



Christ bore our sins while he was on the cross at Calvary and conquered death when he rose from the grave to God-given Life! The glory of Easter is here! Let us all celebrate as we offer him our most heartfelt praise. Let us raise our voices in song and ring the bells. Rejoice for he is risen! He is risen, indeed!

But we should not let Easter morning be our final goal. Instead, it should be a starting line, the beginning of a new self in a renewed life with God. We need to dedicate a portion of that renewed life to the worship of God as part of a corporate body of believers. As we continue to celebrate the risen Christ, join with us in worship each Sunday during Eastertide.

If you would like to know more about becoming a member of First Baptist or about making a profession of faith, please see Thomas Quisenberry in the Narthex after the service. A time will be arranged when you can speak together about the next steps to take in finding your place in our church family.



**Please note:** The church office is closed tomorrow, Easter Monday, April 6.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group** meets each Tuesday from 10:00AM-noon in E211. Anyone who knits, crochets, or would like to learn is welcome to attend. In addition to prayer shawls and lap blankets, this group creates baby blankets for our newborns, hats/scarves for our high school seniors, and gifts for our mission team to take to South Africa.

**The FBC Habitat for Humanity Team** is working on Friday, April 10, beginning at 8:30AM. Our group, which works on the second Friday of each month, is open to additional volunteers. A large part of our activity is painting, clean up and light construction – all easily handled by most everyone without any special training. Tools are provided by Habitat. Please contact Jim McAfee if you need more information or are interested in joining this crew (423.802.5011).

**The inaugural BachFest**, hosted by FBC, is planned for Friday evening, April 17. This community concert, celebrating the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, is a come-and-go (or come-and-stay) event, running from 5:00-9:00PM. It includes performing groups and soloists, instrumental and vocal, from this area and is being held in our reverberant sanctuary, taking advantage of our sonorous organ. There is no admission charge.

Our next **Cool Kids Collective** (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders) is planned for Sunday, April 19, from 12:30-3:30PM. We will meet in the Lobby and travel by church bus to the **Tennessee Riverpark** for a picnic lunch (subs, chips, cookies) and a delightful afternoon of running and enjoying the great outdoors together. We'll share a short devotional out under the sun, also. Contact Kelly Kunf for more information (561.252.2969 / kelly@fbcchattanooga.org).

**Graduation Recognition Sunday, May 10**

This is a time to recognize our **High School Class of 2026**. Those families are being contacted by the Youth Ministry regarding plans for that Sunday. We would also like to commend **collegiate and graduate students** completing degrees since summer 2025 (associate, bachelor's, master's or doctoral). Please email the following information to frances@fbcchattanooga.org: name, degree, college/university, degree honors (if applicable) by Tuesday, May 5.



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.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday**

- 9:00AM Chance/Youth Choirs Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 9:30AM Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:30AM Fellowship Time – Lobby
- 10:30AM Library Open until Worship Begins
- 10:50AM Songs of Community – Sanctuary
- 11:00AM Worship – Sanctuary

**Monday, April 6**

Church Office Closed – Easter Monday

**Tuesday, April 7**

- 10:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – E211
- 11:00AM Lunch & Learn – Youth Area
- 5:30PM Moving Forward CJC Classes – Lower Chapel Area
- 6:30PM GriefShare – E213

**Wednesday, April 8**

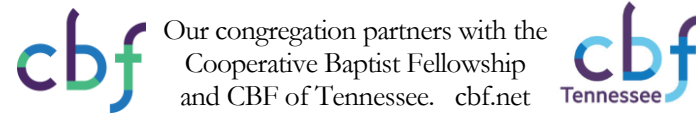
- 5:30PM Fellowship Time (BYOF) – Fellowship Hall
- 6:15PM Preschool Music/Missions – E107
- 6:15PM Children's Choir – E111
- 6:15PM Youth Gathering – Youth Area
- 6:15PM Epiphanies (study/discussion/action) – E217
- 6:15PM Midweek Study (Pastor led) – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00PM Gym Time (School-Age Kids/Youth)
- 7:15PM House & Grounds Committee – Conference Room
- 7:15PM Personnel Committee – E211

