



first baptist church

CHATTANOOGA

GATEWAY

A place to be. A place to serve.

July 1, 2026

401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402

423.265.2257

www.fbcchattanooga.org

Worship Care Workers

July 5

for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers

Karen Henderson, Jeanne Alley
Steve Partridge

Deacon Greeters

1. Joe Everett
2. Roberta Echols



Worship at First

Streamed and in-person

Sunday, July 5, 2026

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM

10:50AM

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

JOHN STEELE, AARON STEELE, DAVID HIXSON

11:00AM

Rev. Kelly Kunf

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

A Safe Place to Play ... and to Rest



Help Needed for Breakout Sessions at Kids' Overnight and Youth Camps!

Do you have a skill that you're really good at that you are willing to share with our older kids and youth during their camps at **Dogwood**? Then we need you for **two hours (1:30-3:30PM)** any of these days: **Tuesday, July 14, Wednesday, July 15, or Thursday, July 16.** Some ideas are: creating mosaics, playing mahjong, theatrical makeup, fishing, cooking, simple wood working, canoeing, knitting/crocheting, dancing, painting (oils, water colors, fabric), acting, golfing, building a fire, changing the oil/tires on cars, playing pickleball, playing chess/backgammon, writing poetry/short stories, going on nature adventures, identifying wildflowers, sewing, decorating pottery, skin care/make-up. And so many more! Please contact Caroline Shoop, Youth Summer Intern, (423.413.6388) or Kelly Kunf (561.252.2969 or kelly@fbcchattanooga.org) with your ideas!



Summer is here and we want to get off church property for a bit of fun in the sun enjoying Chattanooga together. On **THURSDAY, July 2, from 1:00-3:00PM**, we are meeting at the **north entrance of Coolidge Park near the Pavilion.**



Tilson, Lucy, and Kelly will be there! We'll enjoy time together playing games, hanging-out, cooling off in the fountain. **Wear clothes that can get wet and bring a towel plus \$5** for a walk to **Clumpies Ice Cream** to end the afternoon just right. Have questions, needs or anything else, contact Kelly: 561.252.2969.

Churchwide Picnic!

Sunday, July 5, 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, July 3 - Sunday, July 5.** To make reservations, please contact Lizzie Alford (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)

Those affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela
Folks all over the world without food, water, shelter, safety
Innocent people who are victims of war and other injustices
Those with fertility issues; those with health concerns
Local folks in housing without functioning air conditioning
Jessica & Jack Good

Robin Gray
Pollye Gross
Sandy Hood
Brenda Hooper
Linda & Dan Johnson
Barbara Koller
Doug Lewis
Don Manning
Barbara Nolen
Heather Osteen
Melissa Phillips
Quisenberry family (Thomas on sabbatical)
Sue Sisson (rehab)
Annette Spinks
Gail Spittler
Imogene Stone (rehab)
Judy Sullivan
Penny Tullock
Virginia Wagnon (hospice)
Annette White
Sharon Wilkins
Tom Williams, Sr.
Chris and family
Jamie, Rose Thomas's friend
Gerald Bailey, friend of T. McCullough & W. Markham
Larry Dickey, Regina Koller's friend
Mike Duncombe, Wilbourne Markham's nephew
Glaydelle Hamner family
Doris Heath, Grady Worley's cousin
Anthony Henderson's father, Ronald (Anthony, FBC custodian)
Dave Haibach family
Jeff Hudson, Chase Shiflett's dad
Nancy & Jim Lewis, Doug Lewis's brother and sister-in-law
Teresa Longer, Sandra & Charlie Longer's daughter-in-law
Skip Markham, Delores & Wilbourne Markham's son
Mark McGowan, Steve Yantis's friend
Holly Harris Misirly, Sharon & Emily Tousek's relative
Martha Patterson, Cheryl McAfee's sister-in-law
Kelby & Jordan Proctor
Johnny Puckett, Medley class friend
Lance Robbins, Tom McCullough's friend
Charlotte Slaughter, Wilbourne Markham's friend
Jerry Spinks, Leroy Spinks's brother
Gerald Starnes, Rodney Strong's friend
Cathy Suarez, Rusty Rouse's friend
Lynn & Allen Welton, Wilbourne Markham's relative
Tim Young, Jim Blentlinger's friend

Condolences to

Steve, Sam, and Lawson Bunn, and extended family
In the death of their mother and grandmother,
Shirley Bunn
Lynne and Dan Mayfield; Emily, Paul, Cooper, and Charlotte
Darr; Lauren, Jay and Leigh Mayfield, and extended
family in the death of Dan's mother, Margie Mayfield

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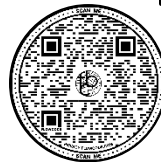
Chambliss Center for Children (VBS gift)



FBC Kitchen Team during a recent organizational gathering(clockwise from bottom left): Jan Varnell, Patsy Schwall, Helen Gross, Susan Rouse, Judy Sullivan, Sandra Longer. We appreciate all of your work in updating and rearranging. We thank our custodial staff, too, for helping!

FINANCE REPORT (for June 30, 2026)

MTD Receipts	\$ 71,870.50
MTD Expenses	\$104,142.17
MTD Deficit/Excess	-\$ 32,271.67
YTD Receipts	\$435,572.12
YTD Expenses	\$641,658.19
YTD Deficit	-\$206,086.07



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.

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

NOTE-WORTHY FRIENDS

(They'd love a note from you.)

