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October 21, 2026
401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402 423.265.2257 www.fbcchattanooga.org

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM

Worship Care Workers
October 25
for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers
Emily & Drew Laseter
Tina Shoop

Deacon Greeters
1. Joe Everett
2. Roberta Echols

Worship at First
Streamed and in-person

10:50AM
Songs of Community
Chattanooga Strings

11:00AM
Dr. Thomas Quisenberry
Matthew 22:34-46
Loved

Churchwide Catered Dinner

TONIGHT, October 21 5:30PM
Fellowship Hall

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.

We welcome new member, Sandy McNeir!



FALL FESTIVAL

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

We need more adults to help with games from 5:00-6:00PM. Our youth will be helping with games, too. (Youth, you're also helping with setup beginning at 3:30PM.) **We can always use more trunks.** Just 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 Fellowship Hall on Wednesday and the Narthex on Sunday. The box is in the Church Office during the week. Thank you for helping to make this annual event the best!



Adult Ministry Trip, Franklin, Tennessee
(standing L-R) Jim McAfee, Cheryl McAfee, Gail Spitler, Steve Gouger, Janet Gouger, Patsy Schwall, Jim Schwall, Helen Gross, Sandy McNeir, Jan Varnell; (seated L-R): Judy Sullivan, Nancy Bowman

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
Alishea & David Hixson
Sandy Hood
Angie Johnson
Linda & Dan Johnson
Barbara Koller
Tommye & Don Manning
Delores Markham
Phyllis Miller
Barbara Nolen
Melissa Phillips
Cissy Rash
Annette Spinks
Lynn & Rodney Strong
Penny Tullock
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
Cheryl Russell and son, Jody Russell
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
Daniel Willard, Mike Willard's brother

Hospitalized
Brenda Hooper – Memorial
Van Johnson (Esther & Reed Johnson) – Erlanger NICU



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

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 21

5:30 pm Churchwide Dinner — Fellowship Hall

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
Helping Widows/Widowers in the Church
Nancy Bowman & Helen Gross

6:15 pm Midweek Study — FH:
Following the Call: Living the Sermon on the Mount Together, (ed. Charles E. Moore)
"Peacemaking" and "Persecution"
Matthew 5:9-12
Facilitated by Thomas Quisenberry

FINANCE REPORT (for October 21, 2026)

MTD Receipts	$ 71,134.64
MTD Expenses	$ 73,714.75
MTD Deficit/Excess	-$ 2,580.11
YTD Receipts	$ 746,070.46
YTD Expenses	$1,009,293.74
YTD Deficit	-$ 263,223.28

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. 21	Anita Decosimo
Oct. 25	Jim McAfee
	Lily Thibault
Oct. 26	Cindy Elam
Oct. 27	Libbie Weaver
Oct. 28	Sharon Carter
	Christine Dotson
	Marc Thomas
Oct. 29	Adam Weaver
Oct. 30	Wayne Hartman
	Agnes White
Nov. 2	Owen Laseter
Nov. 3	Thomas Quisenberry
Nov. 4	Sue Doyle
Nov. 6	Betty Givens
	Mark Mardis
	Dan Mayfield

NOTE-WORTHY FRIENDS

(They'd love a note from you.)

Naomi Miller
307 McBrien Rd
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Sue Moore
9043 Oak Haven Dr
Chattanooga, TN 37421

JoAnn Seaborn
606 Windy Way
Signal Mtn, TN 37377



Faye & Tom McCullough sharing communion with Sue Sisson and her daughter, Kathy Jones.

Members' Message Board

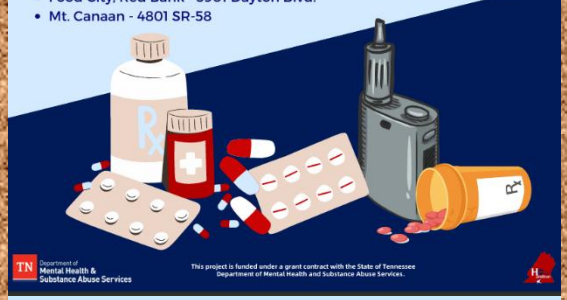
DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

October 24, 2026, 10AM - 2PM EDT

Dispose of Unused, Unwanted and Expired Prescription and Over-The-Counter Medications. We will also collect vape pens or other e-cigarette devices.

- Walgreens - 3605 Brainerd Rd.
- Walgreens - 2289 Gunbarrel Rd.
- Walgreens, East Ridge - 5301 Ringgold Rd.
- Walgreens, Ooltewah - 9307 Lee Hwy.
- Walgreens, Hixson - 5478 SR-153
- Elks Lodge #91 - 1067 Graysville Rd.
- Food City, Ooltewah - 1667 Ooltewah Ringgold Rd
- Food City, Harrison - 8634 Hwy. 58
- Food City, Red Bank - 3901 Dayton Blvd.
- Mt. Canaan - 4801 SR-58

Scan the QR code for a list of all locations:



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

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!



On the Calendar, Oct. 22 – Nov. 7

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
Sunday, November 1	
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
Finance/Budget Committee	12:15PM
Growth Task Force	4:30PM
Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:30PM
Youth Supper	5:30PM
Youth Bible Study	6:00PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:00PM
Tuesday, November 3	
Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	10:00AM
Moving Forward Chattanooga Classes	5:30PM
Wednesday, November 4	
Master's Mats Group	10:00AM
Media Library Workers	10:00AM
FBC Serves at CHATT Foundation	11:00AM
Fellowship Time (BYOF)	5:30PM
Preschool Music/Missions	6:15PM
Children's Choir	6:15PM
Deacon Ordination Council	6:15PM
Deacon Council Meeting	6:45PM
Youth Gathering	6:45PM
Gym Time (School-age	7:00PM
Thursday, November 5	
Shower Ministry	2:00PM
Friday, November 6	
Youth Disciple Now Weekend	
Saturday, November 7	
Youth Disciple Now Weekend	
Chancel Choir Christmas Workshop	9:00AM

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

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

Youth Excursion

Sunday, October 18









Obviously, this group likes to eat! Or maybe that's the only time they'd be still for a photo. (Adult Ministry Trip, October)

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.



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.

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 **standard 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.