**Friday, April 10**

- 8:30AM Habitat for Humanity Workday – Off Campus

**Sunday, April 12, Second Sunday of Easter**

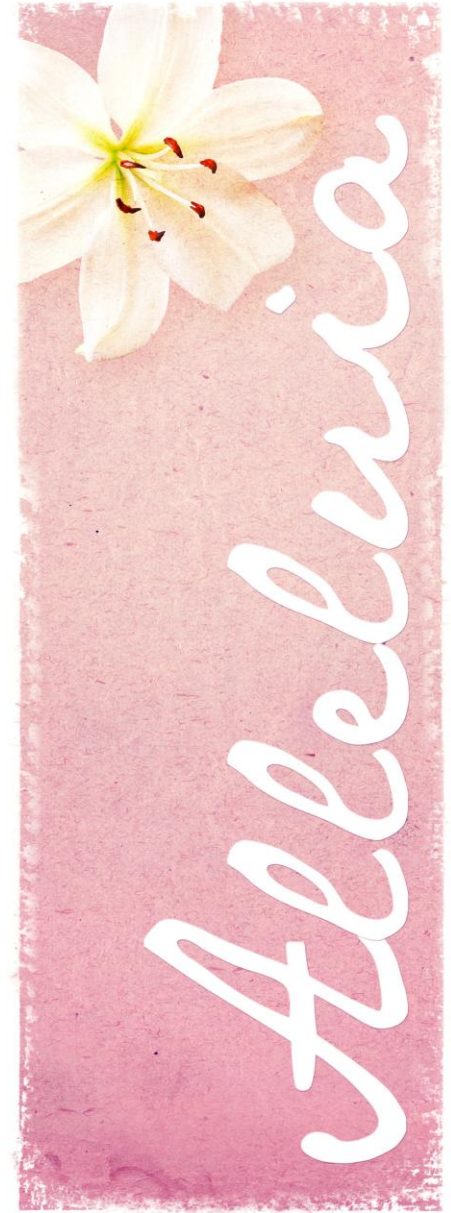
- 9:10AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite
- 9:30AM Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:30AM Fellowship Time – Lobby
- 10:30AM Library Open until Worship Begins
- 10:50AM Songs of Community – Sanctuary
- 11:00AM Worship – Sanctuary
- 12:30PM Missions Committee – E217
- 4:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal – FH200
- 5:30PM Youth Supper – Youth Area
- 6:00PM Youth Bible Study – Youth Area
- 6:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite



**Worship Leaders**

- Dr. Thomas Quisenberry -----Senior Pastor
- Rev. Jeff Parker-----Minister of Music and Worship
- Rev. Kelly Kunf-----Interim Minister of Youth and Children
- Dr. Darryl Miller-----Organist
- Ms. Jenny Parker-----Pianist
- Mr. Brett Boles, Mr. Gage Boles -----Cross Carriers

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
April 5, 2026

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

*Tilson Bosbears, tenor*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Thomas Quisenberry*

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**  
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INTROIT

EASTER HYMN

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

(Please stand as the light reaches your row. Ring your bell on “alleluia!”)

*J.J. Hathcock, Acolyte*

**Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!**  
**Earth and heav’n in chorus say, alleluia!**  
**Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia!**  
**Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth reply, alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, alleluia!**  
**Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!**  
**Dying once he all doth save, alleluia!**  
**Where thy vict’ry, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Love’s redeeming work is done, alleluia!**  
**Fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia!**  
**Death in vain forbids him rise, alleluia!**  
**Christ has opened paradise, alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!**  
**Foll’wing our exalted Head, alleluia!**  
**Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia!**  
**Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!**

\*GREETING AND PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Thomas Quisenberry*

\*RESPONSE

GLORIA PATRI

(All children are invited to come forward at this time.)

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly  
 Ghost; as it was in the be - ginning, is now and ev - er shall be,  
 world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

CHILDREN’S TIME

*Kelly Kumpf*

ANTHEM

J. Carter

*Christ Is Risen as He Said*

Youth & Chancel Choirs

Christ is risen as he said, Christ, the firstborn from the dead.  
 See, the stone is rolled away, see the place where Jesus lay.  
 Lord of life, who lives again, Lord of lords, to rule and reign.  
 Ev’ry tongue confess him now, ev’ry knee before him bow.  
 Christ who died our life to win, Christ has conquered death and sin.  
 Now is all his warfare done, now is ev’ry triumph won.  
 Son of God, his life he gave, son of man, to seek and save.  
 Risen now, the Son who died, ris’n, ascended, glorified.

