



first baptist church

CHATANOOGA GATEWAY

A place to be. A place to serve.

May 13, 2026

401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402

423.265.2257

www.fbcchattanooga.org

**Worship Care Workers**  
**May 17**  
 for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers  
**Jan Varnell, Lynne Mayfield**  
**Karen Henderson**



**Deacon Greeters**

1. Sean Pickett
2. Mandy Pickett



**You are invited to hear our students in recital!**

1. Saturday, May 16, 4:00pm
2. Sunday, May 17, 2:00pm
3. Sunday, May 17, 4:00pm

All recitals are held in the Chapel. They culminate with the awarding of the Maxine Polston Memorial Piano Scholarship. The recipient receives a full scholarship for private lessons for the 2026-2027 academic year. Come celebrate the progress our students have made, then join us for a reception in the Parlor.

# Eastertide, Sunday, May 17, 2026

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM



*Go with Joy into an Uncertain World*

**Worship at First**

Streamed and in-person

10:50AM  
**SONGS OF COMMUNITY**  
 MARK MARDIS

11:00AM  
**Dr. Thomas Quisenberry**  
 I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
**Onward**

**During May, we are collecting \$1 bills** as part of our offering to be used to help fund items needed by our community such as prescription medications, gas cards, bus cards, and IDs. (These needs are not covered as budgeted items.) We encourage you to place your dollar bills in the offering baskets as they are passed during Worship. Last Sunday, we received \$221 for a current total of \$359. Thank you!

## Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed!

Monday, June 8 through Friday, June 12 from 9:00AM-12:00PM.

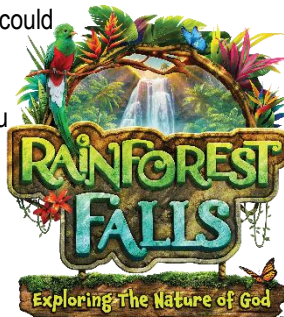
Kelly is in real need of adult help. These areas would be a M-F commitment:

- Check-In/Out Table
- Sticky Scriptures Station Leader - kids come to you
- Games Station Leader - kids come to you
- Crew Leader - you stay with kids and rotate to each station
- Preschool Care - you stay with kids in special preschool room

These areas would be an open adult position where you could help as many or as few days as you are available:

- Snacks Assistant - kids come to you
- Imagination Station Assistant - kids come to you
- Bible Adventures Assistant - kids come to you
- Games Assistant - kids come to you
- Sticky Scriptures Assistant - kids come to you
- Decorating (6/3, 6/4, 6/5)
- Tear Down (6/12)

If you are able to come and play with our kids at VBS or want to help before or after, please reach out to Lizzie at [lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org](mailto:lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org).



## Churchwide Picnic!

**Sunday, May 24, Dogwood Lodge, 6:00PM**

Everyone's invited! Bring enough food to share and come early to enjoy fellowship and outdoor activities. **Family Camp at Dogwood** is available from Friday, May 22 - Monday, May 25. To make reservations, please contact Lizzie Alford (423.648.2542 or [lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org](mailto:lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org)). For use of the lodge, there is an overnight fee of \$15/person/night. Tent camping is \$15/person/night with a maximum fee of \$30/night/family. RV spots are available for \$30/ RV/night. Dogwood Lodge is located at 1900 Lee Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379.

## 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

Innocent people who are victims of war and other injustices

Those in the US Armed Forces, especially those in harms way

Those with fertility issues; those with health concerns

Teachers and students as they approach the end of the school year

Mary Jayne Allen

Martha Eaves and extended family

Robin Gray

Pollye Gross

Carolyn Guerry (rehab)

Debarah Harbuck

John Hunt

Linda & Dan Johnson

Barbara Koller

Doug Lewis

Don Manning

Sandy McNeir

Ed Nichols

Heather Osteen

Melissa Phillips

Sue Sisson (rehab)

Annette Spinks

Penny Tullock

Virginia Wagnon (hospice)

Annette White

Tom Williams, Sr.

