



first baptist church

CHATTANOOGA G A T E W A Y

A place to be. A place to serve.

November 26, 2025

401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402

423.265.2257

www.fbcchattanooga.org



1st Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM



Waiting

Worship at First

Streamed and in-person

It's a "dollar Sunday"!

10:50AM

SONGS OF COMMUNITY
MELISSA & BRYAN LASETER

11:00AM

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry
Matthew 24:36-44
Waiting with Hope

Worship Care Workers

November 30, 2025

for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers

Tiffany Cofer, Jan Varnell

Caroline Shoop



Deacon Greeters

1. Charles Groves

2. Jane Everett

Poinsettia Sunday, December 14:

If you wish to place a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please complete an order form, available

around the church and online, and return it to the church office by **Wednesday, December 3**. The plants are \$13 each and may be paid for online (see QR code), by cash, or by check. Please indicate Christmas Flowers on the memo line. These poinsettias will be enjoyed as part of our worship on December 14, and may be picked up at the end of that service. We also welcome donations towards our **Advent greenery**.



We will be **decorating for Advent/Christmas** beginning at 10:00AM on Wednesday, December 3, and would love to have your help! Judy Sullivan will be here to guide all the volunteer elves in decorating trees and setting up displays. Please let her know that you are coming (423.503.9938). Helpers will meet in the lobby outside the church office.

During November, we are collecting \$1 bills as part of our offering. These funds will be used to help provide more food boxes from the Chattanooga Area Food Bank and other food needs for our community during this crisis. We encourage you to place your dollar bills (and more) in the offering baskets as they are passed during Worship. Last Sunday we received \$180, giving a current total of \$850. Also, **we received donations for the Benevolence Fund** of \$503. Monies from this fund are used for food boxes, grants for utilities, and other needs, and may be given online (see QR code on p.2) or through the offering at any time. Your generosity benefits many families in our community.

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

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

- We need servers, table hosts, greeters, drivers, and more. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the lobby near the church office.
- 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!



Adult Ministry Christmas Trip, Thursday, December 11

Christmas Market

Cullman, Alabama

with a stop at

Big, Bad Breakfast

in South Pittsburg.

Depart FBC at 8:30 ET

Breakfast on your own 8:15 CT

Enjoy the market! 11:00-2:00 CT

Return to FBC at 5:30 ET

Cost: \$5 for gas; no charge for the Market.

sign up: frances@fbcchattanooga.org / 423.648.2543

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 the continuing abduction of school children in Nigeria
Those affected by the government shutdown / reopening

Cheryl Brown and family

Michelle Carroll

Stephanie & David Daley and family

Martha & Doug Eaves

Robin Gray

Maggie Hansel

Lavon Kendrick

Barbara Koller

Joe Koller

Delores & Wilbourne Markham

Jane Nichols

Vic Oakes

Jeff Parker

Family of Colleen Payne

Melissa Phillips

Annette Spinks

Cordelle Terrell

Lily Thibault

Penny Tullock

Alice Turner

Carlie & Mark Wojnovich

Greg Acock, Cordelle Terrell's friend

Joel Armstrong, Tina Shoop's coworker's relative

Harry Austin

Casey Brown, Jane & Joe Everett's neighbor

Wayne Cook, Rodney Strong's friend

Ebony Cox and family

Jamie Creekmore, HCS teacher

Family of Patrick Daverson

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

Ileain Gentry, Cordelle Terrell's friend

Allie Hammond, Grady Worley's niece

Debarah & Brad Harbuck

Mark Jackson, Robin Gray's friend

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

Margie Mayfield, Dan Mayfield's mother

Holly Harris Misirly, Sharon & Emily Tousek's relative

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

Vickie Porterfield

Verbie Prevost's sister, Carolyn (hospice)

Jan Ramsey, Rodney Strong's friend

Bill Smith, Jan & David Varnell's friend

Ann & Ken Sheets

Robert Sitton and family

Austin & Aaron Steele, John Steele's sons (actively seeking jobs)

Gara McCarthy Strong, Rodney Strong's sister-in-law

Joseph "Stroud" Watson & family (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



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED NOVEMBER 26-27
NO EVENING ACTIVITIES ON THE 26TH



Christ the King Sunday – Christ Light Bearers: Micah and Madeleine

FINANCE REPORT (for November 25, 2025)

Budget receipts in the mail	\$ 9,775.52
Budget receipts digitally/online	2,058.00
BUDGET RECEIPTS for the week	\$ 14,930.00
Designated offerings	5,756.11
Total offering for this week	\$ 17,589.63
YTD BUDGET receipts	\$ 873,512.45
YTD Expenses	\$1,090,374.27



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.

happy Birthday

Nov. 25	Kris Kammerdiener
Nov. 26	Madeleine Mardis
Nov. 27	Melissa Laseter
Dec. 1	Gene Bowles
Dec. 3	Vivian Langford Angie Ward
Dec. 5	Heather Osteen
Dec. 6	Patti Gross
Dec. 7	Megan Duggan Harold Loyd
Dec. 8	Cassidy Long Winston Patton Gail Spitler
Dec. 9	Jeanne Alley Essie Bartlett Anna Schwall Tom Williams, Sr
Dec. 10	Richard Nichols
Dec. 12	Dawn Oakes

NOTE-WORTHY FRIENDS

(They'd love a note from you.)

