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September 17, 2025

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**Worship Care Workers**  
**September 21, 2025**  
for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers  
**Debbie & Jim Hamilton**  
**Karen Henderson**

**Sunday, September 21, 2025**

**Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM**

**10:50AM**

***SONGS OF COMMUNITY***  
**GRADY WORLEY, PIANO**

**11:00AM**

**Dr. Thomas Quisenberry**  
**Luke 16:1-13**  
***Single-Minded Devotion***



**Deacon Greeters**

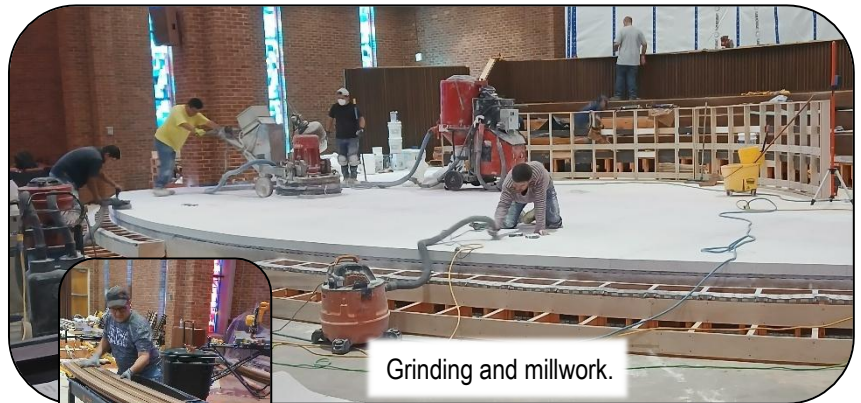
1. Helen Gross
2. Caroline Shoop



**Worship at First**

Streamed and in-person

We welcome our  
newest members,  
Zach & Meghan  
Roberson!



Grinding and millwork.

**See you in the CHAPEL for worship!**

Thanks to this  
group for making  
the grounds  
look great!



## 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

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

Wilbourne Markham

Dan Mayfield

Ed Nichols

Teena Ray

Jessica & Chase Shiflett

Annette Spinks

Jody Stanford

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

Debarah & 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

Elaine McGee, Grady Worley's sister

Sara Newsome, Carol Prevost's sister

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

Verbie Prevost's sister, Carolyn (hospice)

Connie Robinson, Lynn Strong's friend

Lonnie Smith, Ron Smith's brother

Michael Strong, Rodney Strong's brother

Cathy Suarez, Rusty Rouse's friend

Shirley Thomas, Cordelle Terrell's friend

Connie Trowbridge

Rachel Walker, Tim Burton's niece (Haiti)

Tommy Williams

Sherry Wright, Grady Worley's cousin

### Recently Discharged

Penny Tullock

### Condolences to

Bobbie Walraven and family in the death of her husband, Bob Walraven



We are excited to announce the **Prayer Room** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.cbf.net/pray).

## SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 17

5:30 pm	Bring Your Own Supper	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Missions Committee	Conference 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-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

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

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

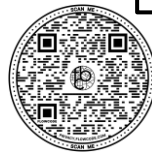
6:15 pm	"The Wedding Party"	Fellowship Hall
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Facilitated by Thomas Quisenberry

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

## FINANCE REPORT (for Sept 17, 2025)

Budget receipts in the mail	\$ 5,871.00
Budget receipts digitally/online	5,270.00
<b>BUDGET RECEIPTS for the week</b>	<b>\$ 11,141.00</b>
Designated offerings	6,270.67
Total offering for this week	\$ 17,411.67
<b>YTD BUDGET receipts</b>	<b>\$666,469.81</b>
<b>YTD Expenses</b>	<b>\$858,678.08</b>



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.)

