



*Here in this place, there are no foreigners,
for all are welcome in God's house.
Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,
for love is the language of faith.
Here in our lives, there are no divisions,
for God dwells in each of us.*

Thank you for joining us for worship today. It is our true desire that you feel at home here. The green displayed in our Chapel represents growth, indicating the current season of our church year (often called Ordinary Time) during which we look to God to help us strengthen our faith and our service.

The floral arrangement is given in loving memory of Tom Johnson, wishing him a happy heavenly birthday, by Angie Johnson, Kali & Grant Watson, and Kara & Remi Johnson.

We are accepting gifts for the **Benevolence Fund** at the end of worship today. We cover the cost of 40 food vouchers per month. We also issue grants for utilities or rent. Monies donated for the Benvolence Fund are used to cover these costs and may be given online (see QR code) or through the offering.

If you would like to know more about becoming a member of First Baptist or about making a profession of faith, please see Thomas Quisenberry after the service. A time will be arranged when you can speak together about the next steps to take in finding your place in our church family.

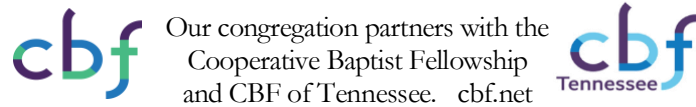
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Cool Kids Collective (CKC) (gr. 3-5) is meeting today, September 28, from 12:30-2:30PM for a Baking Party. We will meet in the Youth Area for lunch with chicken fingers, fries, and our baked goods for dessert. Please bring \$5 for lunch. We will be 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. Questions? Contact Kelly at 561.252.2969 or kelly@fbcchattanooga.org.

You are invited to be a part of the inaugural **FBC Festival Choir** as part of Worship on Sunday, October 5. Rehearsals are **this evening, September 28, at 4:30PM** (with the Youth Choir) in the Choir Suite; and Sunday morning, October 5, at 8:45AM in the Sanctuary! This choir will sing together several times during the church year. Contact Jeff Parker for more information (jeff@fbcchattanooga.org).

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) folks from Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia (TAG) are gathering at First Baptist Chattanooga on Friday-Saturday, October 3-4, for a General Assembly engaging in discussions focused on Youth and Children's Ministries. For more information go to tn.cbf.net/tag.

Chancel Rededication and World Communion Day, Sunday, October 5
Join us in this day of celebration as we worship once again in our newly renovated Sanctuary. It will be a time of jubilee, a time of community, a time to rejoice in our commitment to welcoming all of God's people.



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



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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 28

- 9:00AM Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite
- 9:30AM Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:30AM Fellowship Time – Lobby
- 10:30AM Library Open until Worship Begins
- 10:50AM Songs of Community – Chapel
- 11:00AM WORSHIP – CHAPEL
- 12:30PM Cool Kids Collective – Youth Area
- 4:30PM Combined Adult/Youth Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite
- 5:30PM Youth Supper – Youth Area
- 6:00PM Youth Bible Study – Youth Area

Tuesday, September 30

- 9:30AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – E211
- 11:00AM Lunch & Learn – Youth Area
- 5:30PM Moving Forward CJC Classes – Lower Chapel Area

Wednesday, October 1

- 11:00AM FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation
- 5:30PM Fellowship Time (BYOF) – Fellowship Hall
- 6:15PM Preschool Music/Missions – E107
- 6:15PM Children's Choir – E111
- 6:15PM Youth Gathering – Youth Area
- 6:15PM Epiphanies (study/discussion/action group) – FH
- 6:15PM Midweek Study (Pastor led) – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00PM Gym Time (School-Age Kids/Youth)
- 7:20PM Committee on Committees – Conference Room

Thursday, October 2

- 2:00PM Shower Ministry

Friday, October 3

- 10:00AM TAG CBF Pre-Assembly
- 4:00PM TAG CBF Assembly Begins
- 7:00PM TAG CBF Assembly Worship

