



first baptist church

CHATTANOOGA GATEWAY

A place to be. A place to serve.

November 5, 2025

401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402

423.265.2257

www.fbcchattanooga.org

Worship Care Workers

November 9, 2025

for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers

Mandy Pickett, Roberta Echols
John Echols



Deacon Greeters

1. Charlie Cooper
2. Melissa Laseter

FELLOWSHIP WITH PURPOSE

Church Family,

If you are like me, then you have also noticed how the days this year have absolutely flown by. It is hard to believe that we are nearing an end to a year that feels as if it just began. But we are just hours away from Thanksgiving Day. Now, I know, to many of you that means football all day long. To others, the day is centered on what is placed upon the dinner table. And there are those who long for an afternoon nap. Frankly, all those options sound pretty good to me.

No matter how we spend the hours that day, each of us will take a moment to pause and offer thanks. Thanks given for friends and family, for food upon the table, for a couch to nap on, and so much more.

One of the things that I am thankful for is this congregation. You are a warm, loving, body of Christ who looks outward, shares deeply, and welcomes everyone in as family. So this season, we will gather together as a church family to break bread, and to let our coming together of the fellowship be an expression of our thanks.

On November 23, just after worship, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a churchwide fellowship meal. The church will provide the meat, and we ask that you bring a side, salad, or dessert to share with everyone. We will have a brief moment of entertainment, but the intention is to gather as family to share in the joy of the season and in the blessing of being together.

At this luncheon, we will also unveil the theme for Advent this year. You will just have to wait until then to know more about what is in store. You will not want to miss this luncheon, and you will not want to miss a single Sunday of Advent. So go ahead and mark your calendars, you know, the ones with the days that are flying by all too fast, and pledge to be with us. For being a part of a family matters and being a part of this family, this church family, is a true blessing.

See you there, Thomas

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM



Worship at First

Streamed and in-person

It's a "dollar \$unday"!

10:50AM

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

JOHN ECHOLS

11:00AM

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry

Haggai 1:15b - 2:9

*Honest Expressions and
Hopeful Visions*

Please note: There will be a church conference as part of the Work of the Church on Sunday, November 9, to vote on the 2026 Budget, the 2026 Committee on Committees Report, and the 2026 slate of Deacons. Active church members were emailed copies of these reports last Wednesday. They are also available in the Members section on our website.

To celebrate Christ the King Sunday on November 23, we will once again be led by our **Festival Choir**. This is a special Sunday commemorating the culmination of the current Church Year by proclaiming the love and reign of Christ. Please consider joining us in the choir that day.

FESTIVAL CHOIR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

11:00 AM

REHEARSALS:
Sun. 11/9 - 6:00 pm
Sun. 11/16 - 6:00 pm
Sun. 11/23 - 9:00 am

For more information contact Jeff:
jeff@fbcchattanooga.org

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Saturday, December 13, 9:00-11:00AM

- We need servers, table hosts, greeters, drivers, and more. Sign-up sheets will be on the board in the lobby near the church office beginning Sunday, Nov. 16.
- We need toys for children ages birth-15 years old (especially the older kids). Each toy should cost around \$10. Gender neutral toys are helpful. Please bring these unwrapped gifts on Sunday, Dec. 7 or Wednesday, Dec. 10.
- Monetary donations are always welcome. Please indicate "Brunch."
- On Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 6:15PM, all ages will be included as we prep for the brunch, pack gifts, and decorate the Fellowship Hall for all the fun!



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 conflicts/ human rights issues in Ethiopia, Haiti, Sudan, Ukraine
Those affected by Hurricane Melissa; food insecurity in the US

Michelle Carroll

Mary Earl and family

Martha & Doug Eaves

Robin Gray

Maggie Hansel

Lavon Kendrick

Barbara Koller

Joe Koller

Jeff Parker

Cordelle Terrell

Jaxson Tester

Penny Tullock

Carlie & Mark Wojnovich

Ronald Adkins, Anthony Henderson's father

Joel Armstrong, Tina Shoop's coworker's relative

Brad Bost and family

Casey Brown, Jane & Joe Everett's neighbor

Wendy Butler, Lois VanHooser's daughter-in-law

Wayne Cook, Rodney Strong's friend

Ebony Cox and family

Jamie Creekmore, HCS teacher

Tammy Daley, David Daley's sister

Brent Edwards, Vivian Langford's son

Russell Ellis, Rose Ellis's husband

Rachel Fagan, Stephanie & David Daley's niece

Kim Fite, Emily Laseter's mother

Montana Freeman, Robin Gray's daughter

Allie Hammond, Grady Worley's niece

Debarah & Brad Harbuck

Doris Heath, Grady Worley's cousin

Ronald Kirkendoll, Sharon Webster's brother

Marcy Kunf, Kelly Kunf's mother

Teresa Longer, Sandra & Charlie Longer's daughter-in-law

Margie Mayfield, Dan Mayfield's mother

Elaine McGee, Grady Worley's sister

Holly Harris Misirly, Sharon & Emily Tousek's relative

Sara Newsome, Carol Prevost's sister

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

Vickie Porterfield

Verbie Prevost's sister, Carolyn (hospice)

