first baptist church CHATTANOOGA GATEWAY
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October 14, 2026
401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402 423.265.2257 www.fbcchattanooga.org

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Worship Care Workers
October 18
for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers
Debbie & Jim Hamilton
Tiffany Cofer

Deacon Greeters
1. Jeanne Alley
2. Jeff Laseter

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM

Worship at First
Streamed and in-person

10:50AM
Songs of Community
Janice Bond, piano

11:00AM
Dr. Thomas Quisenberry
Matthew 22:15-22
Claimed


World Communion Sunday, October 4

Churchwide Catered Dinner

Wednesday, October 21 5:30PM
Fellowship Hall

Our next churchwide catered dinner is Wednesday, October 21, in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30PM. Reservations are not required. The fee for each meal is $7 regardless of age, with a family maximum of $20. The menu is BBQ Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, Broccoli, Rolls or Bun, and Dessert.

FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 25 5:00-6:30PM
Front Lawn / Parking Lot

We are looking for a few friendly faces to help run a station that evening. We also need decorated trunks and folks to cook chili. (More information is in your Sunday School folders). If you can help, contact Lizzie at 423.648.2542 or lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org. Everyone can help with donations of individually-wrapped candy for our Trunk-or-Treat. We ask that **all candy is nut-free** to accommodate our kids with nut allergies. Please drop off your candy donations in the bright orange bin located in the Narthex. The box will be in the Church Office during the week. Thank you for helping to make this annual event the best!

Bibles needed! Do you have extra ones to donate?

Two of our ministries are in need of Bibles to give to others. Bobby Colvin is working with Beyond the Bars. They need **soft bound, NIV** Bibles, that are **regular size books** to give to folks. (They may not hand out hard bound books; modern translations are easier to understand; regular size books have larger print than the small pocket-size Bibles.)
Also, our Shower Ministry folks often ask for Bibles. This ministry can used hard bound copies as well as soft bound, but also prefer **modern translations** and larger than pocket size books. Additionally, you may donate funds designated for Bibles. Please leave donated Bibles on the table outside the office.

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 acts of deportation
Those affected by mental health issues
Local, state, and national elections
Growth Task Force, Marketing Task Force
Sylvia Colvin
Stephanie & David Daley
Sandy Hood
Brenda Hooper
Linda & Dan Johnson
Barbara Koller
Tommye & Don Manning
Phyllis Miller
Barbara Nolen
Melissa Phillips
Cissy Rash
Annette Spinks
Imogene Stone
Lynn & Rodney Strong
Penny Tullock
Sharon Wilkins
Tom Williams, Sr.
Carlinda, Cordelle Terrell's friend
Ken Boothe, John Steele's stepfather
Rosemary Cheek, Patsy Renegar's sister
Allen Coffelt, Jane & Doug Lewis's son-in-law
Davy Crockett, Sue Crockett's son
Barry Dent's grandparents
Devin Dent
Larry Ford, Angie Ward's uncle
Doris Heath, Grady Worley's cousin
Jeff Hudson, Chase Shiflett's dad
Dora Hunter, Jane Lewis's niece
Maria Johnson
Brian Krizan, Cindy Elam's son-in-law
Teresa Longer, Sandra & Charlie Longer's daughter-in-law
Mark McGowan, Steve Yantis's friend
Holly Harris Misirly, Sharon & Emily Tousek's relative
Martha Patterson, Cheryl McAfee's sister-in-law
Dmitry Pikulik (Kyiv), relative of Serhii Pikulik
Kelby & Jordan Proctor
Sara Ellen & Ron Reid, Mary Jayne Allen's friends
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

Hospitalized
Van Johnson (Esther & Reed Johnson) – Erlanger NICU

Note from
Debarah Harbuck



The *2026-27 Prayers of the People* will be published beginning with the First Sunday of Advent, November 29. Meanwhile, you may access current dates through cbf.net/pray.