Barbara Davis  
103 Belinda Pkwy Apt 307  
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

Franklin Davis  
1414 Continental Dr #1208  
Chattanooga, TN 37405

Bill Doyle  
1502 McDonald Rd #128  
East Ridge, TN 37412

## SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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



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
Sept. 25	Sally Dickerson Joshua Shoop
Sept. 26	Barbara Davis Shelley Kincer Jordyn Parker
Sept. 27	Emily Martin Vic Oakes



## 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...

- ... likes to use fountain pens with real points and ink?
- ... loves Swedish Fish Gummies?
- ... loves to watch murder documentaries?
- ... is a Swiftie?
- ... enjoys anything with cheese?

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??*

- Darryl Miller participated in competitive water skiing.
- Patty Spells hopes for a January release of her own music single.
- Sharon Wilkins loves the scent of lavender.
- Caroline Shoop's favorite game is advertised as a "party game for horrible people."
- Lizzie Alford plays dungeons and Dragons.

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



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.

Remaining dates are: September 23, 30; October 7, 14, 21, and 30 (Thursday).

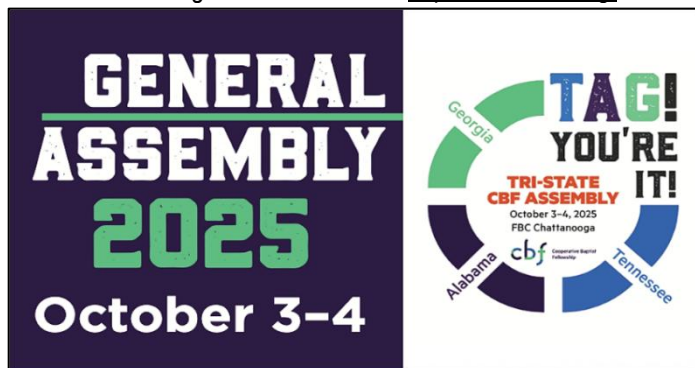
## Furniture Needed!

Some members of our current homeless community are moving into housing and are in need of furniture. We especially need a kitchen table with chairs and a queen size mattress with box springs. If you have these items or other furniture you can donate, please contact Herb Hooper at 423.580.0851.



Hosted by FBC Chattanooga!

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



## ON THE CALENDAR, SEPT. 18 – OCT. 1

### Thursday, September 18

Shower Ministry 2:00PM

### 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

Transportation Council 5:00PM

Fellowship Time (BYOF) 5:30PM

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

### Sunday, September 28

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

Cook Kids Collective 12:30PM

Combined Youth/Adult Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM

Youth Supper 5:30PM

Youth Bible Study 6:00PM

### Tuesday, September 30

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group 9:30AM

Lunch & Learn 11:00AM

Moving Forward CJC Classes 5:30PM

### Wednesday, October 1

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](https://tn.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

## F4: families, fun, faith, fellowship

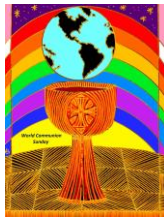
**Saturday, September 20, 10:00-noon**

We welcome all families with young children, babies-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, to join us for our brand new ministry called F4. On Saturday, September 20, we will meet 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! 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](mailto:kelly@fbcchattanooga.org).

## 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. The Youth Choir will be singing as part of the Festival Choir on October 5 as well. The rehearsal dates for this debut are:

Sunday, September 21, at 6:00PM in the choir suite

Sunday, September 28, 4:30PM, in the choir suite

Sunday, October 5, 8:45AM, in the Sanctuary

Contact Jeff Parker with any questions: [jeff@fbcchattanooga.org](mailto:jeff@fbcchattanooga.org)



For our **September Habitat for Humanity workday**, we returned to where we had previously worked in May. The house now had a roof, the siding and most of the insulation. We completed the "catwalk" required to work on this steeply sloped lot before finishing the insulation and Tyvek building wrap. After removing a considerable amount of kudzu, we installed five windows and finished the trim necessary to secure the ceilings. It was a good day with lots accomplished. For more information, contact Jim McAfee (423.802.5011).

## DOGWOOD DAY



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

Calling all Kids/Youth ages K-12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:kelly@fbcchattanooga.org).



Cool Kids  
Collective  
at the  
playground.  
(09.14.25)



Older kids helping the younger kids in Sunday School. (09.07.25)