



first baptist church

CHATTANOOGA

GATEWAY

A place to be. A place to serve.

July 8, 2026

401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402

423.265.2257

www.fbcchattanooga.org

Worship Care Workers

July 12

for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers

Sandra Longer, Roberta Echols
Maggie Quisenberry

Deacon Greeters

1. Jim Boles
2. Alishea Hixson



Worship at First

Streamed and in-person

Sunday, July 12, 2026

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM

10:50AM

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

JENNY PARKER, PIANO

11:00AM

Rev. Jeff Parker

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Theme & Variations on "The Sower"

SUMMER CAMPS

Registration is still open!

Kids' Day / Overnight Camps, and Youth Camp:

Please register by tomorrow, July 9!

Preschool BAM Camp:

Please register by next Wednesday, July 15.

Music & Arts Camp

Limited number of spaces remaining!

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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IT'S A GIRL!

Charlotte Renee Shoop

was born Friday, July 3, 2026

to Madeline & Joshua Shoop.

Charlotte weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19³/₄" at birth.

Tina Shoop is the ecstatic grandmother, Caroline Smith and Cordelle Terrell are the thrilled great-grandparents, and the rest of the Shoop clan are excited aunts, uncles, and cousins. Welcome to God's beautiful world, Charlotte!



Thank You

...to Steve Partridge for all of his work and time cleaning off our back bank! That was a hot, hard job. We so appreciate all of you that see something that needs to be done and then make it happen.

Our Habitat team has a workday this Friday, July 10. Please meet at 8:30AM at 2113 Davenport St, 37406. We will be working on site cleanup. There might also be some work to complete at another house nearby. This is a perfect opportunity for a new volunteer to meet the team and have an introduction to the Habitat program. Hope to see you there.



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
 Those participating / helping at FBC Kids / Youth Camps, July 13-18
 David Daley

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)

Annette Spinks

Sue Sisson

Gail Spittler

Imogene Stone (move)

Judy Sullivan

Penny Tullock

Virginia Wagon (hospice)

Annette White

Sharon Wilkins

Tom Williams, Sr.

Chris and family

Billie Jean, Rose Thomas's sister-in-law

Gerald Bailey, friend of T. McCullough & W. Markham

Ashley, Blake and Wyatt Boerger

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

Brian Krizan, Cindy Elam's son-in-law

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

Jane & Doug Lewis and family in the death of Doug's
 Brother, Steve Lewis

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

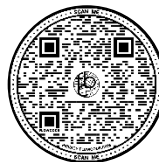


The two devastating earthquakes in Venezuela have now claimed more than 3600 lives, over 16,000 injured, tens of thousands still missing, and so very many displaced. Please include them all, as well as rescue workers, in your prayers. CBF Disaster Response is committed to providing support. You can donate [here](http://www.cbf.net/dr-give).



FINANCE REPORT (for July 8, 2026)

MTD Receipts	\$ 20,877.55
MTD Expenses	\$ 35,563.63
MTD Deficit/Excess	-\$ 14,686.08
YTD Receipts	\$454,654.12
YTD Expenses	\$645,797.29
YTD Deficit	-\$191,143.17



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.



July 12	Jeff Laseter
July 13	Hank Nolen
July 14	Bobby Walraven (99!)
July 16	Ethan McGrath
	Ben Pickett
	Jessica Pickett
	Ivy Terrell
July 17	Josh Carter
	Richard Hewitt
	Barbara Nolen
July 18	Felix Thibault
July 19	Sylvia Colvin
	Steve Partridge
July 20	Jay Casavant
July 21	Lottie Erickson
July 22	Margaret Phillips
July 24	Jason Sepulveda
July 26	Betsy Kammerdiener
	Jacob Long
July 29	Karen Henderson
July 30	Bob Batson, Jr.
July 31	David Myers

NOTE-WORTHY FRIENDS

(They'd love a note from you.)

Carole Daniel
 671 Alexian Way RM 605
 Signal Mtn, TN 37377

Iris Daniels
 801 Riverhill Dr #657
 Athens, GA 30606

Barbara Davis
 83 Rose St
 Sopchoppy, FL 32358



The Rebecca Class & Prayer Shawl Ministry Group enjoyed a luncheon together recently celebrating 250 years of independence for the USA. (from left): Sue Crockett, Cindy Elam, Brenda Hooper, Patsy Schwall, Martha Gill, Frances Marandi, Lois Van Hooser, Mary Jayne Allen, Nancy Bowman, and Linda Hardison.

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

chattfoundation.org

ON THE CALENDAR, JULY 9 – JULY 21

Friday, July 10

Habitat for Humanity Workday 8:30AM

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

All Kids/Youth Campers - Office Entrance 8:30AM

FBC Kids & Youth Camps - Dogwood

Day Campers Return - Office Entrance 5:00PM

Tuesday, July 14

Day Campers Meet - Office Entrance 9:00AM

FBC Kids & Youth Camps - Dogwood

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group 10:00AM

Day Campers Return - Office Entrance 5:00PM

Tuesday Book Group 6:00PM

Wednesday, July 15

Day Campers Meet - Office Entrance 9:00AM

FBC Kids & Youth Camps - Dogwood

FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation 11:00AM

Day Campers Return - Office Entrance 5:00PM

Thursday, July 16

Day Campers Meet - Office Entrance 9:00AM

FBC Kids & Youth Camps - Dogwood

Shower Ministry 2:00PM

Finance Committee Mtg via Zoom 5:00PM

Day Campers Return - Office Entrance 5:00PM

Friday, July 17

Day Campers Meet - Office Entrance 9:00AM

FBC Kids & Youth Camps - Dogwood

All Kids Campers Return - Office Entrance 5:00PM

Saturday, July 18

FBC Youth Camp - Dogwood

Youth Campers Return - Office Entrance 12:30PM

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

Tuesday, July 21

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group 10:00AM



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	

Help us to better connect
our community!



At First Baptist Church Chattanooga, people are at the heart of everything we do. As we evaluate our website and communications, your feedback will help us better share information about worship, ministries, events, and opportunities to serve.

Whether you're a member, former member, visitor, or friend of First Baptist Chattanooga, your perspective is important to us.

You can complete the survey by visiting the church's website at www.fbcchattanooga.org or by scanning the QR code below.



Prefer a printed copy? Stop by the church office or call 423.265.2257

Thank you in advance for helping us strengthen the ways we connect, communicate, and serve our church family and the greater community.

Advocacy Updates:

Over the past week, several U.S. **Supreme Court immigration decisions have reshaped the legal landscape** surrounding asylum, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and birthright citizenship. In response, CBF Advocacy reflects on what these rulings mean for immigrants, churches and communities, while reaffirming our commitment to walk alongside our neighbors. Read more [here](#).

CBF's 2025 Mission Excellence Award

When Hurricane Helene devastated western North Carolina, First Baptist Church Asheville opened its doors and became a lifeline for their community. Food, water, shelter and hope flowed through their building for weeks—and the ministry hasn't stopped since. Their faithful response earned them CBF's 2025 Mission Excellence Award, honoring a church that turned crisis into ongoing care. Find the full story in the Spring 2026 fellowship! Magazine issue [here](#).

Fellowship Weekly. fellowship@cbf.net via email July 6, 2026.



Learning
through
songs
at VBS

