



first baptist church

CHATTANOOGA G A T E W A Y

A place to be. A place to serve.

January 7, 2026

401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402

423.265.2257

www.fbcchattanooga.org

Worship Care Workers

January 11, 2026

for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers

Alishea Hixson

Roberta & John Echols

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



Deacon Greeters

1. Emily Laseter
2. Andy Schwall

Tonight (5:30PM)

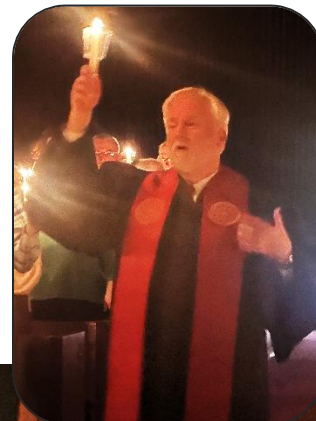
January 8 (8:30AM)

UNDECK THE HALLS

Worship at First

Streamed and in-person

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!



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
 Debarah & 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

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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



FINANCE REPORT (for December 31, 2025)

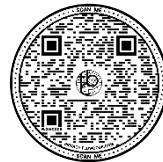
Budget receipts in the mail	\$ 24,855.00
Budget receipts digitally/online	7,672.00
BUDGET RECEIPTS for the week	\$ 32,527.00
Designated offerings	4,355.53
Total offering for this week	\$ 36,882.53

YTD BUDGET receipts	\$1,087,076.23
YTD Expenses	\$1,196,458.29

FINANCE REPORT (for January 7, 2026)

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

YTD BUDGET receipts	\$16,798.00
YTD Expenses	\$10,864.22



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

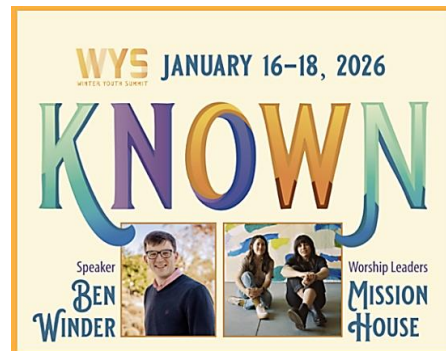
On Friday, January 9, the FBC Habitat for Humanity team is working at the warehouse at 1201 East Main Street painting doors and trim for the new build on Gillespie Street. We may also be involved with some cleaning, as well as order and arrangement tasks. Although rain is expected, we'll be inside and 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).



GRIEF SHARE 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.

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
Calendar 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

Saturday, January 17

Winter Youth Summit - Huntsville

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
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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

Members' Message Board

DONATION NEEDS

JANUARY 2026

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) Toboggans & Thick gloves
Quart Ziplock Bags Laundry Detergent
Kids Snacks

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	
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Ms. Megan Long	Intern, Youth & Children	
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Lizzie Alford	Education Administrative Ass't	423.648.2542
Frances Marandi	Music Administrative Assistant	423.648.2543



A big **THANK YOU** to Susan and Rusty Rouse, and Martha Eaves for preparing grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato-basil soup for our "after Christmas caroling" treat!



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, Sandra King, Lori Smith)