



Our celebration of Trinity Sunday marked the beginning of the season in the church year known as Ordinary Time. In this case the word “ordinary” comes from the word “ordinal” meaning ordered and is used because these Sundays are numbered following Pentecost. The season represents a time of growth and the application of our faith to our everyday lives. This important season takes us through the summer and into the fall. We hope you will join us each week for the journey.

August 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 \$218 giving a current total of \$396.

The floral arrangement is given by Jane and Joe Everett in thankfulness to God for their 64 years together on August 18.

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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KICKOFF FOR FALL ACTIVITIES BEGINS THIS EVENING!

Sunday, August 16

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

Wednesday, August 19

- Fellowship Time (Bring Your Own Food), 5:30PM
- Wednesday Evening Kickoff:
Babies – PreK activities (music, stories, and playtime)
Children’s choir / Youth gathering / Adult studies, 6:15PM

The Women’s Gathering on Saturday, August 22, is for adult women of all ages. **Tickets are \$10 each and are on sale today** before worship (at the greeting desk in the Lobby) and after worship (in the Narthex). They will also be on sale in the church office through Thursday, August 20. We will “gather” to sing, pray, laugh, and share. Doors open at 9:45AM; lunch is included.

Forms for Deacon Nominations are available now in several locations around the building. The form is also available to download and print from our website. Instructions for nominating and returning your form are included. No form will be accepted via email or without the member’s name being signed legibly. Nominations will close on Sunday, September 13, at 12:15PM.

Lunch & Learn resumes on **Tuesday, August 18**, at 11:00AM with *The Chosen*, season 5, episode 1. Feel free to bring your own lunch to eat at the tables as we talk. For those who cannot get away for the full time, feel free to watch the episode at home and join us at noon for discussion.

You are invited to join our Bags to Mats Group each Wednesday at 10:00AM in E217 as we create sleeping mats using plastic grocery bags for our shower ministry to share.. Please contact Jane Everett for information (706.224.2908).



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, August 16

- 8:45AM Summer Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 9:30AM Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:30AM Fellowship Time – Lobby
- 10:50AM Songs of Community – Sanctuary
- 11:00AM Worship – Sanctuary
- 12:30PM Jr/Sr Youth Leadership Meeting – Off Campus
- 4:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal – FH200
- 5:30PM Youth Supper – Youth Area
- 6:00PM Youth Bible Study – Youth Area
- 6:30PM Summer Choir Celebration/Kickoff – Heritage Clubhouse

Tuesday, August 18

- 10:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – Conference Room
- 11:00AM Lunch & Learn – Youth Area

Wednesday, August 19

- 10:00AM Bags to Mats Group – E217
- 11:00AM FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation
- 5:30PM Fellowship Time (BYOF) – Fellowship Hall
- 6:15PM Preschool Music/Missions – E107
- 6:15PM Children’s Choir – E111
- 6:15PM Youth Gathering – Youth Area
- 6:15PM Epiphanies (study/discussion/action group) – E217
- 6:15PM Midweek Study (Pastor led) – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00PM Gym Time (School-Age Kids/Youth)
- 7:15PM Youth Ministry Leadership Team Mtg – Youth Area
- 7:30PM Committee on Committees – Conference Room

Saturday, August 22

- 10:00AM Women’s Gathering – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 23

- 9:00AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 9:30AM Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:30AM Fellowship Time – Lobby
- 10:50AM Songs of Community – Sanctuary
- 11:00AM Worship – Sanctuary
- 12:15PM Finance Committee Meeting – E217
- 4:30PM Marketing Task Force – Conference Room
- 4:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal – FH200
- 5:30PM Youth Supper – Youth Area
- 6:00PM Youth Bible Study – Youth Area
- 6:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite

Tuesday, August 25

- 5:30PM Deacon Council Meeting – Fellowship Hall



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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



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Chattanooga, Tennessee
August 16, 2026

*As you enter, please pick up a card and write a prayer concern on the back.
Some of these will be read aloud during our Prayers of the Community.
At the beginning of the first hymn, someone will come down
all three aisles to collect the cards. Thank you for your participation.*

GATHERING

SONGS OF COMMUNITY Emma Mullins, soprano

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GREETING Thomas Quisenberry

We gather this day, and much is visible:
our smiles may show our joy; our eyes may speak of pain.
We come to this place, seeking signs of the living God:
we may sense something holy; we may notice the Spirit’s movement.
We will see God today. Will our lives make God visible to others?
Let us worship God, Holy Mystery, Eternal Love.

PRELUDE arr. A. Jordan
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
(Hymn 475)

APPROACH

PRAYER OF ADORATION Thomas Quisenberry

*HYMN 612 KREMSER
We Praise You, O God

CHILDREN’S TIME Maggie Quisenberry

OLD TESTAMENT READING Verbie Prevost
Genesis 45:1-15 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT Verbie Prevost

Loving God,
like Joseph, we don’t always understand why things happen the way they do:
why our plans and dreams fail,
why we find ourselves facing challenge after challenge,
why life seems to bring more disappointment than joy.
Yet, like Joseph, we also believe that you are at work in our lives,
and that you have a larger purpose for each one of us.
Give us faith to trust in you no matter what challenges we face.
Give us courage to place our dreams and ambitions in your hands,
and then follow where you lead without hesitation.
We pray in confidence.
Amen.

*HYMN 829 OLIVET
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

PROCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING Thomas Quisenberry
Matthew 15:21-28 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Thomas Quisenberry
What Comes Out

RESPONSE

*HYMN 821 HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
My Life Flows On

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Kelly Kunf
Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PREPARATION FOR GIVING Drew Laseter

For all who are wandering in the shadows of loneliness,
may our gifts bring light.
For all who have had promises broken,
may our gifts bring healing.
For all who have been left behind by the powerful,
may our gifts offer the gift of community.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS E. McGrath
The Lord’s Prayer
Summer Choir

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS OLD 100TH

Musical notation for the Dedication of Gifts hymn, featuring three staves of music with lyrics: 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 Drew Laseter

*WORK OF THE CHURCH Thomas Quisenberry

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*BENEDICTION Thomas Quisenberry

*RESPONSE ACCLAMATIONS
This is the threefold truth on which our faith depends,
and with this joyful cry worship begins and ends:

Musical notation for the acclamations, featuring a single staff of music with lyrics: Christ has died! Christ is ris-en! Christ will come a-gain!

POSTLUDE A. Campra
Rigandon

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

*Please stand, if able. OL#728820-A