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CHATTANOOGA

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A place to be. A place to serve.

January 7, 2026

401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402

423.265.2257

[www.fbcchattanooga.org](http://www.fbcchattanooga.org)

**Worship Care Workers**

January 11, 2026

for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers

Alishea Hixson  
Roberta & John Echols



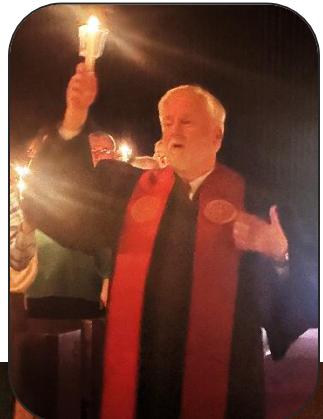
**Deacon Greeters**

1. Emily Laseter
2. Andy Schwall

Tonight (5:30PM)  
January 8 (8:30AM)

**UN**DECK THE HALLS

This evening, Wednesday, January 7, we'll share a meal (provided by the church) in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30PM and begin work (until 7:30PM) taking down and packing up all the holiday decorations. We'll also be cleaning out classrooms and other spaces as we begin the new year with a clean slate. Work will continue on Thursday, January 8, during office hours to get everything finished. Join us any of these times!



**Baptism of the Lord, January 11, 2026**

**Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM**



**10:50AM**

**SONGS OF COMMUNITY  
JOHN STEELE AND FRIENDS**

**11:00AM**

**Dr. Thomas Quisenberry**  
Matthew 3:13-17  
**Voice from Above**

## 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

Those affected by the many recent shootings/stabbings

Those affected by invasions and conflicts in their countries

Michelle Carroll

Martha & Doug Eaves

Robin Gray

Maggie Hansel

Brenda Hooper

Joe Koller

Don Manning

Mark Mardis

Vic Oakes

Annette Spinks

Cordelle Terrell

Penny Tullock

Carlie & Mark Wojnovich

Steve Yantis

Toya

Greg Acock, Cordelle Terrell's friend

Joel Armstrong, Tina Shoop's coworker's relative

Paul L. Bonner, Jr

Casey Brown, Jane & Joe Everett's neighbor

Carol Collins

Wayne Cook, Rodney Strong's friend

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

Fred Hall (hospice), Bill Roddy's brother-in-law

Deborah & Brad Harbuck

Charlie Hill, Jan Varnell's friend

Dora Hunter, Jane Lewis' friend

Mark Jackson, Robin Gray's friend

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

Margie Mayfield, Dan Mayfield's mother

Harry McKee, Anthony Davis's neighbor

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)

Georgia Smith

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

Ed Wade, Brenda Underwood's cousin

### Hospitalized

Barbara Koller – Atlanta

Melissa Phillips – Memorial #465



### FINANCE REPORT (for December 31, 2025)

Budget receipts in the mail	\$ 24,855.00
Budget receipts digitally/online	7,672.00
<b>BUDGET RECEIPTS for the week</b>	<b>\$ 32,527.00</b>
Designated offerings	4,355.53
Total offering for this week	\$ 36,882.53
<b>YTD BUDGET receipts</b>	<b>\$1,087,076.23</b>
<b>YTD Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,196,458.29</b>

### FINANCE REPORT (for January 7, 2026)

Budget receipts in the mail	\$ 4,623.00
Budget receipts digitally/online	12,175.00
<b>BUDGET RECEIPTS for the week</b>	<b>\$16,798.00</b>
Designated offerings	7,940.46
Total offering for this week	\$24,738.46
<b>YTD BUDGET receipts</b>	<b>\$16,798.00</b>
<b>YTD Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,864.22</b>



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.)

Carol Martin  
635 Alexian Way H-409  
Signal Mtn, TN 37377

Mildred Mays  
429 Page Rd  
Rossville, GA 30741

Nancy Meyers  
5215 Randolph Rd Apt 2039  
Charlotte, NC 28211

Jan. 7	Sheila Albritton Steve Yantis
Jan. 9	Gary Hilbert
Jan. 11	Herb Hooper
Jan. 12	Julie Cain
Jan. 14	Iris Daniels
Jan. 16	Adam Cofer Drew Laseter
Jan. 18	Ceriyanna Green-Ross Allan Kerr
	Rusty Rouse
	Michael Sepulveda
Jan. 20	Marian Herdzina Dan Johnson
	Kelly Kunf
Jan. 21	Joe Everett Dean Jackson Sean Pickett Randy Ray

### SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

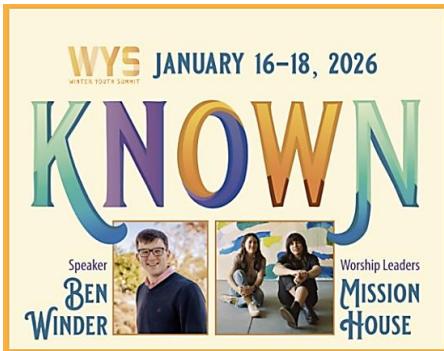
On Friday, January 9, the FBC Habitat for Humanity team is working at the warehouse at 1201 East Main Street painting doors and trim for the new build on Gillespie Street. We may also be involved with some cleaning, as well as order and arrangement tasks. Although rain is expected, we'll be inside and will begin work at 8:30AM. If you are interested and willing to assist with this ministry, please contact Jim McAfee at 423-802-5011.



