



first baptist church

CHATTANOOGA G A T E W A Y

A place to be. A place to serve.

December 3, 2025

401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402

423.265.2257

www.fbcchattanooga.org



HANGING OF THE GREEN

Worship Care Workers

December 7, 2025

for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers

Sylvia Colvin, Adam Weaver

Jeanne Alley



Deacon Greeters

1. Angie Johnson

2. Carol Prevost

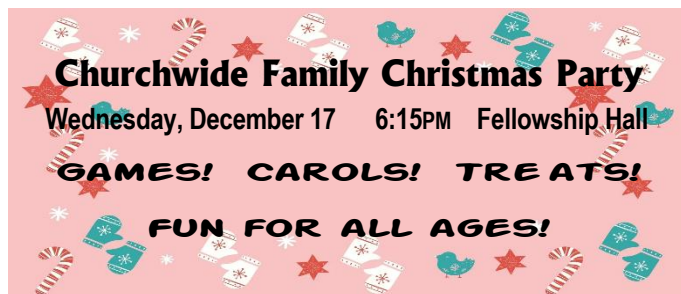
Poinsettia Sunday, December 14:

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

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.



During November, we collected \$1 bills as part of our offering. These funds are being used to help provide more food boxes from the Chattanooga Area Food Bank and other food needs for our community during this crisis. Last Sunday we received \$144, giving a current total of \$994. Your generosity benefits many families in our community!



Making Room is a daily devotional journey provided by CBF (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship), Nov. 30 – through Christmas Day. It's also available in Spanish and as a printable children's booklet. cbf.net/advent/

In addition to *Making Room*, here are two other devotional resources for use during Advent:

www.d365.org

prayasyougo.org/series/advent



2nd Sunday of Advent, December 7, 2025

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM



Waiting

Worship at First

Streamed and in-person

Advent Artwork: *The Virgin in Prayer*; artist: Sassoferrato

10:50AM

SONGS OF COMMUNITY
JENNY PARKER & FRIENDS

11:00AM

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry
Matthew 3:1-12
Waiting with Peace

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.
- **Volunteers**, please arrive by 8:00AM unless your crew leader asks you to come sooner. Biscuits and coffee will be available.
- 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
Those affected by recent natural disasters

Bill Allen

Cheryl Brown and family

Michelle Carroll

Stephanie & David Daley and family

Martha & Doug Eaves

Bobbie (hospice) & Ed Fitch

Robin Gray

Maggie Hansel

Lavon Kendrick

Barbara Koller

Joe Koller

Mark Mardis

Delores & Wilbourne Markham

Lynne Mayfield

Vic Oakes

Melissa Phillips

Annette Spinks

Cordelle Terrell

Penny Tullock

Alice Turner

Carlie & Mark Wojnovich

Greg Acock, Cordelle Terrell's friend

Joel Armstrong, Tina Shoop's coworker's relative

Harry Austin

Paul L. Bonner, Jr

Casey Brown, Jane & Joe Everett's neighbor

Wayne Cook, Rodney Strong's friend

Jamie Creekmore, HCS teacher

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

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

Family of Ann Sheets

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

Hospitalized

Melissa Phillips – Memorial #461



happy
birthday

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

NOTE-WORTHY FRIENDS

(They'd love a note from you.)

Franklin Davis
1414 Continental Dr #1208
Chattanooga, TN 37405

Bill Doyle
1502 McDonald Rd RM 128
East Ridge, TN 37412

Sue Doyle
5501 Old Hixson Pk RM 405
Hixson, TN 37343

SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 3

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-5 th 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) Reaching Out with Cards Facilitated by Maggie Quisenberry	E217
6:15 pm	"Saul → Paul" Acts 9 Facilitated by Thomas Quisenberry	FH

FINANCE REPORT (for December 3, 2025)

Budget receipts in the mail	\$ 7,037.10
Budget receipts digitally/online	11,880.00
BUDGET RECEIPTS for the week	\$ 18,917.10
Designated offerings	2,809.74
Total offering for this week	\$ 21,726.84
YTD BUDGET receipts	\$ 893,641.29
YTD Expenses	\$1,115,046.06

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.