Jan Ramsey, Rodney Strong's friend

Connie Robinson, Lynn Strong's friend

Linda Shurbert & family, Steve Yanits's friend

Robert Sitton and family

Bill Smith, Jan & David Varnell's friend

Michael Strong, Rodney Strong's brother

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

Cathy Suarez, Rusty Rouse's friend

Bill Tate, Regina Schwall's father

Shirley Thomas, Cordelle Terrell's friend

Connie Trowbridge, Sean Pickett's cousin

Tommy Williams, Sean Pickett's friend

Sherry Wright, Grady Worley's cousin

Hospitalized

Mike Willard – Erlanger



SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 5

5:30 pm	Bring Your Own Supper	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Budget Q&A	Fellowship Hall

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-5th 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	Epiphanies (study/discussion/action)	E217
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Living with Doubt

Facilitated by Maggie Quisenberry

6:15 pm	"Legion" Mark 5	FH
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Facilitated by Thomas Quisenberry

FINANCE REPORT (for November 5, 2025)

Budget receipts in the mail	\$	20,901.16
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Budget receipts digitally/online		7,031.00
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BUDGET RECEIPTS for the week	\$	27,932.16
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Designated offerings		1,925.44
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Total offering for this week	\$	29,857.60
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YTD BUDGET receipts	\$	829,072.52
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YTD Expenses	\$	1,026,135.91
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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.)

JoAnn Seaborn

606 Windy Way

Signal Mtn, TN 37377

Sue Sisson

2477 Chattanooga Valley Rd

Flintstone, GA 30725

Jody Stanford

6705 Ballard Dr #307

Chattanooga, TN 37421

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Tyler Cain, Virginia Condry Ledman

Jamie Fitch, Matthew Hellier

Coty Kissinger, Michael Land

Keith Mays, Nathan Skidmore

Nov. 6	Betty Givens
	Mark Mardis
	Dan Mayfield
	Melanie McClellan

Nov. 7	Angie Johnson
	Joci Parker

Nov. 11	Luke Oakes
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Nov. 12	Kali Johnson Watson
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Nov. 13	Joanna Quisenberry
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Nov. 14	Sarah Laseter
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	Lois VanHooser
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Nov. 15	Mark Wojnovich
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Nov. 17	David Campbell
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	Erin Thibault
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Nov. 18	Cheryl Brown
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	Maeve Mullins
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Nov. 19	Ron Cooper
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	Ed Nichols
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	Maddie Ward
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Nov. 22	David Crockett, Sr
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	Bobbie Fitch
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	Barbara Koller
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**Thank you,
Orange Grove
Friends,**
for packing food
bags for us to
share with a local
school!



Hannah & Madeleine have
"Cool Kids" fun at the movies.



GRADUATION

Join us as we proudly celebrate
the accomplishments of our Fall
2025 participants!

Sunday, November 30, 2025
3:00PM McEwen Chapel
Reception to follow in the Parlor.

ON THE CALENDAR, NOV.6 – NOV. 16

Saturday, November 8

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays 10:00AM
The Three Organists Benefit Concert 7:00PM

Sunday, November 9

Dogwood Committee 8:30AM
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
Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM
Youth Supper 5:30PM
Youth Bible Study 6:00PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM

Tuesday, November 11

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group 10:00AM
Lunch & Learn 11:00AM
Investment Committee 5:00PM
Moving Forward CJC Classes 5:30PM
Tuesday Book Group 6:00PM

Wednesday, November 12

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

Thursday, November 13

Shower Ministry 2:00PM

Friday, November 14

Habitat for Humanity Workday 8:30AM
Youth Fall Retreat 6:00PM

Saturday, November 15

Youth Fall Retreat
Chancel Choir Christmas Music Workshop 6:00PM

Sunday, November 16

Youth Fall Retreat
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
Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM
Youth Supper 5:30PM
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Members' Message Board



CASE MGMT.

Paper Towels
Cleaning Supplies
Clorox wipes
Tall kitchen bags

CLOTHING

Socks & Underwear
Blankets
Men's Tennis Shoes
Jackets

KITCHEN

Sugar & Salt
Butter
Coolwhip
Coffee
Napkins
Plastic Spoons

OUTREACH

Backpacks
Tarps: green / Camo
Trash bags

GIVE A LITTLE, HELP A LOT

COMMUNITY CENTER

Travel-sized Hygiene Products
Ponchos
Laundry Detergent
Razors

MACLELLAN SHELTER for FAMILIES

Paper plates / bowls
Plastic cutlery
Cups
Pillows

Thank You —❤️



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



Our Orange Grove Friends
enjoying trick or treating
in the church office.



Fall Festival Trunk Winners:

- 1st – Long Family Christmas
- 2nd – Thomas Q is 50
- 3rd – Welcome to the family, Layla!

1st place Chili
(not pictured):
Ann-Marie Blentlinger

Best Hot Dog Servers:
David Daley and
Rusty Rouse

