



*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.

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 October 19, from 12:30-2:30PM for a Baking Party. We will meet in the Youth Area for a lunch (\$5) pizza chips and our baked goods for dessert. 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 Megan Long at 423.661.0599 or meganlong0550@gmail.com.

Our Fall Festival is Sunday, October 26, from 5:00-6:30PM. We need you to help with donations of **individually-wrapped candy** for our Trunk-or-Treat. We ask that **all candy is nut-free**, too, to accommodate our kids with nut allergies. You can drop off your candy donations in the **bright orange bin** located in the Narthex. Thank you for helping to make this annual event the best!

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 to donate, please contact Herb Hooper at 423.580.0851. Thank you so much for your support!

The Three Organists: a Benefit Concert for the restoration of our historic Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ is Saturday, November 8, at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary. Former organists, Jonathan Crutchfield and Ethan McGrath, will join current organist, Darryl Miller, in playing some of their favorite works showcasing the many voices of our organ. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted.



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, October 19

- 9:00AM Chancel 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 – Sanctuary
- 11:00AM Worship – Sanctuary
- 12:30AM Cool Kids Collective – Youth Area
- 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

Tuesday, October 21

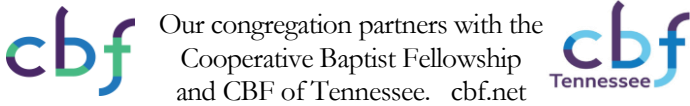
- 10:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – E211
- 5:30PM Deacon Council Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 5:30PM Moving Forward CJC Classes – C103, C106
- 6:00PM Tuesday Book Group – Conference Room

Wednesday, October 22

- 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) – E217
- 6:15PM Midweek Study (Pastor led) – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00PM Gym Time (school-age kids/youth)
- 7:00PM Committee on Committees – Conference Room

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- 5:00PM Fall Festival – Front Lawn



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
- Ms. Rebecca James-----Violinist



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Chattanooga, Tennessee
October 19, 2025

The Worship of God

A Season of Growth

GATHERING
SONGS OF COMMUNITY Darryl Miller, organ

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GREETING Thomas Quisenberry
In the quiet, in the calm, in the stillness,
we seek God.
In the clamor, in the cry, in the grief,
we seek God.
In this time, in this place, with each other,
we seek God.
Even as we seek, let us worship God.

PRELUDE arr. D. Whitman
Near to the Heart of God

APPROACH
PRAYER OF ADORATION Thomas Quisenberry

*HYMN 410 W ŁŁOBIE LEŻY
God Is Calling through the Whisper
(All children are invited to come forward during the final stanza.)

CHILDREN’S TIME Jim Boles

EPISTLE READING Melissa Mardis
2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5(NRSV)
The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT Melissa Mardis
You call us to be
your light in the darkness,
your voice in the wilderness,
your hope for the hopeless.
You give us
strength and courage,
peace and gentleness,
words and boldness,
to proclaim more of you
and less of us.

*HYMN 688 MORECAMBE
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

PROCLAMATION
ANTHEM Gordon, arr. Sjolund

My Jesus, I Love Thee
Chancel Choir; Rebecca James, violin
My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine,
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou:
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.
I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow:
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus ‘tis now.
In mansions of glory and endless delight
I’ll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I’ll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus ‘tis now.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Thomas Quisenberry
Genesis 32:22-31 (NRSV)
The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Thomas Quisenberry
Match of the Century

RESPONSE
*HYMN 169 REST
Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Jeff Parker

PREPARATION FOR GIVING Angie Johnson
All we have
is a gift from God’s hand.
May we loosen our hands,
giving to the work of this church on God’s behalf;
for in giving freely,
we gain the opportunity to live abundant lives!

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS arr. D. Whitman
Balm in Gilead

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS OLD 100TH

Musical notation for Dedication of Gifts. Lyrics: 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 Angie Johnson

*WORK OF THE CHURCH Thomas Quisenberry

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*CHARGE Thomas Quisenberry

*BENEDICTION ARGENTINA

May the God of Hope Go with Us
Musical notation for Benediction. Lyrics: 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. Refrain: Pray-ing, let us work for peace; sing-ing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faith-ful when we hear Christ's call.

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POSTLUDE C. Harris
Finale in A

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

*Please stand, if able. OL#728820-A