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CHATTANOOGA G A T E W A Y

A place to be. A place to serve.

October 8, 2025

401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402

423.265.2257

www.fbcchattanooga.org

Worship Care Workers

October 12, 2025

for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers

Angie Johson, Tina Shoop



Deacon Greeters

1. Jane Everett

2. Roberta Echols

Last Sunday, we received \$1,207 for our **Benevolence Fund**. This money is used to help pay utilities for our neighbors as well as funding 40 food boxes/month. You may donate to this fund anytime by using QR code on p.2 and selecting BENEVOLENCE in the dropdown menu. Thank you for your generosity!

SPECIAL THANKS

Last month, FBC celebrated our excellent staff during Staff Appreciation Week. Thank you to everyone who organized the events, especially Susan Rouse, Helen Gross, and their team! I know the staff felt all of our love.

Speaking of our FBC staff, thank you to everyone who worked extra hard to get ready for the CBF TAG weekend! Not only did they have to move and organize things, but they also had to clean up from the construction dust and all that went with the chancel renovations. We are so grateful to David Daley and the custodial team.

Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers who worked overtime to make the CBF TAG event such a success. Thank you to those who organized the TAG event, including Maggie Quisenberry, Jeff Parker, and Thomas Quisenberry. They worked through the logistics for months.

Finally, thank you to our pastor, Thomas Quisenberry, for serving us for the past 15 years! His anniversary coincided with this massive event at our church this weekend. How fitting that he demonstrated to us what service looks like throughout the weekend. We are so grateful for you!

With love and thankfulness,

Ann-Marie Blentlinger, Chair of Deacons 2025

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM

10:50AM

SONGS OF COMMUNITY
DARRYL MILLER, ORGAN

11:00AM

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry
Luke 17:11-19; 18:8
Will He Find It?



Worship at First

Streamed and in-person

Deacons Nominated to Serve Term 2026-2028

Mary Jayne Allen

Reggie Alley

Alishea Hixson

Dawn Oakes

Vic Oakes

Andy Schwall

Sean Pickett

Tina Shoop

Deacon Emeriti: Sandra Longer and Dan Mayfield

Approval of Deacon Slate by church vote, Sunday, November 9

Blessing of Deacons, Sunday, November 16, during Worship

Happy Fall Break!

Sunday, October 12, no evening activities.

Wednesday, October 15, no evening activities.



FBC Fall Festival is right around the corner and we are looking for donations of candy to give our kids for their Trunk-or-Treat. **Starting Sunday, October 12**, you can drop off your **candy donations in the bright orange bin** located in the Narthex. We ask that **all candy is nut-free** to accommodate our kids with nut allergies. Thank you for helping to make this annual event the best!

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 the recent earthquake in the Philippines

Those affected by the school collapse in Indonesia

Those affected by recent shootings; divisiveness in our country

Sarah Warren Bowles

Michelle Carroll

Jay Casavant

Christina Dotson

Bill Doyle (LifeCare East Ridge)

Martha & Doug Eaves

Martha Gill and family

Robin Gray

Maggie Hansel

Richard Hewitt

Abigail Hixson

Lavon Kendrick

Barbara Koller

Joe Koller

Heather Osteen

Teena Ray

Annette Spinks

Jody Stanford

Penny Tullock

Carlie & Mark Wojnovich

Ronald Adkins, Anthony Henderson's father

Brad Bost and family

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

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

Macy & Sean Rowe, Esther Carter Johnson's friends

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, Sean Pickett's cousin

Rachel Walker, Tim Burton's niece (Haiti)

Tommy Williams, Sean Pickett's friend

Sherry Wright, Grady Worley's cousin



The **Prayer Room** on the 2nd floor of the Education Wing is now open!

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

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 8

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 Epiphanies (study/discussion/action) E217

"Christian Nationalism"

Facilitated by Maggie Quisenberry

6:15 pm "Rizpah" – II Samuel 3:7; 21:1-14 FH

Facilitated by Thomas Quisenberry

FINANCE REPORT (for October 8, 2025)

Budget receipts in the mail \$ 14,192.81

Budget receipts digitally/online 13,739.00

BUDGET RECEIPTS for the week \$ 27,931.81

Designated offerings 4,072.94

Total offering for this week \$ 32,004.75

YTD BUDGET receipts \$716,137.87

YTD Expenses \$924,154.00



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.)

Sheila Hinkle

1300 Darlene Cir

East Ridge, TN 37412

Debbie Hixson

1020 Runyan Dr. #226A

Chattanooga, TN 37405

Judy Hudson

2760 Northpoint Blvd #114

Hixson, TN 37343

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Tyler Cain, Virginia Condry Ledman

Jamie Fitch, Matthew Hellier

Coty Kissinger, Michael Land

Keith Mays, Nathan Skidmore

Oct. 8 Alishea Hixson
Naomi Miller

Oct. 9 Debbie Hamilton
Jenny Parker
Randy Warren

Oct. 10 Josie Carrell
Sheila Hinkle
Hugh Prevost

Oct. 13 Freida Carter
Lavene Guthrie

Oct. 14 Felicia Boyer
Teena Ray
Mike Willard

Oct. 15 Lucy Herrod
Delores Markham

Oct. 16 Richard Sullivan

Oct. 17 Emory Boshears
Joe Koller
Carol Prevost
Hannah Weaver

Oct. 18 David Hixson
Ronny McNeil

Oct. 19 Janice Bond
Kathy Stewart

Who are we??