Sharon Wilkins

Abigail and preemie infant, Lizzie Alford's friend

Jamie, Rose Thomas's friend

Tee Bautista, the Markham's son-in-law

Robin & Robert Bunn, Angie Ward's cousins

Chelsea Darras, Dan Mayfield's niece

Gordon Davis

Ruth Dayhuff, Marian Herdzina's friend

Montana Freeman, Robin Gray's daughter

Allie Hammond, Grady Worley's niece

Laurie Haynes

Doris Heath, Grady Worley's cousin

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

Charlie Hill, Jan Varnell's friend

Violina Hill

Dora Hunter, Jane Lewis' niece

Dorothea Jacobson's family

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

Lynda Pace, Cordelle Terrell's friend

Lance Robbins, Tom McCullough's friend

Donna & Chris Schumann, Jessie Weaver's parents

Conner Southwell, the Markham's friend

David Stewart, the Markham's friend

Cindy Storey

Cathy Suarez, Rusty Rouse's friend

Connie Trowbridge, Sean Pickett's cousin

Lynn & Allen Welton, Wilbourne Markham's relative



## SCHEDULE FOR MAY 13

5:30 pm Bring Your Own Supper Fellowship Hall  
7:15 pm Personnel Committee Conference Rm

### Babies / Toddlers

6:00 pm Childcare E104

### Preschoolers

6:15 pm Preschool Music & Missions E107

### Children (K-5<sup>th</sup> 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 Epiphany E217

Memories & Hopes

Facilitated by Jessie Weaver

6:15 pm Midweek Study FH

Faces of Our Faith: Eutychus

Acts 20

Facilitated by Thomas Quisenberry

## FINANCE REPORT (for May 13, 2026)

MTD Receipts	\$ 36,113.82
MTD Expenses	\$ 27,005.59
MTD Deficit/Excess	\$ 9,108.23
YTD Receipts	\$321,054.08
YTD Expenses	\$436,647.31
YTD Deficit	-\$115,593.23



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.

happy birthday!

May 14	Evvie Erickson Linda Johnson
May 15	Wilbourne Markham Darryl Miller
May 16	Linda Hardison
May 17	Sarah Hathcock
May 18	Maddie Shoop Sue Sisson
May 19	Luke Blentlinger Susan Laseter
May 20	Jim Blentlinger Lavone Frost
May 21	Diana Thacker
May 23	Tyler Mullins
May 24	Verbie Prevost
May 26	Jessie Weaver
May 28	Laura Warren
May 30	Billie Cooper
May 31	Carter Alley

## NOTE-WORTHY FRIENDS

(They'd love a note from you.)

Dot Forlidas  
2143 Northpoint Blvd #2101  
Hixson, TN 37343

Emma Gohr  
1100 Gateway Ave #6087  
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Patti Gross  
671 Alexian Way RM 614  
Signal Mtn, TN 37377

## SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

# Members' Message Board



## CHATT Foundation

Center for Homeless Advancement for Today and Tomorrow

May Needs List

### Kitchen

- Coffee
- Grits & Sugar
- Napkins
- Bottled Water

### Clothing Program

- Socks
- Underwear
- Blankets

### Outreach

- Backpacks
- Tarps (Green or Camo)
- Trash Bags

### Maclellan Shelter for Families

- Full and Twin Fitted Sheets
- Dish Soap & Kids drinks

### Community Center

- Travel-Sized Soap & Shampoo
- Bath Towels
- Washcloths

### Case Management

- Bed Linens
- Blankets
- Cleaning Supplies

[chattfoundation.org](http://chattfoundation.org)

# SUMMER CAMPS

VBS: Free

Ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
June 8-12 9am-12pm



Youth 6th-12th Grade  
June 14-18  
Banner Elk, NC  
(Fundraising Available)

Passport Missions: \$650

Kids' Day Camp: \$80\*

K-2nd Grade  
July 13-17 8:45am-5pm

3rd-5th Grade  
July 13-17

Kids' Overnight Camp: \$100\*

Youth Camp: \$125\*

6th-12th Grade  
July 13-18

Ages 3-5  
July 27-29 9am-4pm

Preschool B.A.M Camp \$40.

Music & Arts Camp: \$40

K-5th Grade  
July 27-29 9am-4pm

## REGISTER NOW!

Register on our website under Event Registration.