Christmas Brunch Kitchen Elves



At **WYS 2026**, our youth will investigate what it means to be friends of Jesus, to be truly **KNOWN** by God, and to be embraced in God's love. We'll have fun, fellowship, and worship together when we gather at First Baptist Church Huntsville. For more information, please contact Lizzie (lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org).



**GRIEFSHARE** Join us for **GriefShare**, a grief support group, as you experience the loss of a loved one through death. This program consists of 11 weekly sessions beginning Tuesday, March 10, from 6:00-8:00PM. The sessions are accompanied by small group discussions led by trained facilitators, along with a workbook, *From Mourning to Joy* (\$20). The only fee is the cost of the workbook. For additional information, please contact Jim Schwall (423.280.7998). To register, go to [www.fbcchattanooga.org/griefshare](http://www.fbcchattanooga.org/griefshare).

# Members' Message Board

## DONATION NEEDS JANUARY 2026

**CHATT Foundation**

**CASE MGMT.** Paper Towels, Cleaning Supplies, Clorox Wipes, Tall Kitchen Bags

**CLOTHING** Jeans & Sweaters, Coats & Jackets

**KITCHEN** Cooking Spices, Coffee, Eggs, Breakfast Meat, Salt & Pepper, Vegetable Oil

**OUTREACH** Backpacks, Tarps: green / Camo, Trash bags

**COMMUNITY CENTER** Travel-sized Hygiene Products, Ponchos, Laundry Detergent, Razors, Tents & Sleeping Bags, Hand Warmers, Birthday Party Items

**GIVE A LITTLE, HELP A LOT**

**MACLELLAN SHELTER for FAMILIES** Diapers (size 3-5), Quart Ziplock Bags, Laundry Detergent, Kids Snacks

Toboggans & Thick gloves

*Thank You* ❤

## ON THE CALENDAR, JAN. 7 – JAN. 21

### Thursday, January 8

Undeck the Halls	8:30AM
Shower Ministry	2:00PM

### Friday, January 9

Habitat for Humanity Workday	8:30AM
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### Sunday, January 11

Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00AM
Sunday School/Bible Study	9:30AM
Fellowship Time/Library Open	10:30AM
Songs of Community	10:50AM
Worship	11:00AM
Calendaring Meeting	12:00PM
Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:30PM
Youth Supper	5:30PM
Youth Bible Study	6:00PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:00PM

### Tuesday, January 13

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	10:00AM
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### Wednesday, January 14

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

### Friday, January 16

Winter Youth Summit - Huntsville
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### Saturday, January 17

Winter Youth Summit - Huntsville
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### Sunday, January 18

Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00AM
Sunday School/Bible Study	9:30AM
Fellowship Time/Library Open	10:30AM
Songs of Community	10:50AM
Worship	11:00AM
Return from Winter Youth Summit	
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5:00PM

### Tuesday, January 20

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	10:00AM
Deacon Council Meeting	5:30PM
Tuesday Book Group	6:00PM

### Wednesday, January 21

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

Our congregation partners with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and CBF of Tennessee. [cbf.net](http://cbf.net)



## FBC Ministerial & Support Staff

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry	Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Parker	Minister of Music & Worship
Rev. Kelly Kunk	Interim Minister of Youth & Children
Ms. Megan Long	Intern, Youth & Children
David Daley	Facilities Supervisor
Lila Knauth	Financial Associate
Patty Spells	Church Administrative Assistant
Lizzie Alford	Education Administrative Ass't
Frances Marandi	Music Administrative Assistant



A few FBC leaders met today with faith and community leaders from all around Chattanooga. We heard about a new initiative in our area to help address the affordable housing crisis. It was wonderful to be joined by so many community and faith agencies working together for all our neighbors and God's children. ~Thomas



It takes a lot of elves to cook for 250 Brunch folks!



#### VEGAS CLASS CHRISTMAS GATHERING

(L-R, back row: Dan Mayfield, Steve & Janet Gouger, Ron Smith, Laura & Randy Warren, Mike Willard, Sheila Albritton, Gary Hilbert, Marian Herdzina, Judy & Richard Sullivan, Lynne Mayfield, Susan & Jeff Laseter; seated in front: Teresa Groves, Saundra King, Lori Smith)