



March 18, 2026

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Worship Care Workers
March 22, 2026
 for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers

Jan Varnell
Steve Partridge



Deacon Greeters

1. Angie Johnson
2. Alisha Hixson

Please note: We do not have any scheduled church activities this Wednesday evening, March 18, as our families enjoy spring break from Hamilton County Schools.

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 22, 2026
Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM



HONEST QUESTIONS
Deeper Faith

Worship at First

Streamed and in-person

10:50AM
SONGS OF COMMUNITY
DARRYL MILLER, ORGAN

11:00AM
Dr. Thomas Quisenberry
Ezekiel 37:1-14
What Needs the Breath of Life?



We are accepting an offering for the Benevolence Fund at the end of worship this Sunday. We cover the cost of 40 food vouchers per month provided through the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. We also issue grants for utilities or rent depending on the immediate need presented and the available money for aid. Monies donated for the Benevolence Fund are used to cover these costs and may be given online (see QR code on p2) or through the offering. Your generosity benefits many families in our community.

Floral needs for Palm and Easter Sundays

We'll commemorate Jesus entering Jerusalem with waving palm branches on March 29 and celebrate his resurrection with a flowered cross on April 5. We'll also adorn our worship space with lilies. To help cover these costs, **you are invited to place donations in honor or in memory of a loved one. Lilies are \$13 each; all other donations will be applied to palms and flowers for the cross.** Order forms will be available around the church and on our website. **Please place your request by Thursday, March 26.** You may also pay for your order online using the QR code on p. 2, and then confirm your memorial or honorarium by emailing Patty Spells (patty@fbcchattanooga.org).

Services during Holy Week

Maundy Thursday
April 17 6:00PM Chapel
 A service of Holy Communion marking the night of the Last Supper.

Good Friday
April 18 7:00PM Chapel
 A service of Tenebrae contemplating Jesus's crucifixion and death.

There will not be any scheduled church activities on Wednesday, April 16, during Holy Week.



F4: Kids (toddlers thru 2nd graders) and your families, please plan to join us for a **Family Movie Night on Saturday, March 28**, from 5:30-7:30PM. Wear your comfy clothes and bring pillows and/or sleeping bags to lounge on. We'll watch *Meet the Robinsons* on the big screen in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided, too.

COOL KIDS COLLECTIVE (grades 3-5) is meeting on **Sunday, March 29**, from 12:30-2:30PM for an afternoon of Karaoke fun. We'll meet in E109, the Children's Hangout Room. **Lunch will be hamburgers, French fries, and dessert.** Then we'll sing along to some of our favorite tunes and have a small devotional.



Questions? Contact Kelly (561.252.2969 / kelly@fbcchattanooga.org).

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 unrest, invasions, and conflicts in their countries

Upcoming local, state, national elections

Mary Jayne Allen and family

Tim Burton

Mary Carol Campbell

Bobby Colvin

Doug (hospice) & Martha Eaves

Robin Gray

Pollye Gross

Debarah Harbuck & family

John Hunt

Linda & Dan Johnson

Chris Jones

Don Manning

Ed Nichols

Vic Oakes

Melissa Phillips

Annette Spinks

John Steele

Lynn Strong

Judy Sullivan

Penny Tullock

Dreama Vinyard

Virginia Wagnon (hospice)

Tom Williams, Sr.

Lisa and Mark Wojnovich and family

Steve Yantis

Karen, Rose Thomas's friend

Chelsea Darras, Dan Mayfield's niece

Ruth Dayhuff, Marian Herdzina's friend

Larry Dickey, Regina Koller's friend

Kelly Digby, Lila Knauth's niece

Rachel Fagan, Stephanie & David Daley's niece

Montana Freeman, Robin Gray's daughter

Illuminada (Ilain) Gentry, Cordelle Terrell's friend

Allie Hammond, Grady Worley's niece

Anthony Henderson's father, Ronald (Anthony, FBC custodian)