Saturday, October 4

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

Sunday, October 5

- 8:45AM FBC Festival Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 9:30AM Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:30AM Fellowship Time – Lobby
- 10:30AM Library Open until Worship Begins
- 10:50AM Songs of Community – Sanctuary
- 11:00AM WORSHIP – SANCTUARY
- 4:30PM Marketing Task Force – E211
- 4:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal – FH200
- 5:30PM Youth Supper – Youth Area
- 6:00PM Youth Bible Study – Youth Area
- 6:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite

Worship Leaders

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry -----Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Parker-----Minister of Music and Worship
Rev. Kelly Kunf-----Interim Minister of Youth and Children
Ms. Megan Long-----Intern, Youth and Children
Dr. Darryl Miller-----Organist
Ms. Jenny Parker-----Pianist



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Chattanooga, Tennessee
September 28, 2025

The Worship of God

A Season of Growth

As you find your seat, please move to the middle of your row
making it easier for people to join us from the aisles.

GATHERING

Songs of Community Darryl Miller, organ

Chiming of the Trinity

Greeting Thomas Quisenberry

In the morning, as the clouds gather and break,
we open our eyes and stretch our arms to a new day.
As we gather, and the papers rustle and the pews creak,
and friends whisper together,
we become the beloved community again.
In our words and songs and silence and prayers,
we open ourselves to wonder, and gratitude, and praise.

Prelude arr. N. Muskrat
God, Reveal Your Presence
(Hymn 412)

APPROACH

Prayer of Adoration Thomas Quisenberry

*Hymn 625 HOW GREAT THOU ART
O Lord My God
(All children are invited to come forward during the final stanza.)

Children’s Time Jim Boles

Psalm Reading Libbie Weaver
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (NRSV)
The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 840 VILLE DU HAVRE
When Peace Like a River

PROCLAMATION

Gospel Reading Thomas Quisenberry
Luke 16:19-31 (NRSV)
The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Anthem arr. J. Hairston

Poor Man Lazrus
Adult Choir

Poor man Lazrus sick and disabled; he had to eat crumbs from the rich man’s table.
Dip your finger in the water, come and, cool my tongue, ’cause I’m tormented in the flame.
Rich man Divies he lived so well; and when he died he went straight to hell.
I love to shout; I love to sing; I love to praise my heav’nly King.

Message Thomas Quisenberry
Retell the Story

RESPONSE

*Hymn 462 HANKEY
I Love to Tell the Story

Prayers of the Community Thomas Quisenberry

Preparation for Giving Samuel Bond
What we place before God today is a fraction
of all God has entrusted to us.
May our gifts be multiplied for God’s purposes:
a source of blessing for the most vulnerable,
provision for those in greatest need.
May the act of giving, rooted in generosity,
loosen our grip on what we possess,
and kindle in us a deeper desire to share.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings P. Choplin

We Are Not Alone

Adult Choir; Jenny Parker, soloist
We are not alone. God is with us.
We are never alone, for God is with us.
Now, through all our days, always.
Forever and ever, we are never alone.
And God will make us strong, for God is with us.
We, we will press on, for God is with us.
Now, through all our days, always.
Forever and ever, we are never alone.

*Dedication of Gifts OLD 100TH

Three staves of musical notation for the hymn "Dedication of Gifts". The lyrics are: Praise God, the Source of life and birth; praise God, the Word, who came to earth; praise God, the Spi - rit, ho - ly flame; all glo - ry, hon - or to God's name! A - men.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Samuel Bond

*Work of the Church Thomas Quisenberry

*Words of Blessing

*Charge Thomas Quisenberry

*Benediction ARGENTINA

May the God of Hope Go with Us

Four staves of musical notation for the benediction. The lyrics are: May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race. Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

Text: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984; Music: Argentine folk melody; permission to print

Postlude H. Willan
Finale Jubilante

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.
An offering for local benevolence will be received as you leave the service today.

