



first baptist church
CHATTANOOGA

GATEWAY

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September 24, 2025

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Worship Care Workers

September 28, 2025

for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers

Sandra Longer, Tiffany Cofer



Deacon Greeters

1. Jeanne Alley
2. Samuel Bond



Sunday, September 28, 12:30-2:30PM



All 3rd-5th graders, this Baking Party is for you! We are meeting in the Youth Area for a lunch of chicken fingers, fries, and a baked treat (\$5). We are baking a group of desserts – some for ourselves and others for the homebound of our church family. We will also share a small devotional together. Please contact Kelly at 561.252.2969 or kelly@fbcchattanooga.org with any questions.

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Chancel Rededication & World Communion Day

October 5 will be a day of celebration as we worship 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, and we look forward to worshipping with you then!



As part of this celebration, **we will debut our Festival Choir**. This choir, anchored by our dedicated Adult Choir, involves coming together with the Adult Choir for 2 or 3 rehearsals prior to each celebration Sunday. The Youth Choir is singing as part of the Festival Choir on October 5 as well. The remaining rehearsal dates are:

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

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM

10:50AM

SONGS OF COMMUNITY
DARRYL MILLER, ORGAN

11:00AM

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry
Luke 16:19-31
Retell the Story



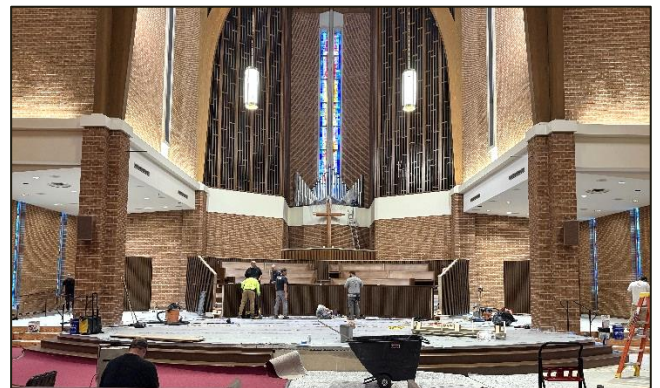
Worship at First

Streamed and in-person

See you in the CHAPEL for worship!



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



Work on framing in
the choir loft and
building the ramp.

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 recent shootings; divisiveness in our country

Sarah Warren Bowles

David Campbell

Michelle Carroll

Carole Daniel

Christina Dotson

Bill Doyle (LifeCare East Ridge)

Martha & Doug Eaves

Robin Gray

Maggie Hansel

Richard Hewitt

Abigail Hixson

Barbara Koller

Joe Koller

Kelly Kunf

Ed Nichols

Heather Osteen

Teena Ray

Annette Spinks

Jody Stanford

Declynn

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

Anna Fleming

Montana Freeman, Robin Gray's daughter

Dave Haibach, Steve Yantis's friend

Debarah & Brad Harbuck

Doris Heath, Grady Worley's cousin

David Kammerdiener

Ronald Kirkendoll, Sharon Webster's brother

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

Joseph "Stroud" Watson & family, father of Bryony Stroud-Watson (SFA)

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 Hospitalized

Jay Casavant

Penny Tullock

Condolences to

Martha Gill and family in the death of her husband, Larry Gill



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 24

5:30 pm	Bring Your Own Supper	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	Transportation Council	Conference Room

Babies / Toddlers / Preschoolers

6:00 pm	Childcare	E104
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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 Workers in the Vineyard"	Fellowship Hall
	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 September 23, 2025)

Budget receipts in the mail	\$ 4,816.67
Budget receipts digitally/online	2,555.00
BUDGET RECEIPTS for the week	\$ 7,371.67
Designated offerings	1,199.35
Total offering for this week	\$ 8,571.02
YTD BUDGET receipts	\$678,960.94
YTD Expenses	\$858,368.08



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 & Ed Fitch
906 E Elmwood Dr
Chattanooga, TN 3705
Dorothy "Dot" Forlidas
2143 Northpoint Blvd #1312
Hixson, TN 37343
Lavon Kendrick
c/o Karen Shuford
5216 Birchhill Rd
Mint Hill, NC 28227

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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



Sept. 24	Mollie Vannoy
Sept. 25	Sally Dickerson Joshua Shoop
Sept. 26	Barbara Davis Shelley Kincer Jordyn Parker
Sept. 27	Emily Martin Vic Oakes
Oct. 4	Billy Hewitt
Oct. 5	Esther Johnson
Oct. 6	Ron Earl Jack Good
Oct. 7	Rose Thomas
Oct. 8	Alishea Hixson Naomi Miller
Oct. 9	Debbie Hamilton Jenny Parker Randy Warren

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...

- ... was crowned Mr. Constellation?
- ... likes to watch the Tour de France?
- ... likes to play Foundations of Rome?
- ... has been a member of FBC for 58 years?
- ... most enjoys the scent of flowers?
- ... likes to play games on PlayStation?

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??*

- Thomas Quisenberry likes to use fountain pens with real points and ink.
- Kelly Kunf loves Swedish Fish Gummies.
- Jenny Parker loves to watch murder documentaries.
- Jessica Shiflett is a Swiftie.
- Charles Holt enjoys anything with cheese.

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



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: September 30; October 7, 14, 21, and 30 (Thursday).

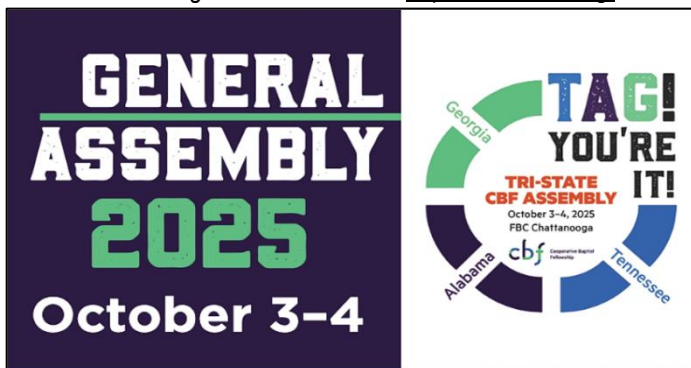
Furniture Needed!

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. 25 – OCT. 8

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

Thursday, October 2

Shower Ministry	2:00PM
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Friday, October 3

TAG CBF Pre-Assembly	10:00AM
TAG CBF Assembly	4:00PM

Saturday, October 4

TAG CBF Assembly Events	8:15AM
TAG CBF Assembly Worship	11:00AM

Sunday, October 5

Adult Choir Rehearsal	9:00AM
Sunday School/Bible Study	9:30AM
Fellowship Time/Library Open	10:30AM
Songs of Community	10:50AM
Worship - Sanctuary	11:00AM
Marketing Task Force	4:30PM
Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:30PM
Youth Supper	5:30PM
Youth Bible Study	6:00PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:00PM

Tuesday, October 7

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

Wednesday, October 8

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

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



Worship at
Dogwood,
August 31.



Mandy Pickett and Steve Yantis tie as winners of the "name the trail" contest.