We hope you had the opportunity to view the information about our incredible staff each Sunday on the screen in the lobby as part of our Staff Appreciation Month and that you know all of them a little better now.

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

Jeff Parker was crowned Mr. Constellation.
Lila Knauth likes to watch the Tour de France.
Emma Mullins likes to play Foundations of Rome.
Tina Shoop has been a member of FBC for 58 years.
David Daley most enjoys the scent of flowers
Anthony Henderson likes to play games on PlayStation.



The assignment for our **Habitat for Humanity** workday on **Friday, October 10** is at 2520 Olive Street (37406). We last worked on this house in June installing the beam over the front porch. This month, we will be working on interior doors and trim, exterior caulking and spackling; as well as the back deck. Let me know if you can join us this Friday at 8:30AM (Jim McAfee: 423.802.5011).



F4 is back on Saturday, October 11, from 11:00AM-1:00PM for another fun adventure together. This time we are celebrating Fall and Pumpkins. We invite families with babies - 2nd graders to meet us **first** at **Weaver Tree Farms** Pumpkin Lot (308 Signal Mountain Rd) from **11:00-11:30AM** where we will all take some fun pictures as well as let your child choose a pumpkin (\$7/child credit). We will **then load back into our cars** and head up to **The Pumpkin Patch Playground** on Signal Mountain (1836 Taft Hwy) for Pumpkin Decorating, playing on the playground, and other small games from **11:30AM-1:00PM**. 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 drinks and pumpkin cookies. Reach out to Kelly at 561.252.2969 or kelly@FBCChattanooga.org.

Sunday, October 19, 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.



Furniture Needed!

The Truck Ministry has formed an unofficial partnership with the Families in Transition Program of the Hamilton County Department of Education. This program is for families with children who are living in their cars, shelters, campgrounds, or motels. As they transition into housing, they need furniture, household items, linens, etc. If you have any of these items you can donate, please contact Herb Hooper at 423.580.0851. Thank you so much for your support!



ON THE CALENDAR, OCT. 9 – OCT. 22

Friday, October 10

Habitat for Humanity Workday 8:30AM

Saturday, October 11

F4 – Weaver Farms/Pumpkin Patch 11:00AM

Sunday, October 12

Chancel 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

No Evening Activities – Fall Break

Tuesday, October 14

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group 10:00AM

Moving Forward CJC Classes 5:30PM

Tuesday Book Group 6:00PM

Wednesday, October 15

FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation 11:00AM

No Evening Activities – Fall Break 5:30PM

Thursday, October 16

Shower Ministry 2:00PM

Finance Committee Mtg via Zoom 4:30PM

Sunday, October 19

Chancel 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

Cool Kids Collective 12:30PM

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 21

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group 10:00AM

Moving Forward CJC Classes 5:30PM

Deacon Council Meeting 5:30PM

Wednesday, October 22

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 (tentative) 7:20PM



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

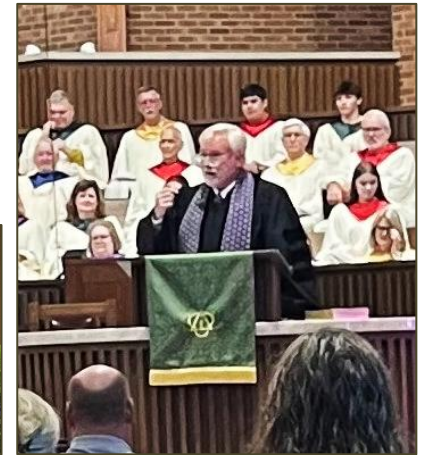


FBC Ministerial & Support Staff

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



Chancel rededication
and World Communion
Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025.



Thank you to our
Orange Grove
Friends and the
McGill Friendship SS
Class for supplying
and preparing
weekend food bags
for kids at Lookout
Valley Elementary.





**Surviving
the Holidays**
provides encouragement, support, and valuable
tools to navigate the season.
Join us for this 2-hour seminar

sponsored by
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
401 Gateway Ave, Chattanooga,
TN 37402

Saturday, November 8
10:00AM-12:00PM
Office Entrance, RM E213

Register:
www.griefshare.org/events/275961
Contact Jim Schwall at
423.280.7998 with any questions.

**The holidays are
challenging when you're
grieving a loss.**



K-2nd graders learn about
the mustard seed parable.



Mr. Jim, Josie, Lila, Abigail, Sarah