



**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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**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. We encourage you to place your dollar bills in the offering baskets as they are passed during Worship. Last Sunday, we received \$221. Thank you!

**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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**Summer** is almost here and our **summer interns** have started their roles with us. Join us in congratulating **Caroline Shoop** as our Youth Summer Intern and **Lucy Herrod** and **Tilson Boshears** as our Children's Summer Interns.

**Join us this afternoon for School of Fine Arts Spring Recitals** at 2:00PM and 4:00PM. The recitals 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.

**Lookouts Game, Erlanger Park, Sunday, May 31, 1:00PM**

We'll be cheering on our team from the second floor of the Powerhouse. 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 after Worship today.** Payment may be made by cash, check, or online (go to GIVE /EVENT TICKETS/LOOKOUTS GAME).

**Vacation Bible School, Monday, June 8 – Friday, June 12, 9:00AM-noon**

Adults, **we need your help** in these areas.

- \* Check-in/out table
- \* Snacks
- \* Sticky Scriptures
- \* Bible Adventures
- \* Games Station
- \* Imagination Station
- \* Crew Leader
- \* Preschool Care

Some areas need a Monday-Friday commitment. Other areas need assistants as many days as possible. We also need help with **decorating on June 3, 4, and 5** (Wednesday-Friday) and with **tear down** after VBS ends on Friday afternoon **June 12.** If you are able to come and play with our kids during VBS or want to help before/after, please contact Lizzie Alford (lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org).



**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 17, Seventh Sunday of Easter**

- 9:00AM Chancel 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
- 12:15PM Missions Committee Meeting – E217
- 2:00PM SFA Spring Recital #2 – Chapel
- 4:00PM SFA Spring Recital #3 – Chapel
- 5:30PM Youth Supper/Bible Study – Youth Area

**Tuesday, May 19**

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

**Wednesday, May 20**

- 11:00AM FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation
- 5:30PM Epiphanies Celebration – Youth Area

**Thursday, May 21**

- 4:30PM Finance Committee Meeting (via Zoom)

**Friday, May 22**

Family Camp at Dogwood

**Saturday, May 23**

Family Camp at Dogwood

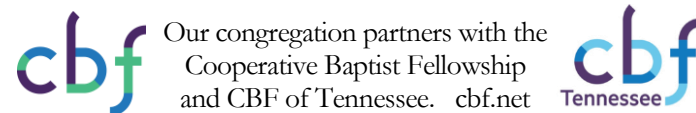
**Sunday, May 24, Pentecost Sunday**

- 9:00AM Chancel 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
- 6:00PM Churchwide Picnic at Dogwood

 Remember to wear **RED** on **Pentecost Sunday, May 24,** as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

**Churchwide Picnic! Sunday, May 24, Dogwood Lodge, 6:00PM**

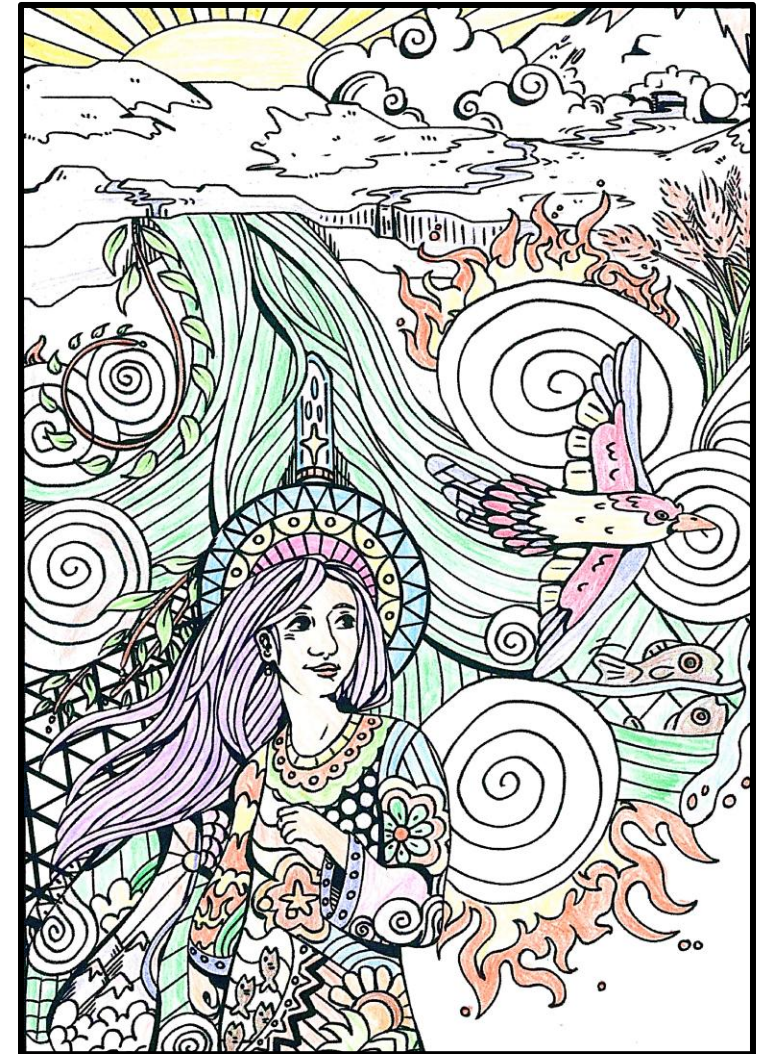
Everyone's invited! Bring enough food to share and come early to enjoy fellowship and outdoor activities. Dogwood Lodge is located at 1900 Lee Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379.



