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A place to be. A place to serve.

January 14, 2026

401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402

423.265.2257

www.fbcchattanooga.org

Worship Care Workers

January 18, 2026

for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers

Steve Partridge, Jan Varnell
Tina Shoop



Deacon Greeters

1. Mandy Pickett
2. Lynne Mayfield



Thanks so much to everyone that helped to

UNDECK THE HALLS



2nd Sunday after Epiphany, January 18, 2026

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM



Worship at First

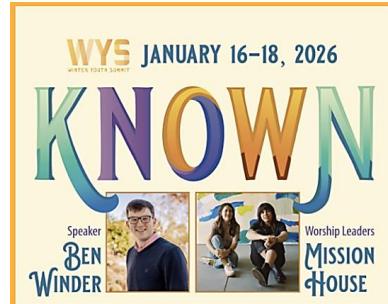
Streamed and in-person

10:50AM

SONGS OF COMMUNITY
CHERYL McAFFEE with JOHN STEELE

11:00AM

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry
John 1:29-42
Speaking of Truth



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. Plus, on our way home, we'll spend some time at the Space and Rocket Center. Please keep our youth and chaperones in your prayers as they travel, make new friends, and dig deeper into their relationships with God.



For schedule changes due to inclement weather:

- check our website at www.fbcchattanooga.org
- check social media www.facebook.com/fbcchattanooga
Instagram: @fbcchattanooga
- check for an email from church

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 justice & human rights issues; immigration issues
 Those affected by recent natural disasters

Those affected by invasions and conflicts in their countries

Martha & Doug Eaves

Robin Gray

Maggie Hansel

Joe Koller

Don Manning

Mark Mardis

Vic Oakes

Annette Spinks

Cordelle Terrell

Penny Tullock

Alice Turner

Carlie & Mark Wojnovich

Steve Yantis

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

Chelsea Darras, Dan Mayfield's niece

Ruth Dayhuff, Marian Herdzina'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' niece

Mark Jackson, Robin Gray's friend

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

Family of Jerry Martin, II, Sharon Wilkins's step-son

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

Family of Randall Powell, Kenneth Webster's niece's husband

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

Condolences to

Saundra King in the death of her sister



SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 14

5:30 pm	Bring Your Own Supper	Fellowship Hall
7:15 pm	House & Grounds Committee	Conference Rm
Babies / Toddlers		
6:00 pm	Childcare	E104
Preschoolers		
6:15 pm	Preschool Music & Missions	E107
Children (K-5th 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) <i>Separation of Church and Hate</i> by John Fugelsang Facilitated by Maggie Quisenberry	E217
6:15 pm	"I've Been Meaning to Ask...." ...Where Are You From? Facilitated by Thomas Quisenberry	FH

FINANCE REPORT (for January 14, 2026)

Budget receipts in the mail	\$ 2,764.00
Budget receipts digitally/online	28,000.00
BUDGET RECEIPTS for the week	\$30,764.00
Designated offerings	1,690.91
Total offering for this week	\$32,454.91
YTD BUDGET receipts	\$42,840.06
YTD Expenses	\$10,507.22



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.)

Naomi Miller
 307 McBrien Rd
 Chattanooga, TN 37411
 Sue Moore
 9043 Oak Haven Dr
 Chattanooga, TN 37421
 JoAnn Seaborn
 606 Windy Way
 Signal Mtn, TN 37377

- Jan. 14 Iris Daniels
- Jan. 16 Adam Cofer
- Jan. 18 Drew Laseter
- Jan. 18 Cerianna Green-Ross
- Jan. 18 Allan Kerr
- Jan. 18 Rusty Rouse
- Jan. 18 Michael Sepulveda
- Jan. 20 Marian Herdzina
- Jan. 20 Dan Johnson
- Jan. 20 Kelly Kunf
- Jan. 21 Joe Everett
- Jan. 21 Dean Jackson
- Jan. 21 Sean Pickett
- Jan. 21 Randy Ray
- Jan. 22 Norma Gomez
- Jan. 22 Cathy Reverman
- Jan. 23 Sandy Carroll
- Jan. 24 Lilly Hathcock

The Annual giving statements for 2025 will be sent within the next few days. If you have an email address on your account, it will be sent by email. The email will be from First Baptist Church with the URL address of notifications@onrealmmail.org. The subject line will be "Your giving statement from First Baptist Church of Chattanooga." Please note this is a legitimate email. If you don't see this email, check your spam folder. If you have any questions, please contact Lila at 423.648.2547 or lila@fbcchattanooga.org.



As a part of our exploration, our group is continuing to watch video clips of the thirteen apostles in the series *The Chosen: Seasons Two and Three*. We are meeting on Tuesdays in the Youth Area beginning at 11:00AM with a showing of the episode(s) for that week

followed by discussion. Feel free to bring your own lunch to eat at the tables as we talk. For those who cannot get away from work or other commitments for the full time, feel free to watch the episode at home and join us about noon for the time of conversation. At this time, we plan to continue through May 19, and we'd love to have you join us.

Cool Kids Collective (grades 3-5) is meeting on **Sunday, January 25, from 12:30-2:30PM** for an afternoon of BOARD GAMES. We will meet in



E109, the new Children's Hang-Out Room. Lunch is hot dogs, Tater Tots, and dessert. Then we'll play some fun board games together and have a small devotional. Please contact Kelly with any questions: 561.252.2969 or kelly@fbcchattanooga.org.



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.

Members' Message Board

DONATION NEEDS JANUARY 2026

CHATT Foundation

CASE MGMT.	CLOTHING	KITCHEN	OUTREACH
Paper Towels Cleaning Supplies Clorox Wipes Tall Kitchen Bags	Jeans & Sweaters Coats & Jackets	Cooking Spices Coffee Eggs Breakfast Meat Salt & Pepper Vegetable Oil	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 			

ON THE CALENDAR, JAN. 15 – JAN. 21

Friday, January 16

Winter Youth Summit – Huntsville 4:00PM

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

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 5:00PM

Return from Winter Youth Summit 6:00PM

Tuesday, January 20

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group 10:00AM

Lunch & Learn 11:00AM

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

Parents of Children Meeting 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, January 22

Shower Ministry 2:00PM

Sunday, January 25

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

Cool Kids Collective 12:30PM

Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM

Youth Supper / Parent Meeting 5:30PM

Youth Bible Study 6:00PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM

Tuesday, January 27

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group 10:00AM

Lunch & Learn 11:00AM

Wednesday, January 28

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



FBC Ministerial & Support Staff

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry	Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Parker	Minister of Music & Worship
Rev. Kelly Kurf	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

Mark Your Calendar!



Left:
Joanna lighting the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve.

Bottom:
Josie, Sarah, and Lila (with Libbie and Mr. Jim) learning that we are part of God's family.



FBC Staff Christmas (in January) outing to City Café: Anthony, Frances, Lila, Jenny, Lizzie, Kelly, Megan, Jeff, Darryl, Thomas, David, and Sharon.



Faith Journey Friends Class, standing, L-R: Kenneth & Sharon Webster, Doran Carrell, David Hixson, Dan & Cindy Shell, John Steele, Jane & Joe Everett, Roberta & John Echols, Jim McAfee, David Varnell, Gail Spitler, Ann-Marie Blentlinger; (seated L-R), Carolyn Carrell, Nancy Bowman, Alishea Hison, Susan Rouse, Martha Eaves, Cheryl McAfee, Rusty Rouse, Jeff Gilbert, Karen Henderson, and Jan Varnell.