



September 9, 2026

401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402

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Worship Care Workers
September 13
for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers
Emily & Drew Laseter
Tina Shoop

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM

10:50AM
SONGS OF COMMUNITY
CHERYL MCAFFEE AND
JULIANA MOORE, PIANO

11:00AM
Dr. Thomas Quisenberry
Romans 14:1-12
Keeping Up with the Scorecards



Deacon Greeters
1. Charles Groves
2. Dan Mayfield



Worship at First
Streamed and in-person

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!



Family Camp at Dogwood

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.

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

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
Family of Iris Daniels
Pollye Gross

Linda Hardison
Sandy Hood
Brenda Hooper
Linda & Dan Johnson
Barbara Koller
Tommye & Don Manning
Wilbourne Markham

Family of Carol Martin
Lynne Mayfield
Barbara Nolen
Melissa Phillips
Cissy Rash
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
Ruby Smith, Hellen Gross's neighbor
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



Our Epiphanies speaker this evening is Elizabeth Haley, co-founder and executive director of The Seed Theatre. She is a bold individual who actively advocates for LGBTQ+ persons, fundraising, and educating parents, teachers, and other adults about how to help support our youth. The Seed Theatre is not just a theatre, but more of a community hub for marginalized people in our area. All interested in hearing about the theatre and their work are welcome!

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 9

5:30 pm Bring Your Own Supper Fellowship Hall
7:15 pm House & Grounds Committee Conf. Rm.
7:15 pm Personnel Committee E211

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

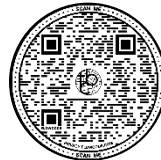
Adults

6:15 pm Epiphanies E217
Elizabeth Haley – The Seed Theatre
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

FINANCE REPORT

(for Sept 9, 2026)

MTD Receipts	\$ 25,788.51
MTD Expenses	\$ 20,169.46
MTD Deficit/Excess	\$ 5,619.05
YTD Receipts	\$608,281.12
YTD Expenses	\$844,047.66
YTD Deficit	-\$235,766.54



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.)

Annette White
2937 Happy Valley Rd RM 107
Rossville, GA 30741

Essie Bartlett
1123 Carter Dr
Chattanooga, TN 37415

Carole Daniel
671 Alexian Way RM 605
Signal Mtn, TN 37377

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

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
Sept. 18 Roberta Echols
Tom Prevost
Sept. 19 Nancy Bowman
Jessica Good
Chase Lowery
Sept. 21 Priscilla Estrada
Faye McCullough
Sept. 23 Melinda Grubbs
Bryan Laseter



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**FAMILIES, FUN,
FAITH, FELLOWSHIP**

for families with babies – 2nd graders (plus siblings)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
Meet at the Tennessee Riverpark
(4301 Amnicola Hwy, 37406)

*Come ready to enjoy each other
while playing outdoors!*

Snacks, drinks, and cookies provided.



10:00AM – noon. Look for the table with the FBC sign. Questions?
Contact lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org or Kelly at 561.252.2969.

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.

ON THE CALENDAR, SEPT. 10 – SEPT. 22

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

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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
Deacon Nominating Committee	12:15PM
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
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)	6:15PM
Midweek Study (Pastor led)	6:15PM
Gym Time (School-age kids & youth)	7:00PM
Committee on Committees Meeting	7:30PM

Thursday, September 17

Finance Committee Mtg (via Zoom)	5:00PM
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Saturday, September 19

F4: TN Riverpark	10:00AM
Youth Girls Night Out: Flat Top Mtn Farm	5:30PM

Sunday, September 20

Dogwood Committee Meeting	8:30AM
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
Media Library Council Meeting	12:15PM
CKC: Baking Party	12:30PM
Chapel Series: Chatt. Harp Ensemble	3:00PM
Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:30PM
Youth Supper	5:30PM
Youth Bible Study	6:00PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5:30PM

Tuesday, September 22

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	10:00AM
Lunch & Learn	11:00AM
Moving Forward Chattanooga Classes	5:30PM
Deacon Council Meeting	6:00PM
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

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHATTANOOGA

Chapel Series

A concert series highlighting local musicians.



CHATTANOOGA HARP ENSEMBLE
Ben Van Winkle, Director

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20 | 3 PM

MCEWEN CHAPEL

401 Gateway Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Cool Kids Collective

Cool Kids Collective (grades 3-5) is meeting on Sunday, September 20, from 12:30-2:30PM for a **Baking Party**. We will meet in the Kids Hang-Out Room (E109) for lunch with hamburgers, fries, and our baked goods

for dessert. Please bring \$5 for lunch. We will be donning aprons and handling mixing bowls as we bake a group of desserts - some for ourselves and others for the homebound of our church family. While things are baking, we will play some games in the Gym. We will also share a small devotional together. Have questions? Contact Kelly at 561.252.2969 or kelly@fbcchattanooga.org.



Children's
Sunday
School fun!

Girls Night Out

Calling all girls, grades 6-12! In an effort to have some unique bonding time, we are starting a new ministry geared to exploring Chattanooga, having fun experiences together, all while helping support one another along the way. Being a teen girl can be difficult and we are here to walk this journey together, providing relationships and space to share honestly, safely, and where you can be yourself.

On **Saturday, September 19**, we will meet at the church at 5:30PM and travel together to Flat Top Mountain Farm (638 Bowman Cemetery



Rd, Soddy Daisy, 37379) for an evening of scenic hayrides, a corn maze, fresh flower picking, highland cows, mini donkeys, your very own pumpkin to take home, and plenty of amazing photo ops. Kelly will bring drinks and items for making your own sandwich. We ask each girl to bring a snack to share. Cost is \$15/person and includes everything. We will be back to the church at 9:30PM. Have questions? Reach out to Kelly at 561.252.2969 or kelly@fbcchattanooga.org.

I can do all things through him
who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13

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FBC Ministerial & Office Support Staff

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