Charlie Hill, Jan Varnell's friend

Dora Hunter, Jane Lewis' niece

Mark Jackson, Robin Gray's friend

Janet Kolwick & family, Barbara Koller's sister

Nancy & Jim Lewis, Doug Lewis's brother and sister-in-law

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

Margie Mayfield, Dan Mayfield's mother

Holly Harris Misirly, Sharon & Emily Tousek's relative

Ron Mitchell, Wilbourne Markham's friend

Kathy Pohutsky and Cindy, Kenneth Webster's mother & sister

Lance Robbins, Tom McCullough's friend

Conner Southwell, the Markham's friend

David Stewart, the Markham's friend

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

Bryony Stroud-Watson (SFA) and family



The Scholarship Committee of First Baptist Church of Chattanooga is pleased to administer **The Greg & Edith Yantis Scholarship** and to request applications for it. Generous donations by the Yantis family have made this scholarship possible.

Recipients are selected annually by the Scholarship Committee, based on available funds and on need / merit, from the pool of current applicants. Students seeking higher education of any kind who are members of First Baptist Church may apply.

Application Deadline - 5:00PM, Thursday, April 19, 2026

If you have not received an application already, you may request one from Lizzie Alford in the church office (lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org / 423.648.2542). Completed applications and all supporting documents should be returned to Lizzie Alford by hand delivery, postal service or email. Please refer to the application for additional information. Contact Lizzie Alford with any questions.



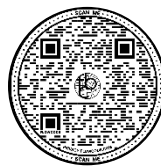
Saturday, April 4, Fellowship Hall, 10:00AM

Children! Encounter the Easter story with your family by walking thru twelve sensory, interactive stations where you will engage, discuss, and play together, experiencing a true Hunt for Easter. Remember to bring your Easter basket, too!

FINANCE REPORT (for March 18, 2026)

Budget receipts in the mail	\$ 13,185.90
Budget receipts digitally/online	7,115.00
BUDGET RECEIPTS for the week	\$ 20,300.90
Designated offerings	1,268.26
Total offering for this week	\$ 21,569.16
YTD Revenue	\$188,337.78
YTD Expenses	\$241,733.92

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.)

Sheila Hinkle
1300 Darlene Cir
East Ridge, TN 37412

Debbie Hixson
1020 Runyan Dr #226A
Chattanooga, TN 37405

Judy Hudson
2760 Northpoint Blvd #114
Hixson, TN 37343

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

Mar. 20	Mike Carroll Virginia Wagnon
Mar. 22	Amy Dean
Mar. 24	Doran Carrell
Mar. 27	Stan Miller Rachel Tester
Mar. 28	Phyllis Miller
Mar. 30	Bill Roddy
Mar. 31	John Hunt

happy birthday!

ORGAN RESTORATION UPDATE

Our organ just spent two days with the Stephen L Emery Organ company. Over those two days, Steve and Michael Emery completed a full tuning of every pipe (over 2800), made some minor repairs, and performed a complete assessment of the current state of the organ.



Steve Emery is a nationally known organ builder, tuner, restorer who specializes in Aeolian Skinner organs. He shared repeatedly throughout his time here what a joy it was to spend time with our organ and what a special instrument it is. He also was impressed that the pipe work is in phenomenal condition for its age. As expected the tuners did find additional parts, those with limited life-spans, that were showing considerable signs of age, but the organ is currently fully functional and sounding as wonderful as ever.

