



*Here in this place, there are no foreigners, for all are welcome in God's house.
Here in this worship, there is only acceptance, for love is the language of faith.
Here in our lives, there are no divisions, for God dwells in each of us.*

Thank you for joining us for worship today. It is our truest desire that you feel at home here. The green displayed in our Chapel represents growth, indicating the current season of our church year (often called Ordinary Time) during which we look to God to help us strengthen our faith and our service.

The floral arrangment today is given to the glory of God by Jan & David Varnell, in memory of their parents, and in honor of their daughter and grandchildren.

Rev. Cathy Payne Anderson is a mom, sister, friend, widow, chaplain, part-time mystic, writer, geocacher, and pet lover. She is a graduate of Carson-Newman and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. For the past 16 years she has been a chaplain at The Southeast Permanente Medical Group in Atlanta, Georgia, where she currently serves as a Clinical Chaplain in the Behavioral Health Department. We are grateful for Cathy's ministry and welcome her message today.

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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

***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 that Sunday morning. Due to road closures, you must arrive in our front parking lot off 6th Street between 7:30-7:45AM 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** regular Sunday evening activities on **September 27** beginning at **5:00PM** as roads are expected to be accessible by then.

It's almost Oktoberfest time! Tickets are on sale today for our next Adult Ministry Luncheon on Sunday, October 4, at 12:15PM in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$10 each and are available in the Lobby before worship and in the Narthex after worship today. They are available in the church office during business hours through Thursday, October 1. If you choose to pay online for a ticket (EVENTS/ADULT MINISTRY LUNCHEON), please email frances@fbcchattanooga.org to confirm the purchase.

Cool Kids Collective (CKC) (3rd-5th graders) is meeting today from 12:30-2:30PM for a **Baking Party** in the Children's Hangout Room (E109). Bring \$5 for lunch, please. We'll be baking desserts for others in our church family.

Our Youth will meet at the Office Entrance this afternoon at 3:00PM to travel together to Camp Jordan where they will help load donations for Chambliss Center for Children. This is a wonderful opportunity to minister by serving.

We welcome the Chattanooga Harp Ensemble this afternoon at 3:00PM as part of our Chapel Series. Founded in 2005, the harp ensemble is a dedicated group of musicians, ranging from amateur to professional, who meet once a month for community and for the love of making music together. The ensemble is directed by Ben Van Winkle.



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, September 20

- 8:30AM Dogwood Committee Meeting – Conference Room
- 9:00AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite
- 9:30AM Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:30AM Fellowship Time – Lobby
- 10:50AM Songs of Community – Sanctuary
- 11:00AM Worship – Sanctuary
- 12:15PM Media Library Council Meeting – Conference Room
- 12:30PM CKC: Baking Party – E109
- 3:00PM Chapel Series: Chattanooga Harp Ensemble – Chapel
- 3:00PM Youth Community Service – Office Entrance
- 4:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 5:30PM Youth Rehearsal w/Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
- 6:00PM Youth Supper & Parent Meeting – Youth Area

Tuesday, September 22

- 10:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – Conference Room
- 11:00AM Lunch & Learn – Youth Area
- 5:30PM Moving Forward Chatt. Classes – Lower Chapel Area
- 5:30PM Deacon Council Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 7:15PM Children's Leadership Committee Mtg – E109

Wednesday, September 23

- 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, September 24

- 2:00PM Shower Ministry – Rec Center Area

Saturday, September 26

- 5:00PM Worship on Saturday! – Chapel**

Sunday, September 27

- 7:30AM FBC Cheering Group (for Ironman Race)
- No SS or Worship**
- 5:00PM Youth Choir Rehearsal – FH200
- 5:45PM Youth Supper – Youth Area
- 6:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite
- 6:15PM Youth Bible Study – Youth Area



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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. Cheryl McAfee-----Guest Organist
- Ms. Jenny Parker-----Pianist

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Chattanooga, Tennessee
September 20, 2026

GATHERING

SONGS OF COMMUNITY
Jessie, Libbie & David Weaver
Reggie Alley

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GREETING
Thomas Quisenberry
We come from all walks of life: the rich, the poor;
the struggling and the secure.
And God calls us all.
We bring our hearts to this time and place:
hearts holding joy and sorrow, questions and wonders.
And God knows us all.
We offer what we have to give:
our talents, imperfections, doubt, and hope.
And God loves us all. Let us worship God.

PRELUDE
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
(Hymn 475)
arr. J. Blersch

APPROACH

PRAYER OF ADORATION
Thomas Quisenberry

*HYMN 41
O Worship the King, All Glorious Above
(All children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)
LYONS

CHILDREN’S TIME
Janice Bond

EPISTLE READING
Kelly Kunf
Philippians 1:21-30 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN 846
Fight the Good Fight
DUKE STREET

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Kelly Kunf
God of the first and the last, and all those in between,
Your grace reaches out to all of us -
life-long believers or newcomers alike.
You call us to live as citizens of your kingdom -
to work together with one mind and one purpose,
to reach out in love to those in need.
Strengthen us so that we might live in a manner worthy
of the Good News we have received -
offering our lives to the building up of your kingdom,
where the last are first, the first are last,
and there is grace enough for all. Amen.

ANTHEM

R. Norris
I Shall Not Live in Vain
Chancel Choir
I shall not live, I shall not live in vain.
If I could stop one heart from breaking or cool one pain,
I shall not live in vain.
If I could ease one life the aching or
help one fainting robin unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.
I was hungry, I was thirsty, alone and you took me in;
I was trembling, I was hurting, captive when you took my hand.
I shall not live, I shall not live in vain.

PROCLAMATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING
Cathy Anderson
Exodus 16:2-15 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE
Cathy Anderson
But Why?

RESPONSE

*HYMN 39
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
FAITHFULNESS

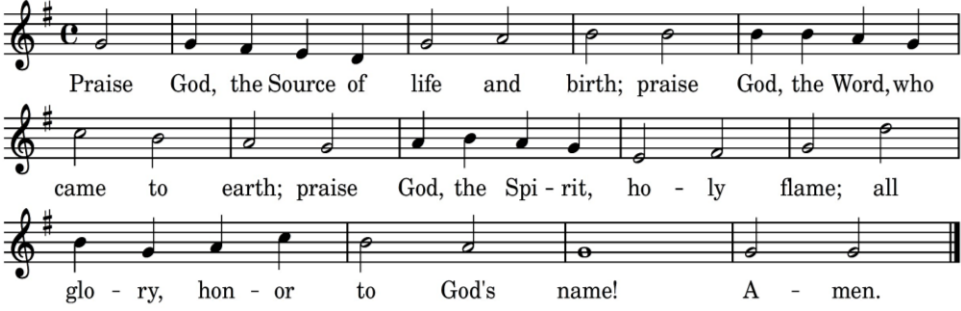
PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY
Thomas Quisenberry

PREPARATION FOR GIVING

Dawn Oakes
Tempted to turn away, may we be reminded that we stand on holy ground
when we walk with the lonely, work beside those seeking justice,
bring hope to the forgotten,
and share from our abundance with those who have nothing.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
It Is Well
arr. Rogers & Price

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS
OLD 100TH



*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Dawn Oakes

*WORK OF THE CHURCH
Thomas Quisenberry

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*BENEDICTION
Cathy Anderson

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



POSTLUDE
I'll Fly Away
arr. H. Sexton

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

*Please stand, if able.
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