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

*Mark Mardis*

*Isaiah 25:6-9 (NRSV)*

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

RESURRECTION PRAYER

*Mark Mardis*

God of new beginnings and Creator of all,  
 we thank you for the promise of your holy mountain,  
**where you tear down the shrouds of division,**  
**and remove the veils of prejudice and the barriers of fear**  
**that separate us from one another.**  
 You call us to your banquet table of rich food and drink,  
 a table diverse and abundant.  
 Give us hearts to welcome all,  
 seeing the beauty and humanity in every person you have created.  
**Help us to be a people of inclusion, justice, and grace,**  
**celebrating with joy this day of resurrection**  
**and waiting with joyful anticipation for the day**  
**when all humanity will rejoice in your saving love.**  
**Amen.**

\*HYMN 246

TRURO

*Christ Is Alive*

GOSPEL READING

*Thomas Quisenberry*

*Matthew 28:10 (NRSV)*

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

R. Manuel

*Alleluia*

Youth & Chancel Choirs

MESSAGE

*Thomas Quisenberry*

*Lifting the Shroud*

\*HYMN 247

NOËL NOUVELET

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

PREPARATION FOR GIVING

*Jim Boles*

We come with our offerings in response to God’s love.  
 With the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others.  
 May the work we do and the gifts we bring be a blessing in God’s sight.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

arr. J. Bennett

*Christ Arose*

\*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

OLD 100TH

(As we sing, those who want to join the choir  
 for “Hallelujah” may proceed to the chancel:  
 Sopranos and Bases – organ side of loft  
 Altos and Tenors – piano side of loft)

Praise God, the Source of life and birth; praise God, the Word, who  
 came to earth; praise God, the Spi - rit, ho - ly flame; all  
 glo - ry, hon - or to God's name! A - men.

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Jim Boles*

\*ANTHEM

G. Handel

“Hallelujah” from *Messiah*  
 (Following the anthem, please proceed to the front lawn.)

\*RECESSIONAL

C. Widor

“Toccata” from *Symphony for Organ No. 5*

\*CHARGE

*Thomas Quisenberry*

\*RESPONSE

DIADEMATA

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;**  
**Hark! how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own:**  
**awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,**  
**and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of Life, who triumphed o’er the grave,**  
**and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;**  
**his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,**  
**who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

\*Please stand, if able.

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## *Gifts of Flowers & Greenery*

Sheila Albritton & Mike Willard  
in memory of Kim Thompson,  
in memory of Myra Willard, and  
in honor of Wanda Albritton

Mary Jayne Allen  
in memory of Bill Allen

Ann-Marie & Jim Blentlinger  
in memory of Bill Allen

Janice Bond and Samuel Bond  
in memory of Gary Bond and Jeremy Lane, and  
in honor of Abigail Hixson

Nancy Bowman  
in memory Jerry Bowman and Matt Bowman, and  
in honor of Michelle, Carlton, Reagan & Jack Watts

Sylvia & Bobby Colvin  
in memory of Bill Allen

The Ben Gross family  
in memory of Ben Gross

Teresa & Charles Groves  
in memory of Emmett Seaborn,  
in memory of Irene Groves, and  
in honor of JoAnn Seaborn

Debarah Harbuck  
in memory of Brad Harbuck

Wayne Hartman  
in memory of Glenn Waters-Hartman

Marian Herdzina  
in memory of Stan Herdzina, and  
in memory of Jane & Charles Henley

Gary Hilbert  
in memory of Debbie Hilbert

Sandy Hood  
in memory of Bob Hood

Brenda & Herb Hooper  
in honor of our FBC Ministers and Staff

Dean Jackson and family  
in memory of James L. Jackson

Sandra King  
in honor of Hamish, Rebecca & Christopher King

Mark Mardis  
in memory of Paula Mardis

Delores & Wilbourne Markham  
in honor of Mary Jayne Allen, Nancy Bowman,  
Helen Gross, Frances Marandi, and Carol Martin

Bob Martin  
in memory of Sue & Moke Martin

Emily Martin  
in memory of Gail Sisson

Lynne & Dan Mayfield  
in memory of Tee Geren,  
in honor of Charlotte and Cooper Darr, and  
in honor of Lauren Mayfield

Cheryl & Jim McAfee  
in memory of Harry Patterson, and  
in memory of Jan McAfee

Charles Moore  
in memory of Ruth & Hugh Moore

Steve Partridge  
in memory of Peggy Cruce

Susan & Rusty Rouse  
in memory of Bettye & Carl Gouger, and  
in memory of Mary Nell & H.K. Rouse, Sr.

Patsy & Jim Schwall  
in memory of Mack Shields, and  
in memory of Brenda Schwall

Jessica, Chase and Carmen Shiflett  
in memory of Chase's mother, Lisa Hudson

Cordelle Terrell and family  
in memory of Jonette Terrell

Jane, Steve and David Yantis  
in memory of Geneta & Joe Santos,  
in memory of Joe M. Santos, and  
in memory of Edith & Greg Yantis

Rebecca Class  
in honor of their teachers: Mary Jayne Allen and Brenda Hooper

Waters Class  
in honor of all their teachers