\*\$10 off per kid from same household



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



## ON THE CALENDAR, MAY 13 – MAY 31

### Wednesday, May 13

Fellowship Time (BYOF)	5:30PM
Preschool Music/Missions	6:15PM
Children's Choir	6:15PM
Youth Gathering	6:15PM
Epiphanies	6:15PM
Midweek Study (Pastor Led)	6:15PM
Gym Time (School-age/Youth)	7:00PM
House & Grounds Committee	7:15PM

### Thursday, May 14

Shower Ministry	2:00PM
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### Saturday, May 16

End of Year Pool Party	1:30PM
SFA Recital #1	4:00PM

### Sunday, May 17

Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00AM
Sunday School/Bible Study	9:30AM
Fellowship Time/Library Open	10:30AM
Songs of Community	10:50AM
Worship – 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	11:00AM
Missions Committee Meeting	12:15PM
SFA Spring Recital #2	2:00PM
SFA spring Recital #3	4:00PM
Youth Supper / Bible Study	

### Tuesday, May 19

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	10:00AM
Lunch & Learn	11:00AM
GriefShare	6:30PM

### Wednesday, May 20

Epiphanies Celebration	5:30PM
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### Thursday, May 21

Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)	4:30PM
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### Friday, May 22 – Saturday, May 23

Family Camp at Dogwood

### Sunday, May 24

Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00AM
Sunday School/Bible Study	9:30AM
Fellowship Time/Library Open	10:30AM
Songs of Community	10:50AM
Worship – Pentecost Sunday	11:00AM
Churchwide Picnic at Dogwood	6:00PM

### Monday, May 25

Church Office Closed – Memorial Day

### Tuesday, May 26

Deacon Council Meeting	5:30PM
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### Wednesday, May 27

Summer Choir Music Preview	6:30PM
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### Thursday, May 28

Shower Ministry	2:00PM
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### Sunday, May 31

Summer Choir Rehearsal	8:45PM
Sunday School/Bible Study	9:30AM
Fellowship Time/Library Open	10:30AM
Songs of Community	10:50AM
Worship – Pentecost Sunday	11:00AM
FBC to Lookouts Game	12:30PM

## 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
Caroline Shoop	Summer Intern, Youth	



**We're Having a Pool Party!**

Saturday, May 16, 1:30-3:30PM

Children and Youth  
 Age 3 (potty trained) through 12<sup>th</sup> graders  
 Hamilton Family YMCA, 7430 Shallowford Rd,  
 Chattanooga, TN 37421

Parents may drop off or stay (complete a safety waiver).

Kelly and the 3 summer interns will chaperone.  
 Light snacks will be provided.

Questions? Contact lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org or  
 423.648.2542  
 or Kelly at 561.252.2969

The May Habitat workday was our first and probably only visit to 2615 E. 45<sup>th</sup> Street as this home was very near completion. Although the exterior of the house was nearly finished, there remained considerable concrete work with the porch and sidewalk to be completed by contractors. Our tasks included installing the interior fixtures like mirrors, racks, handles, etc. In addition, we painted and hung the interior doors and touched-up a multitude of nicks and dings on the walls and trim. Completing the day consisted of loading and storing the excess building materials and supplies which had accumulated on this site. Perhaps we will be raising the walls to start a new home next month. If you can join us, call Jim McAfee (423.802.5011) for details.



**CHURCH FAMILY, Join Us!**

★ LOOKOUTS BASEBALL GAME ★

**CHATTANOOGA LOOKOUTS**

WE'LL BE IN THE POWERHOUSE SECOND FLOOR ALONG THE FIRST BASE LINE

AIR-CONDITIONED SEATING | HIGH-TOP TABLES | COUCHES & TABLES | TV'S BROADCASTING THE GAME | GREAT VIEW OF THE PARK!

Enjoy a CATERED ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT MEAL (90 MINUTES)

- HOT DOGS
- HAMBURGERS
- CHIPS
- BAKED BEANS
- POTATO SALAD

LOVE Banana Pudding?

ARRIVE EARLY IF YOU WANT SOME... or Thomas might eat it all!

SUNDAY MAY 31 | GAME TIME 1:00 PM | ALL THIS FOR \$20 PER TICKET!

Questions? ABOUT THE DAY, THE GAME, OR ANYTHING— REACH OUT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Purchase tickets Sunday, May 17 or through the church office. Payment may be made by cash, check, or online (go to GIVE (in the red bar) /EVENT TICKETS/LOOKOUTS GAME).

**Summer Choir**

*Come sing with us!*

- All singers (adults / youth)
- Rehearses each Sunday morning from 8:45-9:20AM in the Sanctuary
- Sing any Sunday you're in town
- Begins Sunday, May 31
- Music Preview on Wednesday, May 27, at 6:30PM in the Choir Suite