



On that first Easter morning, Mary approached the tomb expecting to find death and a finality to the work of Jesus. Instead, the earth shook beneath her feet, the stone was rolled away, and the angel present pronounced that Jesus was not there anymore. The world around her was no longer certain, and yet the Gospels record that she ran from that place filled with joy. This Eastertide season, for 50 days, we will explore the texts of 1 Peter and seek to find our own ways to run into the uncertain world around us and share the joy found in the Good News of Easter. We hope you will journey with us while discovering a joy within you worthy of sharing.

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The floral arrangement today is given in loving memory of Gail Sisson on her birthday, May 7, by Emily Martin.

May is a \$1 month. We are collecting \$1 bills as part of our offering each Sunday during the month 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.

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.

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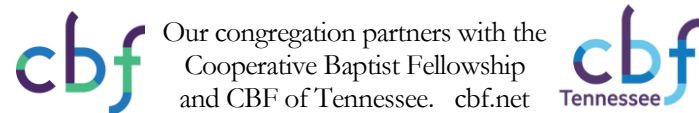
You are invited to **Moving Forward Christian Job Corps' Spring Graduation** this afternoon, May 3, at 3:00PM in the Chapel. A reception will follow in the Parlor. Come help us celebrate the accomplishments of these impressive women.

We are hosting the **University Singers** from the **University of Alabama** in a concert this Tuesday, May 5, at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary. They will be joined by the **Chattanooga Boys Choir** in a program titled *Without the Earth*. The concert is free.

The FBC Habitat for Humanity Team is working on Friday, May 8, 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).

Graduation Recognition Sunday, May 10

Our **High School Class of 2026** will be celebrated on May 10. Those families have already been contacted by the Youth Ministry regarding plans for that day. 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, May 3, Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:30AM Dogwood Committee – Conference Room
- 8:45AM Festival Choir 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
- 3:00PM Moving Forward CJC Graduation – Chapel
- 4:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal – FH200
- 5:30PM Youth Supper & Passport Parent Mtg – Youth Area
- 6:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite
- 6:15PM Youth Bible Study

Tuesday, May 5

- 10:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – Conference Room
- 11:00AM Lunch & Learn – Youth Area
- 6:30PM GriefShare – E213

Wednesday, May 6

- 11:00AM FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation
- 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 Personnel Committee – Conference Room

Friday, May 8

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

Sunday, May 10, Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 9:00AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 9:30AM HS Graduation Brunch – Fellowship Hall
- 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

Join us! Lookouts Game, Erlanger Park, Sunday, May 31, 1:00PM

We'll be cheering on our team from the second floor of the Powerhouse with seating along the first base line. Enjoy air-conditioned comfort and a great view of the park. Tickets are \$20 each/\$80 max per household. Included is an all-you-can-eat buffet (hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, baked beans, potato salad, and banana pudding). **Purchase tickets beginning Sunday, May 10.** Please contact the church office with any questions.

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
- Ms. Cindy Solfest-Wallis -----Flutist
- Mr. Carey Shinbaum -----Oboist
- Mr. Gordon James -----Hornist

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*Go with Joy into an
Uncertain World*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Chattanooga, Tennessee
 May 3, 2026

GATHERING

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

Grady Worley, piano

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GREETING

Thomas Quisenberry

We gather together to worship God,
our Rock and our Redeemer,
the one in whom we find refuge.

To God, our strong fortress,
we offer our voices in song,
our hearts in devotion,
our lives in service.

Let us worship God.

PRELUDE

Deep, Deep Love

arr. D. Gardner

APPROACH

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jeff Parker

*HYMN 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

(All children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

LAUDA ANIMA

CHILDREN'S TIME

Roberta Echols

PSALM READING

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16 (NRSV)

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

*HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

PROCLAMATION

EPISTLE READING

Thomas Quisenberry

I Peter 2:2-10 (NRSV)

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

ANTHEM

S. Kirchner

Cornerstone

Festival Choir

*O the stone that the builder rejected
became the cornerstone of a whole new world.*

A grain of wheat may be knocked to the ground
and suffer through the winter's cold,
only to rise right up again and bear its seed a thousandfold.

Never can our journey fail; a little child will lead the way,
whose eyes are filled with a shining light,
to whom the night is bright as day.

The love that rolls the stone away gives us life that we may sing,
“Grave, where is thy victory? Death, O death, where is thy sting?”

MESSAGE

Cherished

Thomas Quisenberry

RESPONSE

*HYMN 828

MORE LOVE TO THEE

More Love to Thee, O Christ

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Thomas Quisenberry

ANTHEM

M. Hayes

To Love Our God

Festival Choir

Where does the wind come from? Where does it go?
Blowing north then south, how does it know?
The rain flows gently to the sea, yet the sea is never full.
How can these things be?

Humanity works hard to make a name,
toiling in the sun, yet nothing gained.
We all return to dust from whence we came.
All is empty, all is vain.

To love our God, the reason we live;
to love our God, the highest call.
Nothing satisfies our soul, gives life meaning, makes us whole,
for this purpose we were made... to love our God!

PREPARATION FOR GIVING

Emily Laseter

Just as the women ran joyfully from the empty tomb
to share the good news of the resurrection,
may we joyfully provide the means
by which that same good news
can be shared with our neighbors
here and throughout the world.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

L. Callens

Adagio Maestoso

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

OLD 100TH

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

Emily Laseter

*WORK OF THE CHURCH

Thomas Quisenberry

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*CHARGE

Thomas Quisenberry

*RESPONSE

ACCLAMATIONS

**This is the threefold truth on which our faith depends,
and with this joyful cry worship begins and ends:**

Christ has died! Christ is ris-en! Christ will come a-gain!

POSTLUDE

P. Lehenbauer

Trumpet Tango

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

*Please stand, if able.

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