Carole Daniel
671 Alexian Way #605
Signal Mtn, TN 37377

Iris Daniels
801 Riverhill Dr #657
Athens, GA 30606

Barbara Davis
83 Rose St
Sopchoppy, FL 32358

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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



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.

Making Room

a daily devotional journey from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Nov. 30 – Christmas (also available in Spanish and as a printable children's booklet)

cbf.net/advent/



In addition to *Making Room*, two other devotional resources for use during Advent are listed below.

www.d365.org

prayasyougo.org/series/advent

DEACON OFFICERS FOR 2026

Chair: Jim Boles

Chair-Elect: Dawn Oakes

Vice-Chair, Committee on Committees: Emily Laseter

Vice-Chair, Congregational Care: Mary Jayne Allen

Church Clerk / Secretary of Deacons: Angie Johnson

Cool Kids Collective (grades 3-5) is meeting on **Sunday, December 7, from 12:30-2:30PM** for an afternoon of **ARTS & CRAFTS**. We'll meet in E112 (3rd-5th grade classroom) and have a pizza lunch and dessert. After lunch we'll have several choices of some creative and personal arts and crafts to choose from. Might be a great Christmas gift to give to someone you love! Please bring \$5 for lunch. Have questions? Reach out to Kelly at 561.252.296 or kelly@fbcchattanooga.org.



DOGWOOD DAY

Monday, December 1, 8:30AM-5:00PM

Calling all Kids/Youth ages K-12th grade! Hamilton County Schools are out for a Professional Development Day and that means a **Day at Dogwood**. Meet at the Office Entrance at 8:30AM. Bring a jacket/sweatshirt, water bottle, closed-toe shoes, and get ready for a day like none other!

We'll split into age-appropriate groups for games / science projects / art project / free time / snacks / FUN. We will return to church by 5:00PM. The cost is \$10. Please bring a lunch; the church will provide snacks and all other supplies. Questions? Contact Kelly at 561.252.2969. Sign up with Lizzie at lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org.

ADULTS: we are looking for a few Dogwood Day Volunteers to join us. Come for the whole day OR take a shift:

9:00AM - 11:00AM

10:30AM - 12:30PM

1:00PM - 3:00PM

2:30PM - 4:30PM

Contact Kelly at 561.252.2969 or kelly@fbcchattanooga.org.



ON THE CALENDAR, NOV.27 – DEC. 3

Thursday, November 27

Happy Thanksgiving!

Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 30

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9:00AM

Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30AM

Fellowship Time/Library Open 10:30AM

Songs of Community 10:50AM

Worship, First Sunday of Advent 11:00AM

Moving Forward CJC Graduation 3:00PM

Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM

Youth Supper 5:30PM

Youth Bible Study 6:00PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM

Monday, December 1

Dogwood Day (Children/Youth) 8:30AM

Tuesday, December 2

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group 10:00AM

Lunch and Learn 11:00AM

Wednesday, December 3

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

Thursday, December 4

Shower Ministry 2:00PM

Saturday, December 6

Parents' Night Out 6:00PM

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Tuesday, December 9

Lunch and Learn 11:00AM

Tuesday Book Group 4:00PM

Wednesday, December 10

Fellowship Time (BYOF) 5:30PM

Brunch Prep (all ages) 6:15PM

Thursday, December 11

Adult Ministry Trip 8:30AM



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



FBC Ministerial & Support Staff

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry

Rev. Jeff Parker

Rev. Kelly Kunt

Ms. Megan Long

David Daley

Lila Knauth

Patty Spells

Lizzie Alford

Frances Marandi

Senior Pastor

Minister of Music & Worship

Interim Minister of Youth & Children

Intern, Youth & Children

Facilities Supervisor

Financial Associate

Church Administrative Assistant

Education Administrative Ass't

Music Administrative Assistant

423.648.2548

423.648.2547

423.265.2257

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Members' Message Board

First Baptist members are invited to a sneak peak of the **new Memorial Hospital – North Georgia** (4710 Battlefield Parkway, Ringgold). Join us **December 7, 2025, from 5 - 6 p.m.** for an exclusive first look inside the brand new, state-of-the-art facility before its grand opening in January 2026. If you can't attend, you are welcome to join the Community Open House/Sneak Peek on December 9 from 4-7 p.m.

FAST day

chattfoundation.org/fast-day

Wreaths Across Chattanooga

- Placed on Saturday, Dec. 13 beginning at 7:30AM
- Donate a wreath for \$10
- chattanoogaawaa.com/



Lavon Kendrick and Thomas having a wonderful visit today!

P.N.O.
 Parents' Night Out

Saturday, December 6th
6 - 10 pm

- ★ Cost is \$5 per child, or \$10 per family
- ★ Check in at the Lower Chapel entrance

RSVP to Lizzie Alford by **December 4th**
[423.648.2542/lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org](mailto:lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org)



FBC FALL FESTIVAL
10.26.25

