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CHATTANOOGA

GATEWAY

A place to be. A place to serve.

September 2, 2026

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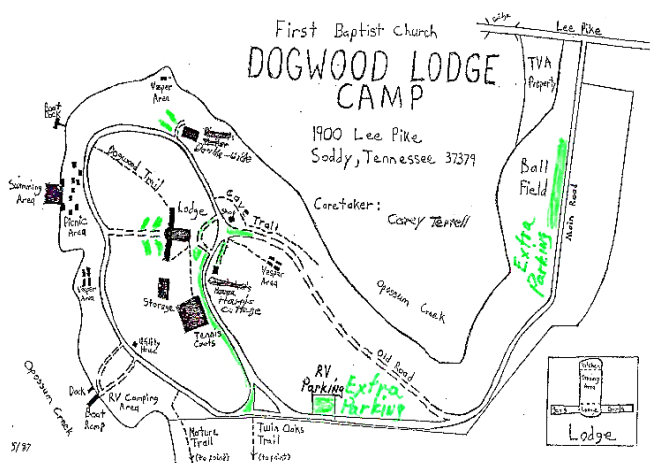
Worship at Dogwood Lodge

Sunday, September 6, 11:00AM

Join us for a time together in community with Worship at Dogwood followed by a covered-dish meal. We will be seated around tables for Worship as well as our 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 following our time of worship.

All of the areas marked in green on the map below will be available for parking. Spots will be reserved close to the Lodge for those with the greatest mobility needs. There will also be volunteers helping to direct traffic and guiding folks to parking spots.



Sunday, September 6, 2026



Worship at First
in-person only

11:00AM

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Sentinals

For those of you who worship with us through streaming, the service at Dogwood will NOT be live streamed. However, the service will be recorded and then uploaded to our webpage later.

During August, we collected \$1 bills as part of our offering to be used to help fund items needed by our community such as prescription medications, IDs, and bus passes not covered through our FBC CARES Fund. Last Sunday, we received \$135, giving a total for the month of \$881. Thank you so much for your generosity.



Our CBF Tennessee Coordinating Council (the main governing body) had a retreat recently with reports of disaster response activities, about Connect Church (supporting rural churches), and from the Field Coordinator Search Team. Do you see some familiar faces in the above photo of most of the team? Both Alishea Hixson (L) and Maggie Quisenberry (R) are members of FBC Chattanooga serving on this council which oversees the operations, policies, and business affairs of CBF Tennessee. Rev. Lee Fox (center) is serving as the Interim Field Coordinator. There is a survey on page 4 of this issue regarding the new Field Coordinator Search that we hope each of you will complete.

Family Camp at Dogwood Lodge

Friday - Monday, September 4 - 7



FOR RESERVATIONS:

Call Lizzie Alford at 423.648.2542
or email lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org

Use of the Lodge: \$15/person/night.
Tents: \$15/person/night (max \$30/night/family).
RV spots: \$30/RV/night.
Get away from it all and enjoy the serenity and community of our church camp!

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 recent natural disasters
Those affected by acts of deportation
Local, state, and national elections
Stephanie & David Daley

Pollye Gross

Linda Hardison

Sandy Hood

Brenda Hooper

Linda & Dan Johnson

Barbara Koller

Tommye & Don Manning

Wilbourne Markham

Family of Carol Martin

Barbara Nolen

Melissa Phillips

Sue Sisson

Annette Spinks

Imogene Stone

Penny Tullock

Family of Virginia Wagon

Sharon Wilkins & Ebony

Tom Williams, Sr.

Barry and his grandparents

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

Carlinda, Cordelle Terrell's friend

Family of Luke Cornett, Luke Blentlinger's friends

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

Maria Johnson

Nancy & Jim Lewis, Doug Lewis's sister-in-law & brother

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

Sarah Ellen & Ron Reid, Mary Jane Allen's friends

Ron Renegar, Brenda Underwood's friend

Lance Robbins, Tom McCullough's friend

Rick Rushworth, the Markham's friend

Charlotte Slaughter, the 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

Lynn & Allen Welton, Wilbourne Markham's relatives

Tim Young, Jim Blentlinger's friend

Recently Discharged

Lynne Mayfield

Cissy Rash

Condolences to

The family of Iris Daniels



FINANCE REPORT

(for August 26, 2026)

MTD Receipts	\$ 4,093.18
MTD Expenses	\$ 20,344.46
MTD Deficit/Excess	-\$ 16,251.28
YTD Receipts	\$584,665.23
YTD Expenses	\$844,222.66
YTD Deficit	-\$259,557.43

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2

5:30 pm Bring Your Own Supper Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm Committee on Committees Conf. Rm.

