



first baptist church
CHATTANOOGA

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A place to be. A place to serve.

September 10, 2025

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Worship Care Workers

September 14, 2025

for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers

Jan Varnell & Steve Partridge



Deacon Greeters

1. Emily Martin
2. Jim Boles

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. Meet in the Sanctuary parking lot.



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.

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM

10:50AM

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

JOHN STEELE

11:00AM

Rev. Betsy Kammerdiener

Matthew 16:13-26

Who Are You Really?



Worship at First

Streamed and in-person

See you in the CHAPEL for worship!



Prep on the choir loft
sides and the left partition.



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

Carole Daniel

Christina Dotson

Bill Doyle (LifeCare East Ridge)

Martha & Doug Eaves

Robin Gray

Debbie Hamilton

Ouisi Hamilton & family

Maggie Hansel

Richard Hewitt

Abigail Hixson

Esther Carter Johnson

Barbara Koller

Joe Koller

Dan Mayfield

Ed Nichols

Teena Ray

Jessica & Chase Shiflett

Annette Spinks

Jody Stanford

Bobbie & Bob Walraven

Ronald Adkins, Anthony Henderson's father

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

Deborah & Brad Harbuck

Doris Heath, Grady Worley's cousin

David Kammerdiener

Thatcher Knauth, Lila Knauth's grandson

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

Family of Keith Parks (former CBF Missions leader)

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 the friends and family of Ralph Graham who passed away on Monday afternoon. Arrangements are pending.



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 10

5:30 pm Bring Your Own Supper Fellowship Hall

Babies / Toddlers

6:00 pm Childcare E104

Preschoolers

6:15 pm Preschool Music & Missions E107

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 Wicked Tenants" Fellowship Hall

Facilitated by Verbie & Hugh Prevost

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

FINANCE REPORT (for Sept 10, 2025)

Budget receipts in the mail \$ 10,964.00

Budget receipts digitally/online 10,693.00

BUDGET RECEIPTS for the week \$ 25,657.00

Designated offerings 18,053.20

Total offering for this week \$ 43,710.20

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.)

Shirley Bunn
7620 Shallowford Rd RM L-11
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Carole Daniel
671 Alexian Way #605
Signal Mtn, TN 37377

Iris Daniels
801 Riverhill Dr #657
Athens, GA 30606

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

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
Sept. 21 Priscilla Estrada
Faye McCullough
Sept. 23 Melinda Grubbs
Bryan Laseter
Sept. 24 Mollie Vannoy



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...

- ... participated in competitive water skiing?
- ... hopes for a January release of their own musical single?
- ... loves the scent of lavender?
- ... has a favorite game that is advertised as a party game for horrible people?
- ... plays Dungeons and Dragons?

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

Here are the answers to last week's *Who are we??*

- Corey Terrell, as a "senior," gets free coffee at Hardee's.
- Ebony Cox love to play Pac-Man.
- Frances Marandi was the first box office supervisor at the UTC Arena.
- Bryan Laseter always cries at weddings.
- Megan Long has a small mug collection.



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 (no mtg, 09.09)
- October 7, 14, 21, and 30 (Thursday).

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. 11 – SEPT. 24

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

Thursday, September 18

Shower Ministry 2:00PM

Finance Committee via Zoom 4:30PM

Saturday, September 20

F4 at the TN Riverpark Playground 10:00AM

Sunday, September 21

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

Marketing Task Force 4:30PM

Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM

Youth Supper 5:30PM

Youth Bible Study 6:00PM

Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM

Monday, September 22

Dogwood Day 8:30AM

Tuesday, September 23

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group 9:30AM

Lunch & Learn 11:00AM

Moving Forward CJC Classes 5:30PM

Wednesday, September 24

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



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.

Hosted by FBC Chattanooga!

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



Sunday, October 5, 2025

Chancel Rededication & 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.

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.



Shower Ministry Workers enjoy a special lunch together.



Good times at the Lookouts game.

