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CHATTANOOGA

GATEWAY

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September 16, 2026

401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402

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www.fbcchattanooga.org

Worship Care Workers

September 20

for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers

Steve Partridge

Alishea Hixson



Deacon Greeters

1. Helen Gross

2. Dawn Oakes

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

FIRST ONE IS TONIGHT!

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

We welcome Rev. Cathy Payne Anderson as our guest proclaimer this Sunday, September 20. Cathy is a mom, sister, friend, widow, chaplain, part-time mystic, writer, geocacher, and pet lover. She is a graduate of Carson-Newman College (now University) and



The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. For the past 16 years, she has been a chaplain at The Southeast Permanente Medical Group in Atlanta, GA where she currently serves as a Clinical Chaplain in the Behavioral Health Department. We eagerly anticipate receiving the message she brings.



Worship at First

Streamed and in-person

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM

10:50AM

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

JESSIE, LIBBIE & DAVID WEAVER

WITH REGGIE ALLEY

11:00AM

Rev. Cathy Anderson

Exodus 16:2-15

But Why?

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.

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.

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
Those affected by mental health issues
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

Lynne Mayfield

Barbara Nolen

Melissa Phillips

Cissy Rash

Sue Sisson

Annette Spinks

Imogene Stone

Penny Tullock

Sharon Wilkins & Ebony

Tom Williams, Sr.

Barry and his grandparents

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

Carlinda, Cordelle Terrell's friend

Tim Burton's coworker

Rosemary Cheek, Patsy Renegar's sister

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

Family of Leslie Wilkey

Tim Young, Jim Blentlinger's friend



Family Camp Friends

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 16

5:30 pm Wednesday Dinner Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm Committee on Committee 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

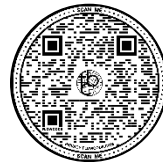
Adults

6:15 pm Epiphanies E217
Preparing to Make Plastic Bag Mats
Facilitated by Jessie Weaver
6:15 pm Midweek Study FH
Looking at an "Iconic" Passage:
The Prodigal Son
Facilitated by Mike Willard

FINANCE REPORT

(for Sept 16, 2026)

MTD Receipts	\$ 66,676.23
MTD Expenses	\$ 57,664.81
MTD Deficit/Excess	\$ 9,011.42
YTD Receipts	\$649,592.43
YTD Expenses	\$883,372.89
YTD Deficit	-\$233,780.46



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.)

Barbara Davis
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Sopchoppy, FL 32358
Franklin Davis
1414 Continental Dr #1208
Chattanooga, TN 37405

Sue Doyle
c/o Sarah Andrews
2613 Louis Ave
Brentwood, MO 63144

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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



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
Sept. 24 Mollie Vannoy
Sept. 25 Sally Dickerson
Joshua Shoop
Sept. 26 Barbara Davis
Shelley Kincer
Jordyn Parker
Sept. 27 Emily Martin
Vic Oakes

Girls Night Out



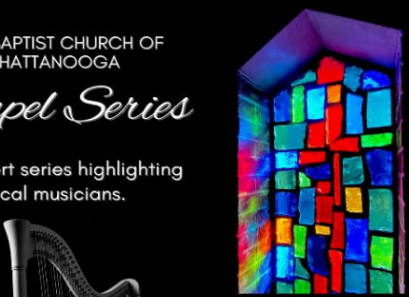
Calling all girls, grades 6-12! In an effort to have some unique bonding time, we are starting a new ministry geared to exploring Chattanooga, having fun experiences together, all while helping support one another along the way. Being a teen girl can be difficult and we are here to walk this journey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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
CHATTANOOGA

Chapel Series

A concert series highlighting
local musicians.



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Ben Van Winkle, Director

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20 | 3 PM

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FBC Ministerial & Office Support Staff

Dr. Thomas Quisenberry	Senior Pastor	
Rev. Jeff Parker	Minister of Music & Worship	
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ON THE CALENDAR, SEPT. 17 – SEPT. 30

Thursday, September 17	
Finance Committee Mtg (via Zoom)	5:00PM
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 Community Service	3:00PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	4:30PM
Youth Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	5:30PM
Youth Supper / Parent Meeting	6:00PM
Monday, September 21	
Marketing Task Force (via Zoom)	7:30PM
Tuesday, September 22	
Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	10:00AM
Lunch & Learn	11:00AM
Moving Forward Chattanooga Classes	5:30PM
Deacon Council Meeting	6:00PM
Children's Leadership Committee	7:15PM
Wednesday, September 23	
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	6:15PM
Midweek Study (Pastor led)	6:15PM
Gym Time (School-age kids & youth)	7:00PM
Thursday, September 24	
Shower Ministry	2:00PM
Saturday, September 26	
Worship (Saturday) in the Chapel	5:00PM
Sunday, September 27	
FBC Cheering Group for Ironman	7:30AM
No SS or Worship	
Youth Choir Rehearsal	5:00PM
Youth Supper	5:45PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:00PM
Youth Bible Study	6:15PM
Tuesday, September 29	
Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	10:00AM
Lunch & Learn	11:00AM
Moving Forward Chattanooga Classes	5:30PM
Wednesday, September 30	
Master's Mats Group	10:00AM
Fellowship Time (BYOF)	5:30PM
Preschool Music/Missions	6:15PM
Children's Choir	6:15PM
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Gym Time (School-age kids & youth)	7:00PM
Committee on Committees Meeting	7:15PM

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



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.

YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Sunday, September 20, 3:00-5:30PM



Meet at the Office Entrance at 3:00PM. We'll load up and head to Camp Jordan Arena where we will be helping Chambliss Center for Children with their annual donation event.

Please RSVP to Lizzie by tomorrow (Thursday, 09.17). A volunteer safety waiver is required. It is attached to the email sent out recently. If you need the link, contact Lizzie (lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org). Be sure to bring it with you.

We'll be back at church by 5:30PM for the Youth Choir to rehearse with the Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary. That is followed by supper and the youth/parent meeting in the Youth Area at 6:00PM. We'll be finished by 6:30PM.

Our **September Habitat Workday** was at 2211 Davenport Street. This home had been recently started and had progressed to the point of having the floor beams positioned, but not locked into position. Our task was to install the "rim board" around the perimeter of the floor joists (to secure their spacing and vertical alignment) then install foam insulation to the rim board between the floor joists. Having completed the tasks required for the next day's group to install the flooring, we packed up and called it a day. By next month, we expect the walls and roof to be erected and the siding to have enclosed this house. We may return to this site or work at a different one, depending on the need.

We urgently need additional workers. Some of our most faithful workers are having medical issues. Of course there are scheduling conflicts, too.

Tools and training are provided. There are many types of jobs on site for folks, any gender, any skill level. The main requirement is a desire to work to help low income families be able to have a place to call their home.

If you can spare the second Friday each month for this ministry, call Jim McAfee (423.802.5011) for information.



Good times at the Adult-ish

Our **Missions Committee** is looking for **local ministries** that we might support in addition to the ones many of us are already involved in through our church. Do you **volunteer regularly** for a ministry outside of our church? Or **serve on a board** at a place that needs volunteers? (Ronald McDonald House is an example of a place we've served in the past but, as far as we know, we have no current connections there.)

If you know personally of places that could use more volunteers, **email** Frances (frances@fbcchattanooga.org) and indicate that ministry including a short description of that place's needs.

There are also **blue sheets** in your Sunday School packet and around the lobby area for listing this information. Those need to be left in the nearby basket or returned to the office through your SS packet.

Thank you for your help in "discovering" new places to be the hands and feet of Christ.



Swim time
at
Family Camp

