



first baptist church CHATTANOOGA GATEWAY

A place to be. A place to serve.

August 12, 2026

401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402

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www.fbcchattanooga.org

Worship Care Workers

August 16

for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers

Roberta Echols, Jeanne Alley



Deacon Greeters

1. Emily Laseter
2. Drew Laseter



Worship at First

Streamed and in-person

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM

10:50AM

SONGS OF COMMUNITY
EMMA MULLINS, SOPRANO

11:00AM

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry
Matthew 15:21-28
What Comes Out

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Wednesday, August 12 (TONIGHT)

- Fellowship Time: Spaghetti Supper, 5:30PM
(A thank you from the Children and Youth!)
- Summer Celebration, 6:15PM (may begin a bit earlier)

Sunday, August 16

- Youth Sunday Evening Activities Begin, 4:30PM
(Choir, Supper, Bible Study)
- Chancel Choir Celebration, 6:30PM (Heritage Clubhouse)

Tuesday, August 18

- Lunch & Learn Resumes, 11:00AM-1:00PM (Youth Area)

Wednesday, August 19

- Fellowship Time (Bring Your Own Food), 5:30PM
- Wednesday Evening Kickoff, 6:15PM
Babies - Preschoolers: story time, playtime, music time (see p 4)
Children's Choir / Youth Gathering
(Adults) Epiphanies (study/discussion/action group)
and Midweek Study (Pastor led) (more on p 3)

Saturday, August 22

- Women's Gathering, 10:00AM (doors open @9:45) Fellowship Hall
(see p 3 for ticket information)

Saturday, August 29

- F4 Kickoff: Chatt Town Cool Down, 11:00AM-1:00PM, (Coolidge Park)

Sunday, August 30

- Cool Kids Collective: Back 2 School Party, 12:30-2:30PM
(E109: Kids Hangout Room)

Friday, September 4 – Monday, September 7

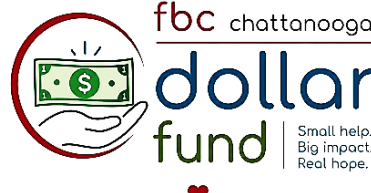
- Family Camp @ Dogwood (reservations required)

Sunday, September 6

- Churchwide Worship at Dogwood, 11:00AM
(No Sunday School or other activities at 401 Gateway)
- Covered-Dish Lunch at Dogwood, 12:15PM



Kudos to Lily T. for her out-of-this world design chosen to cover an electrical box near Brainerd High School!



Helping our neighbors in need with small essentials that make a big difference.



During August, we are collecting \$1 bills as part of our offering to be used to help fund items needed by our community not covered by our CARES fund. Last Sunday, we received \$218 for a current total of \$396.. We encourage you to place your dollar bills in the offering baskets as they are passed during Worship.

Church Family Concerns

(Updated from prayer requests and by office staff; not listed in order of priority)

Folks all over the world without food, water, shelter, safety
Those affected by the recent earthquakes in Colombia, Japan & Venezuela
Those affected by wildfires all over the world
Those affected by acts of deportation
Local, state, and national elections
Local folks in housing without functioning air conditioning

David Daley

Iris Daniels

Cindy Elam

Ed Fitch

Pollye Gross

Sandy Hood

Brenda Hooper

Barbara Koller

Don Manning

Wilbourne Markham

Carol Martin

Barbara Nolen

Heather Osteen

Melissa Phillips

Sue Sisson

Annette Spinks

Imogene Stone (move)

Judy Sullivan

Penny Tullock

Virginia Wagnon (hospice)

Kali Watson

Sharon Wilkins

Tom Williams, Sr.

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

Mark, Steve Yantis's friend

Larry Ford, Angie Ward's uncle

Doris Heath, Grady Worley's cousin

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

Jeff Hudson, Chase Shiflett's dad

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

Teresa Longer, Sandra & Charlie Longer's daughter-in-law

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

Lance Robbins, Tom McCullough's friend

Charlotte Slaughter, Wilbourne Markham's friend

Jerry Spinks, Leroy Spinks's brother

Cindy Storey, Carol Prevost's friend

Gara Strong, Rodney Strong's sister-in-law

Cathy Suarez, Rusty Rouse's friend

Cindy Thomas

Robert Voth, Brenda Underwood's neighbor

Lynn & Allen Welton, Wilbourne Markham's relatives

Tim Young, Jim Blentlinger's friend

Hospitalized

Linda Hardison – Erlanger

Dan Johnson – Memorial 5106

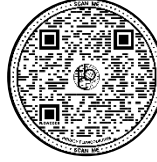
SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Tyler Cain, Jamie Fitch, Matthew Hellier

