



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 \$154 giving a current total of \$550.

The floral arrangement is given by Susan & Rusty Rouse in loving memory of their fathers, Carl Gouger and H.K. Rouse, Sr., whose birthdays were in August.

The roses on the communion table are given in celebration of the births of twin sons, Mayes Thomas Watson and Miller Edward Watson, to Kali and Grant Watson on August 17.

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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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.

F4 (Families, Fun, Faith, Fellowship), Saturday, August 29, 11:00AM-1:00PM We welcome all families with young children, babies – 2nd graders, to join us as we kick off this school year by participating together in Outdoor Chattanooga’s free Chatt Town Cool Down at Coolidge Park. We will meet at the fountain (near the carousel) and enjoy some activities together such as a foam slide, a sprinkler run, bike obstacle course, puppets, food trucks and much more. Contact Kelly with any questions (561.252.2969 or kelly@fbcchattanooga.org).

Cool Kids Collective (CKC) (3rd-5th graders) is meeting on Sunday, August 30, from 12:30-2:30PM for a Back 2 School Party in the Children’s Hangout Room (E109). We’ll have a lunch of pizza, chips, and a frozen treat. (Bring \$5, please.). Get ready to meet new friends, celebrate the new school year, and share a devotional time together. We hope to see everyone there! Contact Kelly with any questions (561.252.2969 or kelly@fbcchattanooga.org).

Worship at Dogwood Lodge, Sunday, September 6. 11:00AM

Join for a time together in community with Worship at Dogwood including the Celebration of Communion followed by a covered-dish meal. There will be no activities at our downtown location that day. Bring your favorite covered-dish(es) for all to enjoy as we eat together after Worship. The church bus will be available for transportation from our parking lot downtown to and from the Lodge. Additional details will be in this week’s *Gateway*.



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 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

- 10:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – Conference Room
- 11:00AM Lunch & Learn – Youth Area
- 5:30PM Deacon Council Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 26

- 10:00AM Master’s Mats Group – E217
- 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)

Thursday, August 27

- 2:00PM Shower Ministry – Rec Center Area

Saturday, August 29

- 11:00AM F4: Chatt Town Cool Down – Coolidge Park

Sunday, August 30

- 9:30AM Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:30AM Fellowship Time – Lobby
- 10:40AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite
- 10:50AM Songs of Community – Sanctuary
- 11:00AM Worship – Sanctuary
- 12:30PM CKC: Back 2 School Party – E109
- 4:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal – FH200
- 5:30PM Youth Supper – Youth Area
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You are invited to join our Master’s 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).



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



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 23, 2026

GATHERING
SONGS OF COMMUNITY
Mark Mardis

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GREETING
Thomas Quisenberry
Into this world we are born,
into the beauty and trials of everyday life.
Into this day we awake,
into the possibility and uncertainty of each hour.
Into this community of faith we are welcomed,
into God’s presence and each other’s lives.
So let us worship our God this day.

PRELUDE
H. Willan
Intermezzo

APPROACH
PRAYER OF ADORATION
Kelly Kunf

*HYMN 363
Rejoice, the Lord Is King!
(All children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

CHILDREN’S TIME
Emma Mullins

PSALM READING
Olen Grubbs
Psalm 138 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 643
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Now Thank We All Our God

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT
Olen Grubbs
God, there are days when we consider you an imposition,
constantly prodding us to reach out to others.
There are days when we think you ask too much,
calling us to take up crosses to follow you.
There are days when we question whether you really care,
as your world grows more violent and hateful.
So, this day, let us start over and simply say you are
our Hope,
our Peace,
our Comfort,
our Guide,
our Joy,
our God.

ANTHEM
J. Marshall
My Eternal King
Chancel Choir
My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav’n thereby,
nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
for me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav’n, or of escaping hell;
not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;
but as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!
E’en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing:
solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

PROCLAMATION
GOSPEL READING
Thomas Quisenberry
Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE
Thomas Quisenberry
Cornerstone for Faith

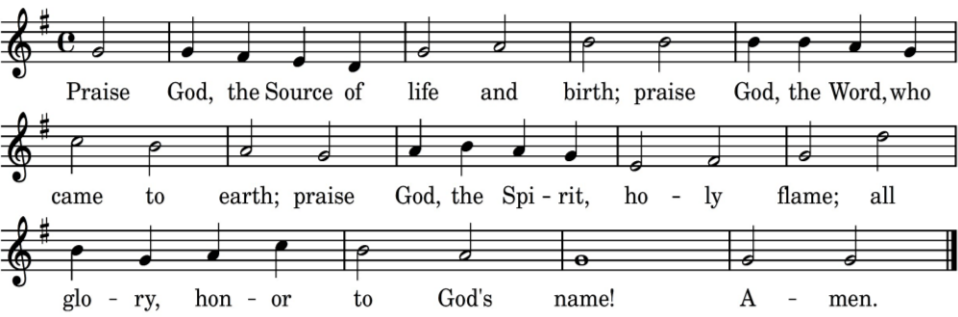
RESPONSE
*HYMN 697
HENDON
Take My Life

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY
Jeff Parker

PREPARATION FOR GIVING
Carol Prevost
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
D. Forrest
Rejoice, the Lord is King!

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS
OLD 100TH



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.

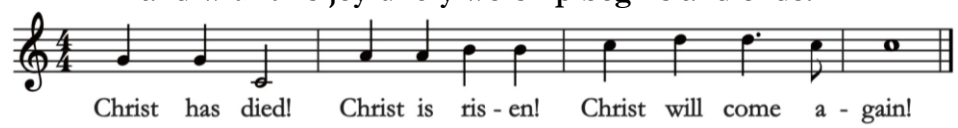
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Carol Prevost

*WORK OF THE CHURCH
Thomas Quisenberry
Deacon Moment(s)
Sandra Longer
Dawn Oakes

*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:



Christ has died! Christ is ris - en! Christ will come a - gain!

POSTLUDE
D. Johnson
Trumpet Tune in D Major

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

*Please stand, if able.
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