**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. Caroline Shoop-----Summer Intern, Youth
- Mr. Tilson Boshears-----Summer Intern, Children
- Ms. Lucy Herrod-----Summer Intern, Children

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*Go with Joy into an  
Uncertain World*

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Chattanooga, Tennessee

May 17, 2026

## GATHERING

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

*Mark Mardis*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GREETING

*Thomas Quisenberry*

In the beauty of this moment,  
**we worship you.**  
 In the fellowship of your people,  
**we worship you.**  
 In the presence of your Spirit,  
**we worship you.**  
 In the company of all creation,  
**we worship you.**

PRELUDE

arr. M. Burkhardt

*Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

## APPROACH

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Caroline Shoop*

\*HYMN 263

CORONATION

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

*Susan Laseter*

ANTHEM

D. Phillips

*This Beauty*  
 Children's Choir

Thank you, God, for this beauty, this beauty in my world.  
 For the green, green grass of summer, for the splendor of the fall;  
 for the morning light and the moon that shines so bright,  
 thank you, God, thank you.  
 Thank you, God, thank you for this beauty in my world;  
 thank you, God, for loving me!

LITANY OF GRATITUDE

*Lucy Herrod*

This is your garden, Creator God,  
**a thing of beauty beyond understanding,**  
 a poem that is being written not in words,  
**but in the sky's hue,**  
**the wind's whisper,**  
**a soaring bird,**  
**a daisy's petal,**  
**the gentle rain,**  
**the sunlight's warmth.**

This is your garden, Creator God,  
**a thing of beauty beyond understanding.**  
**May our lives reflect that beauty.**

\*HYMN 14

DIX

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

## PROCLAMATION

EPISTLE READING

*Thomas Quisenberry*

*I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 (NRSV)*

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

ANTHEM

D. Butler

*God of Our Life*  
 Chancel Choir

God of our life, through the years we trust in you.  
 Through all our hopes and all our fears, we feel your spirit new.  
 With each new day when morning lifts the veil,  
 we own your mercies, Lord, which never fail.  
*You are God of our past, God of our future,*  
*God of the ages and of each hour,*  
*God of our sorrow and our strife, the God of our gladness,*  
*God of our life.*

God of the past, our times are in your hand.  
 With us abide, Lord, be our guide to Hope's true promised land.  
 Trusting in your word the darkness shines as night,  
 and faith's full vision changes in to sight.  
 God, you know our future. We follow your lead.  
 When we are wrong, Lord, leave us not alone;  
 our refuge be, our refuge be.

MESSAGE

*Thomas Quisenberry*

*Onward*

## RESPONSE

\*HYMN 687

ST. ANNE

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

*Kelly Kunf*

PREPARATION FOR GIVING

*Mandy Pickett*

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

N. Sleeth

*Everywhere I Go*  
 Children's Choir

Ev'rywhere I go, the Lord is near me,  
 If I call upon him, he will hear me,  
 never will I fear, for the Lord is near ev'rywhere I go.

In the dark of night should things alarm me,  
 ever in his sight, no ill may harm me,  
 I will be of cheer for the Lord is near, ev'rywhere I go.  
 He is with me day by day, he will be my strength and stay;  
 from his path I will not stray but follow in his way.

In the coming days of joy or sadness  
 I will praise his name with songs of gladness,  
 for to me it's clear that the Lord is near ev'rywhere I go.

\*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

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

*Mandy Pickett*

\*WORK OF THE CHURCH

*Thomas Quisenberry*

Introduction of Summer Interns

\*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

arr. E. Whitsett

*Jesus Shall Reign*  
 (Hymn 265)

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

\*Please stand, if able.

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