



first baptist church CHATTANOOGA GATEWAY

A place to be. A place to serve.

August 19, 2026

401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402

423.265.2257

www.fbcchattanooga.org

Worship Care Workers August 23

for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers

Steve Partridge, Karen Henderson
Jan Varnell



Deacon Greeters

1. Andy Schwall
2. Carol Prevost

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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
More details coming soon!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
CHATTANOOGA

Chapel Series

A concert series highlighting
local musicians.



King of Glory, King of Peace

ETHAN MCGRATH
Organist, Pianist, Composer

The concert will be in the Sanctuary.

SUNDAY August 30 | 3 PM

FBC SANCTUARY 401 Gateway Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM



Worship at First
Streamed and in-person

10:50AM

SONGS OF COMMUNITY
MARK MARDIS

11:00AM

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry
Matthew 16:13-20
Cornerstone for Faith

IT'S A BOY! IT'S A BOY!



Miller Edward Watson (L) and Mayes Thomas Watson (R)
were born Monday, August 17, 2026, to Kali & Grant Watson.

Miller weighed 5 lbs, 5.3 oz.
and was 18.9" long.

Mayes weighed 5 lbs, 12.9 oz
and was 18.9" long.

Angie Johnson is the ecstatic grandmother, and all the extended family are thrilled, too. Welcome to God's beautiful world, Miller & Mayes!



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**dollar
fund**
Small help.
Big impact.
Real hope.

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



Work
Boots



Bus
Tickets



Pharmacy
Needs



Diapers



And
More

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 \$154 for a current total of \$550. 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, Venezuela, et al
Those affected by destructive storms (Hawaii, et al) and wildfires
Those affected by acts of deportation
Local, state, and national elections
Local folks in housing without functioning air conditioning

David Daley

Iris Daniels

Ed Fitch

Pollye Gross

Linda Hardison

Sandy Hood

Brenda Hooper

Barbara Koller

Don & Tommy Manning (move)

Wilbourne Markham

Barbara Nolen

Heather Osteen

Melissa Phillips

Sue Sisson

Annette Spinks

Imogene Stone

Penny Tullock

Sharon Wilkins

Tom Williams, Sr.

Barry and his grandparents

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

Wanda Albritton, Sheila Albritton's mother

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

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

Mark McGowan, Steve Yantis's friend

Holly Harris Misirly, Sharon & Emily Tousek's relative

Pat Moses, Lynn Strong's mother

Martha Patterson, Cheryl McAfee's sister-in-law

Kelby & Jordan Proctor

Ron Renegar, Brenda Underwood's friend

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

Robert Voth, Brenda Underwood's neighbor

Lynn & Allen Welton, Wilbourne Markham's relatives

Tim Young, Jim Blentlinger's friend

Hospitalized

Dan Johnson – Memorial 5106

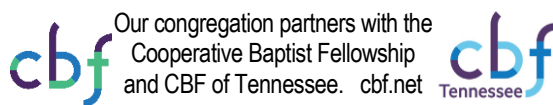
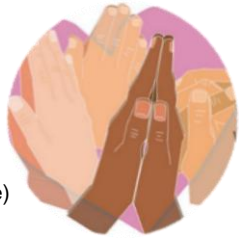
Condolences to

Tim Burton in the death of his aunt, MaryLu Smith

Emily Martin, Jeanne, Reggie, Eleanor and Carter Alley

in the death of their mother/grandmother, Carol Martin

The family of Virginia Wagnon



Our congregation partners with the
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
and CBF of Tennessee. cbf.net

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 19

5:30 pm	Bring Your Own Supper	Fellowship Hall
7:15 pm	YMLT Meeting	Youth Area
7:30 pm	Committee on Committees Mtg	Conf. Room

Babies / Toddlers

6:00 pm	Childcare	E106
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Preschoolers

6:15 pm	Preschool Music & Missions	E107
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Children (K-5th grade)

6:15 pm	Children's Choir	E111
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7:00 pm	Gym Time	Gym
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Youth

6:15 pm	Youth Gathering	Youth Area
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7:00 pm	Gym Time	Gym
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Adults

6:15 pm	Epiphanies	E217
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What Did You Do Over the Summer?

Facilitated by Jessie Weaver

6:15 pm	Midweek Study	FH
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Behold the Beauty of the Lord by Henri Nouwen

Encountering 4 Pieces of Art, Plus Other Works

Facilitated by Thomas Quisenberry

FINANCE REPORT (for August 19, 2026)

MTD Receipts	\$ 45,087.60
MTD Expenses	\$ 57,396.88
MTD Deficit/Excess	-\$ 12,309.28
YTD Receipts	\$557,725.33
YTD Expenses	\$789,074.50
YTD Deficit	-\$231,349.17



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.



NOTE-WORTHY FRIENDS

(They'd love a note from you.)

Sue Moore
9043 Oak Haven Dr
Chattanooga, TN 37421

JoAnn Seaborn
606 Windy Way
Signal Mtn, TN 37377

Sue Sisson
2477 Chattanooga Valley Rd
Flintstone, GA 30725

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

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



...resumes on Tuesdays 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.

ETIPHANIES 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 **through Thursday, August 20**. 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. 20 – SEPT. 2

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

Wednesday, August 26

Master's Mats Group 10:00AM

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

Thursday, August 27

Shower Ministry 2:00PM

Saturday, August 29

F4: Chatt Town Cool Down 11:00AM

Sunday, August 30

Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30AM

Fellowship Time/Library Open 10:30AM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:40AM

Songs of Community 10:50AM

Worship 11:00AM

CKC: Back 2 School Party 12:30PM

Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM

Youth Supper 5:30PM

Youth Bible Study 6:00PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM

Tuesday, September 1

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group 10:00AM

Lunch & Learn 11:00AM

Wednesday, Sept. 2

Master's Mats Group 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

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	
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Frances Marandi	Music Administrative Assistant	423.648.2543

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



Learning about Joseph's journey through slavery, jail, and as a leader in Egypt. (Children's Sunday School, August 16)



Master's Mats Group

Often people ask, "How can I help with the **shower ministry**?" We have an opportunity to help in a unique way: **making sleeping mats** that can be used to keep out the damp and soften the hard ground. The mats are hand woven or crocheted from clean, (previously used) **plastic grocery bags** which have been cut into strips. Each mat needs around 700 bags which are made into 3 feet by 8 feet pad to be given to people who come to the shower ministry. The mats can be made at home or in small groups - any bunch of folks who want to get together to work and fellowship.

All ages can help by gathering the bags (color doesn't matter). And lots of bags are needed! Bags need to be flattened, smoothed, and layered in a box for storage. **You are welcome to join with a group of workers next Wednesday, August 26, from 10:00-noon in E217** where you will be given instructions. If you have questions or are interested in helping, call Jane Everett (706.224.2908).