Babies / Toddlers / Preschoolers

5:45 pm Childcare E106
6:15 pm Preschool Music & Missions E107

Children (K-5th grade)

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

Youth

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

Adults

6:15 pm Epiphanies E217
Religion and a Crisis of Faith
Referencing *Humankind* by Rutger Bregman
Facilitated by Jessie Weaver

6:15 pm Midweek Study FH
Behold the Beauty of the Lord by Henri Nouwen
Encountering 4 Pieces of Art, Plus Other Works
Facilitated by Thomas Quisenberry



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.

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.

Work has begun on the budget for 2027 and the Committee on Committees is working as well. Plan to say "yes" when asked to serve!

NOTE-WORTHY FRIENDS

(They'd love a note from you.)

Dreama Vinyard
671 Alexian Way Rm 718
Signal Mtn, TN 37377

Bobbie Walraven
2608 Avalon Hill
Chattanooga, TN 37415

Agnes White
920 Burnt Hickory Rd NW #223
Marietta, GA 30064

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

Sept. 4 David Varnell
Sept. 5 Allison Gord
Sept. 8 Emily Laseter
Kaitlyn Sepulveda
Sept. 10 Caleb Quisenberry
Caroline Smith
Sept. 11 Matt Crockett
Doug Lewis
Sept. 13 Angie Thomas
Sept. 14 Sharon Webster
Sept. 15 Charlie Cooper
Laura Cooper
Sept. 17 Carmen Shiflett



FBC CHATTANOOGA AND THE IRONMAN CHATTANOOGA RACE

Gratefully, we have been given notice ahead of time that the Ironman Chattanooga race taking place on Sunday, September 27, will have all roads leading to FBC Chattanooga blocked for that morning. Since we have that information, we can plan our time of worship and also be present to cheer on racers.

*** We will have** Worship in the Chapel on Saturday evening, September 26, at 5:00PM.

***We will NOT have** Sunday School or Worship at 401 Gateway Avenue on Sunday morning, September 27 (due to streets being closed for Ironman Chattanooga).

***We will have** a group cheering on racers on the 26th. Due to road closures, you must arrive in our front parking lot off 6th Street between 7:30-8:00AM and be prepared to stay until 11:00AM. We may not pass anything out, but we can encourage and cheer the racers. **Bring your noise makers!**

***We will have** our regular Sunday evening youth activities and choir rehearsals on September 27. Roads will be accessible by then.

LIFE THROUGH A JESUS LENS

A JESUS WORLDVIEW CONFERENCE

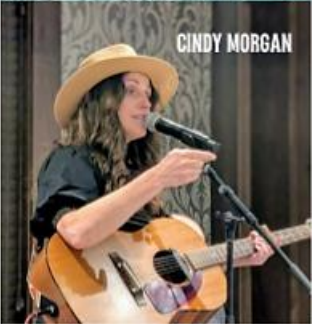
OCTOBER 12-13, 2026 NASHVILLE

Presentations, conversations & inspiration —
focused on the defining priority of following Jesus

Register now at
jesusworldview.org

Plus, FINALE on the FARM!

Singer-songwriters circle in Amy Grant's barn



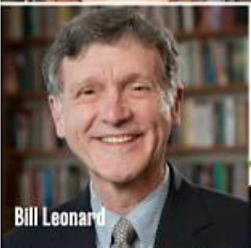
CINDY MORGAN



JACQUI LEWIS



MARCIA RAMIREZ



Bill Leonard



JOHN FRANKE



TOMMY SIMS



JONATHAN BINGHAM



David Dark



Andy Gullahorn w/ Gabe Scott

The upcoming Jesus Worldview Conference is being held at Belmont University in Nashville.

"The Jesus Worldview initiative seeks to build a broader community focused on the following of Jesus as the defining priority of the Christian faith. Engage, support and share in this effort by visiting jesusworldview.org."