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

OCTOBER 14 – NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES (FALL BREAK)

Did you know that someone else might like to read the **library book** you still have sitting on your shelf, or on your table, or mixed in with your games, or under your bed……?
We'd love to **have them returned to us** – no explanation needed!



FINANCE REPORT

(for October 14, 2026)

MTD Receipts	$46,199.19
MTD Expenses	$67,659.23
MTD Deficit/Excess	-$21,460.07
YTD Receipts	$ 721,134.98
YTD Expenses	$1,003,238.22
YTD Deficit	-$ 282,103.24

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.



Oct. 14	Felicia Boyer
	Teena Ray
	Mike Willard
Oct. 15	Lucy Herrod
	Delores Markham
Oct. 16	Richard Sullivan
Oct. 17	Emory Boshears
	Carol Prevost
	Hannah Weaver
Oct. 18	David Hixson
	Ronny McNeil
Oct. 19	Janice Bond
	Kathy Stewart
Oct. 21	Anita Decosimo
Oct. 25	Jim McAfee
	Lily Thibault
Oct. 26	Cindy Elam
Oct. 27	Libbie Weaver

NOTE-WORTHY FRIENDS

(They'd love a note from you.)

Vivian Langford
1023 East Valley Dr
Rossville, GA 30741

Mildred Mays
429 Page Rd
Rossville, GA 30741

Nancy Meyers
5215 Randolph Rd Apt 2039
Charlotte, NC 28211

Youth Excursion

Sunday, October 18
12:30-4:30PM

Meet in the Youth Room for a tantalizing afternoon of pizza and an escape room. Travel via church bus.



For our September workday, we returned to 2211 Davenport Street. Significant progress was evident since our leaving last month with only the floor joists installed, but no walls or flooring. The house had been completely framed, roofed and insulated. Our team was joined by four "first time," unaffiliated volunteers which allowed us to install the front porch columns, frame the back porch and position two bathtubs. Before calling it a day, we stored all equipment and cleaned the site in preparation for the arrival of Hurricane Isaias.

Having more volunteers allows us to tackle larger, more rewarding projects. If you can join us on the second Friday the month, we would love to have you. Contact Jim McAfee (423.802.5011) for details.





Parking Lot Update

For several years, First Baptist Chattanooga has enjoyed a wonderful partnership with the YMCA as we work together to meet the needs of our community. As the YMCA's parking needs have increased, we have rented our parking lots to them for their staff and members use during the week. That arrangement continues.

However, the YMCA has noted an increasing number of vehicles using our parking lots that are not affiliated with either the church or the YMCA. To help address this, the YMCA will begin monitoring the parking lots (Sanctuary and upper lots) during the morning hours through 1:00PM. A hired parking service will identify unauthorized vehicles and issue notices and fines. If you receive one of these notices while attending a church function, please contact the church office.

Please note: this monitoring will not affect the Office Parking Lot usage on any day of the week. Parking for our afternoon and evening programming and mission events should also continue as usual without issue.

Thank you for helping us be good partners with the YMCA while also being good stewards of our church parking facilities.

