Robin Gray's daughter

Dave Haibach, Steve Yantis's friend

Brad Harbuck

Doris Heath, Grady Worley's cousin

David Kammerdiener

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

Margie Mayfield, Dan Mayfield's mother

Sara Newsome, Carol Prevost's sister

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

Verbie Prevost's sister, Carolyn (hospice)

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)

Condolences to Jessica & Chase Shiflett in the death of Chase's mother, Lisa Hudson

During August, we collected \$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. Last Sunday we received \$87, giving a current total of \$615. Thank you for your generosity!

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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



We are excited to announce the **Prayer Room** on the 2nd floor of the Education Wing is now open!

Also, CBF's **Prayers of the People**, 2025-26, is now available at www.cbf.net/pray.

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 3

5:30 pm	Bring Your Own Supper	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Parent Meeting (Children)	FH Side Room
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

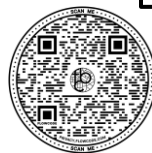
Adults

6:15 pm	"The Parable of the Leaven"	Fellowship Hall
	Facilitated by Thomas Quisenberry	

Epiphanies and Midweek Study will meet together in the Fellowship Hall for the several weeks as we discuss *Parables: Putting Jesus' Stories in Their Place* by Josh Scott.

FINANCE REPORT (for September 3, 2025)

Budget receipts in the mail	\$ 681.00
Budget receipts digitally/online	7,910.00
BUDGET RECEIPTS for the week	\$ 8,591.00
Designated offerings	16,439.50
Total offering for this week	\$ 25,030.50
YTD BUDGET receipts	\$617,768.10
YTD Expenses	\$789,376.37



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.)

Bobbie & Bob Walraven
2608 Avalon Hill
Chattanooga, TN 37415

Agnes White
920 Burnt Hickory Rd NW #223
Marietta, GA 30064

Essie Barlett
1123 Carter Dr
Chattanooga, TN 37415

Sept. 4 David Varnell
Sept. 5 Allison Gord
Sept. 8 Emily Laseter
Kaitlyn Sepulveda
Sept. 10 Andrew McGill
Caleb Quisenberry
Caroline Smith
Sept. 11 Matt Crockett
Doug Lewis
Sept. 13 Angie Thomas
Sept. 14 Sharon Webster
Sept. 15 Charlie Cooper
Laura Cooper
Sept. 17 Carmen Shiflett
Sept. 18 Roberta Echols
Tom Prevost
Sept. 19 Nancy Bowman
Jessica Good
Chase Lowery



Who are we??

Each Sunday in September, as part of Staff Appreciation Month, we'll highlight five amazing members of the First Baptist team with brief bios featured on the screen outside the Chapel. *But how well do you **really** know them?*

Who...

- ... as a "senior," gets free coffee at Hardee's?
- ... loves to play Pac-Man?
- ... was the first box office supervisor at the UTC Arena?
- ... always cries at weddings?
- ... has a small mug collection?

Look for the answers on Sundays as we celebrate our wonderful staff this month.

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Chancel Rededication and World Communion Day

October 5 will be a day of celebration as we worship once again in our newly renovated Sanctuary. It will be an opportunity to come together with Christians all over the world emphasizing both unity and diversity of the worldwide community of followers of Christ. It will be a day to celebrate First Baptist and our commitment to welcoming all of God's people. It will be a time of jubilee to have our Sanctuary filled with people. We look forward to being with you then!

As part of this celebration, **we will debut our Festival Choir**. This choir, anchored by our dedicated Adult Choir, will lead in worship on 3 or 4 days throughout the year at times of significant celebrations. Singing with the Festival Choir will involve coming together with the Adult Choir for 2 or 3 rehearsals prior to each celebration Sunday. If you are interested in being a part of the Festival Choir for this initial service of celebration, please contact Jeff at jeff@fbcchattanooga.org. The Youth Choir will be singing as part of the Festival Choir on October 5 as well.



Hosted by FBC Chattanooga!