I am thrilled to report that we have almost \$125,000 in our Organ Restoration Fund, a great start on our way to what is needed to fully restore this majestic, historic instrument. I am grateful to everyone who has contributed or continues to regularly contribute to the fund. I encourage others to do the same. We are in the process of identifying grants that can be written to assist with the cost as well. I am confident that we can, as a church family, raise the funds needed to bring our organ back to its original glory and condition. If you ever have questions or suggestions, I am always available to talk. See you on Sunday! ~ Jeff

Members' Message Board

FEELING SMART? JOIN FBC ADULT(ISH)

TRIVIA NIGHT

Wednesday
March 18

UNIVERSAL JOINT

6:30 meet up
Trivia starts at 7

REACH OUT TO CAROLINE AT
(423)413-6388 IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO ATTEND

FBC Ministerial & Office Support Staff

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

ON THE CALENDAR, MAR. 19 – APR. 5

Thursday, March 19

Showers Ministry	2:00PM
Finance Committee (via Zoom)	4:30PM

Sunday, March 22

Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00AM
Sunday School/Bible Study	9:30AM
Fellowship Time/Library Open	10:30AM
Songs of Community	10:50AM
Worship – 5 th Sunday in Lent	11:00AM
Youth Activities	4:30PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:00PM

Tuesday, March 24

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	10:00AM
Lunch & Learn	11:00AM
Deacon Council Meeting	5:30PM
Moving Forward CJC Classes	5:30PM
Tuesday Book Group (off campus)	6:00PM
GriefShare	6:30PM

Wednesday, March 25

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

Saturday, March 28

F4: Family Movie Night	5:30PM
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Sunday, March 29

Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00AM
Sunday School/Bible Study	9:30AM
Fellowship Time/Library Open	10:30AM
Songs of Community	10:50AM
Palm Branch Processional	10:55AM
Worship – Palm/Passion Sunday	11:00AM
Cool Kids Collective	12:30PM
Chancel / Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:30PM
Youth Supper	5:30PM
Youth Bible Study	6:00PM

Tuesday, March 31

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	10:00AM
Lunch & Learn	11:00AM
Moving Forward CJC Classes	5:30PM
GriefShare	6:30PM

Wednesday, April 1

FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation	11:00AM
No Evening Activities – Holy Week	5:30PM

Thursday, April 2

Showers Ministry	2:00PM
Maundy Thursday Communion Service	6:00PM

Friday, April 3

Good Friday Tenebrae Service	7:00PM
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Saturday, April 4

Hunt for Easter	10:00AM
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Easter Sunday, April 5

Chancel/Youth Choirs Rehearsal	9:00AM
Sunday School/Bible Study	9:30AM
Fellowship Time/Library Open	10:30AM
Songs of Community	10:50AM
Worship	11:00AM

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



Thursday, April 23

ADULT MINISTRY MUSEUM HOPPING

TELLUS
SCIENCE MUSEUM

TELLUSMUSEUM.ORG

Tellus is a world-class 120,000 square foot museum. The museum's exhibits open minds and ignite a passion for science.

BOOTH
WESTERN ART
MUSEUM

SAVOYMUSEUM.ORG

Savoy Automobile Museum's 37 acres connects people to the cultural diversity of the automobile. Individuals have the opportunity to appreciate the beauty and history of automobiles.

SAVOY
AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

BOOTHMUSEUM.ORG

At 120,000 square feet, the Booth is an architectural wonder - designed to resemble a modern pueblo. The Booth's permanent collection of Western art and Presidential portraits and letters allows visitors to "See America's Story"

INCLUDES A VISIT TO 1 OR 2 OF THE MUSEUMS OF YOUR CHOICE AND LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN) IN DOWNTOWN CARTERSVILLE, GA

COST: \$40.

DEPART: 8:30 A.M.

RETURN: 6:00 P.M.



Adult Ministry Luncheon, March 15

Ready for the Gong Show (March 8) to begin! More photos coming!

DOGWOOD WORKDAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 21

We just had a workday recently, but we weren't able to get to a major project that we need to get finished this spring - rebuilding the L-Dock in the campground. This is a project that must be done while the water is down and we are running out of time before TVA raises the lake level. Other projects are available, too: 1) remove downed trees, 2) burn leaves, weather permitting; 3) and more!

Let me know if you are able to attend this Saturday, March 21. This will be an all-day project so we'll plan to start around 9:00AM and work until the job is done. Lunch will be provided. Hope so see you Saturday.

~Sean Pickett (404.436.5092)