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

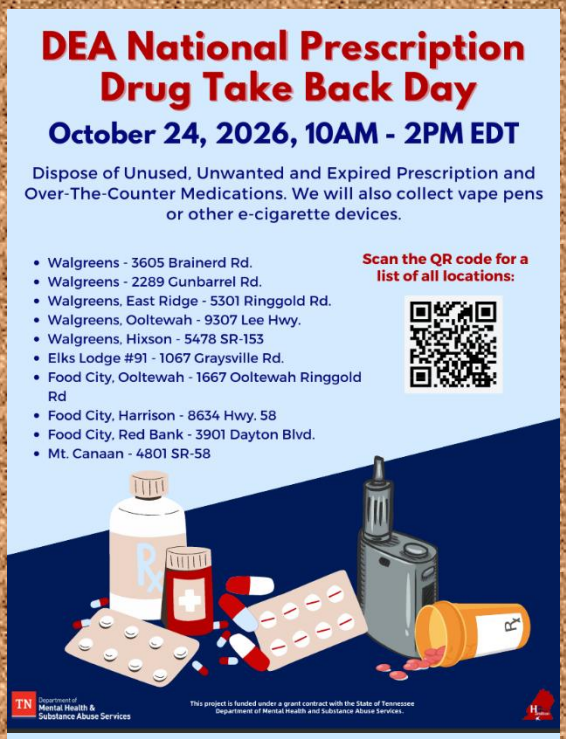
On the Calendar, Oct. 15 – Oct. 28

Thursday, October 15	
Adult Ministry Trip (Franklin)	
Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)	5:00PM
Friday, Oct. 16	
Adult Ministry Trip Returns	3:00PM
Sunday, October 18	
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
Youth Excursion – Escape Room	12:30PM
Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:30PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:00PM
Monday, October 19	
Marketing Task Force (via Zoom)	7:30PM
Tuesday, October 20	
Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	10:00AM
Moving Forward Chattanooga Classes	5:30PM
Deacon Council Meeting	5:30PM
Wednesday, October 21	
Master's Mats Group	10:00AM
Media Library Workers	10:00AM
FBC Serves at CHATT Foundation	11:00AM
Wednesday Evening Dinner	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	7:00PM
House & Grounds Committee	7:15PM
Thursday, October 22	
Shower Ministry	2:00PM
Sunday, October 25	
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
Fall Festival	5:00PM
Monday, October 26	
Moving Forward Chattanooga Classes	5:30PM
Tuesday, October 27	
Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	10:00AM
Wednesday, October 28	
Master's Mats Group	10:00AM
Media Library Workers	10:00AM
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	7:00PM

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

Members' Message Board



Promoted locally by The Hamilton County Coalition, a non-profit organization working to reduce substance misuse. (www.hccoalition.org).

South Africa Mission Trip, July 8 –19, 2027 (approximate dates)



Next summer, FBC Chattanooga will return to South Africa to serve alongside our ministry partners in Winterton and Johannesburg. This trip will give us opportunities to serve, build relationships, and experience the ways God is at work through our partners and communities.

During our time in Winterton, we will work alongside:

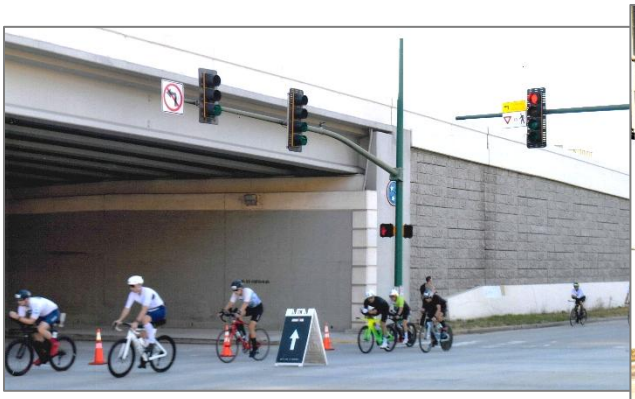
- Inspired Hope - landscaping, gardening classes, computer classes, and food and medical distribution.
- Gabriel Foundation - assisting women & children who have experienced abuse by providing care, hope, and support.
- Thembalethu - serving at a rural community clinic through Holiday Club, medical education, pharmaceutical access, and repairs to the grounds.

We will also visit Sister Didi in Johannesburg, whose ministry has transitioned to serving the immigrant community through medical care and support.

And, as part of the journey, we'll travel to Pilanesberg National Park for a safari, experiencing the beauty and wonder of God's creation.

This year, we will be joined by our ministry partners from Second Baptist Church of Memphis and First Baptist Church of Wilmington.

At this time, the dates are flexible by a day on either end of the trip. Once we know better numbers, we can narrow down trip route and thus dates. If interested or you want to know more, contact Thomas by the end of October.



Cheering on the Ironman racers: (back row) Carolyn, Mandy, Sean, Jeff (seated) Captain Dave and Darryl 09.27.26



Puzzle fun with Ms. Sandy at Dogwood, 09.08.26



And fun on a stump.