Coty Kissinger, Michael Land

Virginia Condry Ledman, Keith Mays

Sydney McDougal, Nathan Skidmore



FINANCE REPORT (for August 12, 2026)

MTD Receipts	\$ 24,593.81
MTD Expenses	\$ 27,066.11
MTD Deficit/Excess	-\$ 2,472.30
YTD Receipts	\$537,229.61
YTD Expenses	\$770,310.33
YTD Deficit	-\$233,080.72

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.



Nancy Meyers celebrating her recent 90th birthday!



Aug. 12	Warren Bowles Weston Hammond
Aug. 13	Nannette Avery Joel Avery Lynne Mayfield
Aug. 16	John Echols John Nichols
Aug. 17	Kedrick Green-Conner
Aug. 18	Annette White Jane Yantis
Aug. 20	Tiffany Cofer
Aug. 21	Bobby Colvin Tommye Manning
Aug. 22	Dorothy (Dot) Forlidas Jessica Green
Aug. 23	Mary Jayne Allen
Aug. 28	Ford Cofer Sandra Longer Frances Marandi
Aug. 29	Martha Eaves
Aug. 31	Lyn Harris

NOTE-WORTHY FRIENDS

(They'd love a note from you.)

Mildred Mays
429 Page Rd
Rossville, GA 30741

Nancy Meyers
5215 Randolph Rd Apt 2039
Charlotte, NC 28211

Naomi Miller
307 McBrien Rd
Chattanooga, TN 37411



...resumes on **Tuesday, August 18**, with *The Chosen*, season 5, episode 1. Lunch & Learn will be held in the Youth Area following this format:
11:00AM - a showing of the episode for that week
Noon - a discussion of that episode

Feel free to bring your own lunch to eat at the tables as we talk. For those who cannot get away from work or other commitments for the full time, feel free to watch the episode at home and join us for the time of conversation.

EPIPHANIES Schedule up to Fall Break

(Wednesday evenings, 6:15pm, E217)

August 19 - "How did you spend your summer vacation?"

August 26 - Study of the book *Humankind*; are people mostly good?

September 2 - Continuation of *Humankind* as it talks about religion and a crisis of faith

September 9 - Elizabeth from Seed Theater will join us and tell us about their organization

September 16 - Hands-on work on the plastic mats for the unhomed / shower ministry

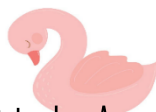
September 23 & 30 - Study on the book *Transforming: The Bible & the Lives of Transgender Christians* (Jeanne and Karen)

October 7 - Walk and talk with Jeni Lee

MIDWEEK STUDY

Henri Nouwen, famed theological and author of spiritual studies, wrote a book entitled, *Behold the Beauty of the Lord*. In this work, he explored his encounter with four pieces of art, often used as icons in the church, and how his interaction with these items changed his prayers and his approached to time with God. Over five weeks, we will see the art he gazed upon, explore other works that stir the soul, share about what pillars or mysteries of the faith we discover in the world we see around us, and work to deepen our connection to God.

The Swan House



WOMEN'S GATHERING Saturday, August 22

Fellowship Hall 10:00AM - 1:30PM \$10.00

Doors open at 9:45AM

Tickets for the Women's Gathering on Saturday, August 22, are on sale now through the church office during the week and on Sunday, August 16, before worship (at the greeting desk in the Lobby) and after worship (in the Narthex). If you choose to pay online for a ticket, please email us to confirm the ticket purchase (frances@fbcchattanooga.org).

The Women's Gathering is for adult women of all ages. It's a time to join together in song, prayer, laughter, and sharing. *The Swan House* by Elizabeth Musser is a novel with topics woven throughout the book that will be used as a basis for some of our discussions. (It is not necessary to read the book.). Additionally, our lunch will be similar to the favorite luncheon plate served in the tea room at the real Swan House in Atlanta. We eagerly anticipate our time in community.

If able, please bring your choice of one on these non-perishable items: spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, parmesan cheese, Italian seasoning, etc, for the Chatt Foundation (Community Kitchen).