Bobbie Walraven
2608 Avalon Hill
Chattanooga, TN 37415
Agnes White
920 Burnt Hickory Rd NW #223
Marietta, GA 30064
Essie Bartlett
1123 Carter Dr
Chattanooga, NT 37415

July 1 Carolyn Guerry
July 2 Abby Dean Cofer
Henry Gomez
July 3 Martha Gill
July 4 Valarie Adams
Ryan Cain
Emma Gohr
July 5 John Steele
Penny Tullock
July 6 Cooper Darr
Larry Reneau
July 7 Jim Boles
Imogene Stone
Alice Turner
July 8 Charlotte Darr
Rory Schwall
Jax Tester
July 9 Tim Burton
July 12 Jeff Laseter
July 13 Hank Nolen
July 14 **Bobby Walraven (99!)**





Some of you may have heard that CBF Tennessee's Coordinator, Rick Bennett, has accepted the call to serve as Senior Pastor of Monte Vista Baptist Church in Maryville. As Moderator of TNCBF, I want to express my gratitude and that of our Coordinating Council for his leadership. Rick is a friend and a blessing to us all; he will be missed on a state level but I am grateful he will remain in East Tennessee! I know you will join me in praying for him in this transition and also for our Volunteer State Fellowship as we seek the Lord's direction for what is yet to come.

~Danny Chisholm, Moderator

Rick's last week with CBF Tennessee will be mid-July. The Coordinating Council is putting together a tribute book for him to celebrate his 12 years as coordinator. If you would like to add a tribute by uploading a message or photo, please use the link below.

~Maggie Quisenberry, Recorder

<https://rickbennettcbf.fromabirdie.com/contribute>

The Interim Tennessee CBF Field Coordinator is Rev. Lee Fox. He is currently Senior Pastor of Ball Camp Baptist Church (Knoxville) and will serve there through mid-July. Fox begins his position with CBF Tennessee on August 1. He says, "I am incredibly excited for this new opportunity and look forward to serving side-by-side with all our TN CBF congregations, their pastoral staffs and church leadership. We never know how God may choose to work in our life, but we must always be willing to listen and follow as God leads."

Facebook post to Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship page, June 20, 2026.



Members' Message Board

Are you looking for a way to serve "the least of these," something to do while you watch TV, or a new way to serve Christ? We have an opportunity to serve our homeless friends in a unique way at no or very low cost. We can **make sleeping mats from clean grocery bags**. They are made by hand with a simple crochet stitch. They will provide comfort and protection from wet ground. Anyone and everyone, young or old, can make these mats by hand at home or in small groups over a cup of coffee. It's simple to do and training will be provided by a local church. For more information, call Jane Everett (706.224.2908)



July Needs List

Kitchen

- Coffee, Sugar, Napkins
- Plastic Spoons & Forks
- Breakfast Meats

Extra Items Needed

- Wheelchairs & Walkers
- Sleeping Bags, Hats
- Small Tents/Bus Passes
- Summer Clothes/Shorts

Extra Items Needed

- Mens Shoes(19 4E)
- Mulch for Flower Bed
- Crutches

Maclellan Shelter for Families

- Water and Juice
- Plastic Cups & Paper Plates
- Laundry Detergent

Community Center-Hospitality

- Towels, Soap, Lotion, Razors
- Deodorant/Knapsacks
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Detergent & Backpacks

Case Management

- White Copy Paper
- Cleaning Supplies
- Bleach

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ON THE CALENDAR, JULY 2 – JULY 19

Thursday, July 2

Cool Kids Collective	1:00PM
Shower Ministry	2:00PM

Friday, July 3

FBC Family Camp at Dogwood

Saturday, July 4

Happy Independence Day!

FBC Family Camp at Dogwood

Sunday, July 5

FBC Family Camp at Dogwood	
Summer Choir Rehearsal	8:45AM
Sunday School/Bible Study	9:30AM
Fellowship Time/Library Open	10:30AM
Songs of Community	10:50AM
Worship	11:00AM
Churchwide Picnic at Dogwood	6:00PM

Friday, July 10

Habitat for Humanity Workday	8:30AM
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Sunday, July 12

Summer Choir Rehearsal	8:45AM
Sunday School/Bible Study	9:30AM
Fellowship Time/Library Open	10:30AM
Songs of Community	10:50AM
Worship	11:00AM
Missions Committee Meeting	12:15PM

Monday, July 13

FBC Kids & Youth Camps - Dogwood

Tuesday, July 14

FBC Kids & Youth Camps - Dogwood	
Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	10:00AM
Tuesday Book Group	6:00PM

Wednesday, July 15

FBC Kids & Youth Camps - Dogwood	
FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation	11:00AM

Thursday, July 16

FBC Kids & Youth Camps - Dogwood	
Shower Ministry	2:00PM
Finance Committee Mtg via Zoom	5:00PM

Friday, July 17

FBC Kids & Youth Camps - Dogwood

Saturday, July 18

FBC Youth Camp - Dogwood

Sunday, July 19

Summer Choir Rehearsal	8:45AM
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



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	
Tilson Boshears	Summer Intern, Children	
Lucy Herrod	Summer Intern, Children	



The staff enjoyed a lovely gift of a meal together! (clockwise from bottom left) Patty, Sharon, Charles, David, Lizzie, Darryl, Lila, Tilson, Caroline, Lucy, Frances, Anthony, Kelly, and Jeff. Missing Thomas who is away on sabbatical.

Registration is still open for these FBC Summer Camps!

Kids' Day / Overnight Camps, and Youth Camp:
Please register by July 8.

Preschool BAM Camp and Music & Arts Camp:
Please register by July 15.

SUMMER CAMPS



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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