~Email from Jesus Worldview Initiative 08.31.26

ON THE CALENDAR, SEPT. 3 – SEPT. 16

Friday, September 4

Family Camp at Dogwood

Saturday, September 5

Family Camp at Dogwood

Sunday, September 6

Family Camp at Dogwood

Worship at Dogwood Lodge

11:00AM

Churchwide Covered-Dish Lunch

12:15PM

Monday, September 7

Church Office Closed – Labor Day

Family Camp at Dogwood

Tuesday, September 8

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group

10:00AM

Lunch & Learn

11:00AM

Moving Forward Chattanooga Classes

5:30PM

Tuesday Book Group

6:00PM

Finance Committee Mtg (via Zoom)

7:00PM

Wednesday, September 9

Master's Mats Group

10:00AM

Children's Parent Meeting

5:30PM

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

House & Grounds Cmte Meeting

7:15PM

Personnel Committee Meeting

7:15PM

Thursday, September 10

Shower Ministry

2:00PM

Marketing Task Force (via Zoom)

7:30PM

Friday, September 11

Habitat for Humanity Workday

8:30AM

Adult-ish Class Retreat, Dogwood

Saturday, September 12

Adult-ish Class Retreat, Dogwood

Sunday, September 13

Adult-ish Class Retreat, Dogwood

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

Missions Committee Meeting

12:15PM

Youth Choir Rehearsal

4:30PM

Youth Supper

5:30PM

Youth Bible Study

6:00PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6:00PM

Tuesday, September 15

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group

10:00AM

Lunch & Learn

11:00AM

Moving Forward Chattanooga Classes

5:30PM

Wednesday, September 16

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)

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Midweek Study (Pastor led)

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Gym Time (School-age kids & youth)

7:00PM

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

Members' Message Board



CHATT Foundation
Center for Homeless Advancement for Today and Tomorrow

September Needs List

Kitchen

- Jelly
- Mac&Cheese
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Garlic Powder
- Diced Tomatoes

Clothing Program

- Socks
- Underwear
- Men's Clothing & Shoes

Outreach

- Backpacks
- Mobilty Equipment (Wheelchairs & Canes)

Maclellan Shelter for Families

- Paper Plates & Cups
- Diapers Size 4&5
- Juice & Water Bottles

Community Center

- Portable Chairs(250-500 lbs)
- 1 Day Bus Passes
- Tents and Flip Flops

Case Management

- Cleaning Supplies
- Bleach
- Toilet Paper

chattfoundation.org

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS COMING SOON!

For the next four months we'll have a catered meal on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. It will be served in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30PM. No reservations are required. The fee for each meal is \$7 regardless of age. There is a \$20 family maximum. Payment through our QR code will be accepted as well as cash and checks.

Menu for Wednesday, September 16

Chicken Spaghetti or Plain Noodles
Tossed Salad
Garlic Knots
Double Chocolate Cake

RECENTLY ADDED TO OUR MEDIA LIBRARY

ARTS AND SPORTS

Mitchell, Rev. Rick. Sports with a Purpose: Unleashing the Power of Sports to Reach Everyone...from Anywhere to Everywhere.

BIOGRAPHY

Evans, Virginia. The Youngest Bee: A Louisiana Story of Sisterhood, Strength, and Alzheimer's.

Jackson, Ketanji Brown. Lovely One: A Memoir.

Williams-Paisley, Kimberly. Where the Light Gets In: Losing My Mother Only to Find Her Again.

FICTION

Evans, Virginia. The Correspondent: A Novel.

Musser, Elizabeth. The Dwelling Place.

Musser, Elizabeth. The Promised Land.

Musser, Elizabeth. The Swan House.



RELIGION

Comer, John Mark. The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry

Rohr, Richard. The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe.

Wright, N.T. From Wilderness to Glory: Lent and Easter for Everyone.

Wright, N.T. On Earth as in Heaven: Daily Wisdom for Twenty-First Century Christians.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Fugelsang, John. Separation of Church and Hate: A Sane Person's Guide to Taking Back the Bible from Fundamentalists, Fascists, and Flock-Fleeing Frauds.

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

TNCBF Field Coordinator Search Survey

1. What would you name as the most important skills for the work of leading TNCBF?
2. What would you consider the most important character traits for leading TNCBF?
3. What do you consider to be the primary priority for the ministry of the TNCBF?
4. What else would you like the search committee to know?

You can also respond online:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C5CNMY5>

or



If you choose to complete this hard copy of the survey, please do so, then cut it from the newsletter, and return it to Ann-Marie Blentlinger, who is part of the search committee.