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 Spittler
Dec. 9	Jeanne Alley Essie Bartlett Anna Schwall Tom Williams, Sr
Dec. 10	Richard Nichols
Dec. 12	Dawn Oakes
Dec. 17	Jeff Parker
Dec. 19	Tom McCullough
Dec. 20	David Weaver
Dec. 21	Lavon Kendrick Jan Varnell
Dec. 22	Jane Lewis Chase Shiflett



GRADUATION

Seven determined women completed the Moving Forward program this semester! They are pictured below with their mentors and guest speaker. Congratulations! Also pictured is special helper, Charles Holt, and his buddy.



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



(grades 3-5) is meeting on **Sunday, December 7, from 12:30-2:30PM** for an afternoon of **ARTS AND CRAFTS**. We'll meet in E112 (3rd-5th grade classroom) and have pizza 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.

Lay Leadership for 2026*

Chair of Deacons: Jim Boles
 Chair-Elect of Deacons: Dawn Oakes
 Vice-Chair, Committee on Committees: Emily Laseter
 Vice-Chair, Congregational Care: Mary Jayne Allen
 Church Clerk / Secretary of Deacons: Angie Johnson
 Church Treasurer: Charles Groves
 Associate Church Treasurer: Marian Herdzina

*There will be a Church Conference at the end of worship on December 14, 2025, to affirm these leaders.

ON THE CALENDAR, DEC. 4 – DEC. 21

Thursday, December 4	
Shower Ministry	2:00PM
Saturday, December 6	
Parents' Night Out	6:00PM
Sunday, December 7	
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00AM
Sunday School/Bible Study	9:30AM
Fellowship Time/Library Open	10:30AM
Songs of Community	10:50AM
Worship, Second Sunday of Advent	11:00AM
Cook Kids Collective	12:30PM
Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:30PM
Youth Supper	5:30PM
Youth Bible Study	6:00PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:00PM
Tuesday, December 9	
Lunch & 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
Friday, December 12	
Habitat for Humanity Workday	8:30AM
Church Office Closed	
Saturday, December 13	
Christmas Brunch	9:00AM
Sunday, December 14	
Youth Choir/Adult Tenors & Basses	9:00AM
Sunday School/Bible Study	9:30AM
Fellowship Time/Library Open	10:30AM
Songs of Community	10:50AM
Worship, Third Sunday of Advent	11:00AM
Youth Christmas Party	5:00PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5:00PM
Tuesday, December 16	
Lunch & Learn	11:00AM
Wednesday, December 17	
FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation	11:00AM
Fellowship Time (BYOF)	5:30PM
Churchwide Family Christmas Party	6:15PM
Thursday, December 18	
Shower Ministry	2:00PM
Saturday, December 20	
Holiday PNO/KidsCURSION	6:00PM
Sunday, December 21	
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00AM
Sunday School/Bible Study	9:30AM
Fellowship Time/Library Open	10:30AM
Songs of Community	10:50AM
Worship, Fourth Sunday of Advent	11:00AM
Service for the Longest Night	6:15PM



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

Members' Message Board

First Baptist members are invited to a sneak peak of the **new Memorial Hospital – North Georgia** (4710 Battlefield Parkway, Ringgold 30736). Join us **December 7, 2025, from 5:00-6:00PM** 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 4:00-7:00PM.

Wreaths Across Chattanooga

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



Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 21, 4:00-6:30PM

After morning worship, sign up to go with a group and leader to designated areas for caroling.



Then meet back in the church Parlor at 6:30PM for tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches!

A Service for the Longest Night

Sunday, December 21, 7:00PM, Chapel



For many, the holiday season isn't quite as enjoyable or even as bearable as it is for others. A *Service for the Longest Night* gives a place for people who are experiencing grief, loss, or difficulties of any kind to fellowship with others in similar situations. For others, this service is a place to come be Family in Christ during a time of need. Childcare is available.



Many thanks to our custodial crew and to Judy Sullivan (center) and elves (L to R): Annette White, Nancy Bowman, Laura Warren, Susan Rouse, Dan Mayfield, Janet Gouger, Gail Spittler, Ann-Marie Blentlinger, Jan Varnell, Roberta Echols and Maeve. They have all worked hard decorating for this beautiful season!