ON THE CALENDAR, AUG. 12 – AUG. 25

Wednesday, August 12

Celebration/Kickoff (Churchwide) 5:30PM

House & Grounds Cmte Meeting 7:15PM

Thursday, August 13

Shower Ministry 2:00PM

Friday, August 14

Habitat for Humanity Workday 7:30AM

Sunday, August 16

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

Jr/Sr Youth Leadership Meeting 12:30PM

Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM

Youth Supper 5:30PM

Youth Bible Study 6:00PM

Chancel Choir Celebration/Kickoff 6:30PM

Tuesday, August 18

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group 10:00AM

Lunch & Learn 11:00AM

Wednesday, August 19

Making Plastic Bag Mats 10:00AM

FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation 11:00AM

Fellowship Time (BYOF) 5:30PM

Preschool Music/Missions 6:15PM

Children's Choir 6:15PM

Youth Gathering 6:15PM

Epiphanies (study/discussion/action) 6:15PM

Midweek Study (Pastor led) 6:15PM

Gym Time (School-age kids & youth) 7:00PM

Youth Ministry Leadership Team Mtg 7:15PM

Committee on Committees 7:30PM

Saturday, August 22

Women's Gathering 10:00AM

Sunday, August 23

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9:00AM

Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30AM

Fellowship Time/Library Open 10:30AM

Songs of Community 10:50AM

Worship 11:00AM

Finance Committee Meeting 12:15PM

Marketing Task Force Meeting 4:30PM

Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM

Youth Supper 5:30PM

Youth Bible Study 6:00PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM

Tuesday, August 25

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group 10:00AM

Lunch & Learn 11:00AM

Deacon Council Meeting 5:30PM



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and CBF of Tennessee. cbf.net



FBC Ministerial & Office Support Staff

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Rev. Kelly Kunf	Interim Minister of Youth & Children	
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F4 FAMILIES, FUN, FAITH, FELLOWSHIP
 For families with babies – 2nd graders.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
 Meet at the Coolidge Park Fountain
 Free Event!!

foam slide, yard games, sprinkler run,
 bike obstacle course, puppets,
 free carousel, food trucks, and more

11:00AM – 1:00PM. Look for Kelly.
 Questions? kelly@fbcchattanooga.org or 561.252.2969



Wednesday Evening Childcare: Songs, Stories & Play



Parents! While you head to Epiphanies, Midweek Study, or just to enjoy some quiet time to yourself, we've got your little one covered! From 5:45–7:30PM, our little friends (ages 2 and under) will enjoy songs, storytime, and playtime with our caring team. Preschoolers (age 3-preK) will join us except for when they're having their Music & Missions time just across the hall. Whether you're in a group, studying, or savoring the silence — we are here for you!

Deacon Selection 2027

- Sunday, August 16: Forms available for Deacon nominations
- Sunday, September 13: Nominations end at 12:15PM
- Wednesday, November 4, 6:15PM: Deacon Ordination Council, if needed, followed by ratification by the Deacon Council of the slate of deacons for 2027-2029
- Thursday, November 5: Final slate emailed to church members
- Sunday, November 8: Church affirmation of deacons for 2027-29
- Sunday, November 15: Ordination of new deacons and blessing of all deacons.

Preparation has already begun on the budget for 2027 and the Committee on Committees has begun their work as well. Plan to say "yes" when asked to serve!

Cool Kids Collective
 3rd–5th graders

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

Sunday, August 30
12:30–2:30pm

Meet in the Children's Hangout Room (E109) for pizza, chips, and frozen treat lunch. Please bring \$5 for lunch. Meet new friends, celebrate the school year, share a devotional time.

Questions? Contact Kelly: 561.252.2969 or kelly@fbcchattanooga.org

We've received details for this Friday's workday (August 14) with Habitat for Humanity. We will be at the warehouse (1201 East Main St) and work a restricted schedule (7:30AM to 1:30PM) due to the high temperature forecast. If you can't make it at 7:30AM, join us at our regular time around 8:30AM. We will be pre-building column wraps and sections of porch beams. It will be a great day, and the best environment for introducing and welcoming any additions to our team to the workings of Habitat. Contact Jim McAfee with any questions (423.802.5011).



Blessing of the Backpacks 2026

God our teacher, who helps us to understand the world around us, thank you for the privilege of education. We celebrate the beginning of this school year and ask for your blessings upon us the students, the educators, and the families who support them all.