Please register here to attend: <https://tn.cbf.net/tag/>



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

ON THE CALENDAR, SEPT. 4 – SEPT. 17

Thursday, September 4

Shower Ministry 2:00PM

Saturday, September 6

FBC at the Lookouts Game 7:15PM

Sunday, September 7

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

Deacon Nominations End 12:15PM

Chapel Series: Voci Virili Concert 3:00PM

Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM

Youth Supper/Parent Meeting (Youth) 5:30PM

Youth Bible Study 6:00PM

Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM

Tuesday, September 9

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group 10:00AM

Moving Forward CJC Classes 5:30PM

Children's Leadership Cmte (Zoom) 7:00PM

Wednesday, September 10

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

House & Grounds Committee 7:15PM

Friday, September 12

Habitat for Humanity Workday 8:30AM

Saturday, September 13

Youth Community Service Day @FBC 8:00AM

Outside Cleanup Day 8:00AM

Sunday, September 14

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

Finance Committee 12:15PM

Cook Kids Collective 12:30PM

Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM

Youth Supper 5:30PM

Youth Bible Study 6:00PM

Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM

Tuesday, September 16

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group 9:30AM

Lunch & Learn 11:00AM

Moving Forward CJC Classes 5:30PM

Deacon Council Meeting 5:30PM

Tuesday Book Group 6:00PM

Wednesday, September 17

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 Time 7:00PM

Committee on Committees 7:20PM



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





During the spring, our Midweek Study group focused on the lives and impact of the Thirteen Apostles. As a part of 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 (no mtg, 09.09)
October 7, 14, 21, and 30 (Thursday).

Outdoor Workday at First Baptist Saturday, September 13, 8:00-11:00AM



Come help spruce up our outdoor spaces! Bring your hedge clippers, trimmers, leaf rakes, gloves, tarps, etc. Drew Laseter will direct the crew with jobs like pruning, weeding, and raking. He'll have his trailer to haul off all the debris, too.



DOGWOOD DAY

Monday, September 22, 8:30AM-5:00PM



Calling all Kids/Youth ages K-12th grade! Hamilton County Schools are out for a Professional Development Day and that means a **Day at Dogwood**. Meet at the Office Entrance at 8:30AM. Bring a bathing suit / towel / water bottle and get ready for a day like none other!

We will split into age-appropriate groups for games / art project / service project / swimming / free time / snacks / FUN. We will return to church by 5:00PM. The cost is \$10. Please bring a lunch; the church will provide snacks and all other supplies. Sign up with Lizzie at lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org. Contact Kelly at 561.252.2969 with any questions.

ADULTS: we are looking for a few Dogwood Day Volunteers to join us. Come for the whole day OR take a shift:

9:00AM - 11:00AM 10:30AM - 12:30PM
1:00PM - 3:00PM 2:30PM - 4:30PM

Contact Kelly at 561.252.2969 or kelly@fbcchattanooga.org.

YOUTH & PARENTS meeting SUNDAY, SEPT. 7 5:30pm FELLOWSHIP HALL

YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY Saturday, September 13, 8:00AM – 1:30PM

We will be joining alongside the church-wide community to help our church get ready for TAG in October. Meet at the church in the Sanctuary parking lot at 8:00AM. After the work is finished we will all go out to lunch together. (Bring \$\$ for lunch.) We should back at the church by 1:30PM.



CKC (grades 3-5) will meet on **Sunday, September 14** from 12:30-3:30PM for a **Picnic-in-the-Park**. We will meet in the Lobby and travel by bus to the Tennessee River Park for a delightful afternoon of playing in the park and having a Picnic Lunch with subs, chips, and cookies. Please bring \$5 for lunch and wear clothes that can get wet! Get ready to run wild and enjoy the great outdoors together and share a small devotional out under the sun. Have questions? Contact Kelly at 561.252.2969 or kelly@fbcchattanooga.org.

F4: families, fun, faith, fellowship Saturday, September 20, 10:00-noon

We welcome all families with young children, babies-2nd grade, to join us for our brand new ministry called F4. On Saturday, September 20, we will kick off this ministry by meeting at Tennessee River Park (4301 Amnicola Hwy.) from 10:00 to noon. 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. Look for the table with the FBC sign. Questions? Contact Kelly at 561.252.2969 or kelly@fbcchattanooga.org.

