



Today is **World Communion Sunday**, where congregations throughout the world and across denominational lines share in joy around the Table. In an increasingly globalized world, where differences can be divisive, sharing in the elements of the Lord’s Supper is a quiet constant that unites believers of Christ – that grace, redemption, and healing are afforded through the simple sharing of sacred bread and cup. It is our prayer that each one present will find great meaning as we share in this celebration with believers throughout the world.

The floral arrangement is given to the glory of God and in thankfulness for the mercy, grace, and love offered by God to all people.

This morning we are collecting your donations for our **First Baptist CARES** (Community Assistance for Residential Essential Services) fund at the end of worship. These funds go to help those in need pay for utility bills. They are also used to supply 40 food boxes from the Chattanooga Area Food Bank to those needing food. Online donations are welcome as well.

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 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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Congratulations to Thomas Quisenberry, our Senior Pastor, who commemorates his 16th anniversary with us today, October 4; to Patty Spells, Church Administrative Assistant, who observed her 4th anniversary with us on September 26; and to Sharon Wilkins, Custodian, who celebrated 12 years with us on September 30. We are extremely grateful for your ministry and service among us!

If you love books and would love to help in our church Media Library, there is a volunteer worktime each Wednesday morning from 10:00AM to noon. Just pop in! If you can’t volunteer then, but are available at other times (such as Sunday mornings), please let Cindy Elam know about your interest (423.298.6552).

Our next Habitat for Humanity workday is Friday, October 9. 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.

Mark Your Calendar!

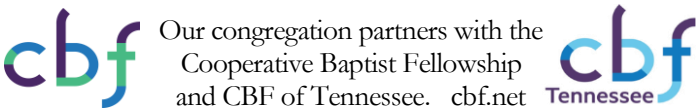
Sunday, October 11, Fall Break, no youth evening activities
Wednesday, October 14, Fall Break, no evening activities
Sunday, October 25, Fall Festival, 5:00-6:30PM



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, October 4**
9:00AM Youth & Chancel Choirs Rehearsal – Sanctuary
9:30AM Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30AM Fellowship Time – Lobby
10:30AM Library Open until Worship Begins
10:50AM Songs of Community – Sanctuary
11:00AM Worship – Sanctuary
12:15PM Adult Ministry Luncheon – Fellowship Hall
4:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal – FH200
5:30PM Youth Supper – Youth Area
6:00PM Youth Bible Study – Youth Area
6:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite
- Monday, October 5**
7:30PM Marketing Task Force (via Zoom)
- Tuesday, October 6**
10:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – Conference Room
11:00AM Lunch & Learn – Youth Area
5:30PM Moving Forward Chatt. Classes – Lower Chapel Area
- Wednesday, October 7**
10:00AM Master’s Mats Group – E217
10:00AM Media Library Workers – Media Library Office
11:00AM FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation
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, October 8**
2:00PM Shower Ministry – Rec Center Area
- Friday, October 9**
8:30AM Habitat for Humanity Workday – Off Campus
- Sunday, October 11**
9:00AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite
9:30AM Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30AM Fellowship Time – Lobby
10:30AM Library Open until Worship Begins
10:50AM Songs of Community – Sanctuary
11:00AM Worship – Sanctuary
12:15PM Missions Committee Meeting – E217
5:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite



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. Jenny Parker-----Pianist



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Chattanooga, Tennessee
October 4, 2026

The Worship of God

World Communion Sunday

GATHERING

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

Kenneth Webster, baritone
Janice Bond, piano

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GREETING

Thomas Quisenberry

Welcome to World Communion Sunday,
a day when faith communities around the world
celebrate the abundant table Jesus proclaimed.
This table is not just one where all are welcome,
not just one where all have a place,
but one where the richness of the human family
is fully experienced by all.

PRELUDE

arr. J. Linger

Jesus Loves the Little Children
with He's Got the Whole World

APPROACH

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Thomas Quisenberry

*HYMN 511

LLANFAIR

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven
(All children are invited to come forward during the final stanza.)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Susan Laseter

ANTHEM

Brahms, arr. Ziegenhals

We All Are God's Children
Children's Choir

We all are God's children, you made us everyone.
You guard and watch o'er us from morn 'til setting sun.
Wherever we go, whatever we do, whenever we're far away,
your loving arms protect us still, we know you will always with us stay.

Because we're God's children, we seek to do your will;
to live as you taught us, your teaching to fulfill.
To pray for the sick, the lonely, the sad and those filled with grief or pain.
Be with them throughout every day, every night,
their hope and their courage to sustain.
Yes, we are God's children, we're proud to be called your own.
Let's reach 'round the world so that no child will feel alone.
We'll care for each other, sister and brother, children across the sea,
'til every age and race and creed may live free in peace and harmony.

*INVITATION TO THE TABLE 769

FOR EVERYONE BORN

For Everyone Born

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Thomas Quisenberry

(A gluten free bread is available in the center cup of each paten.)

As others receive communion, you are invited to join in singing these hymns.

Hymn 498 – Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken
Hymn 521 – In Remembrance of Me
Hymn 525 – Let Us Break Bread Together

PROCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING

Thomas Quisenberry

Matthew 21:33-46 (NRSV)

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Thomas Quisenberry

Entrusted

RESPONSE

*HYMN 712

FOREST GREEN

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Jeff Parker

PREPARATION FOR GIVING

Mary Jayne Allen

May we be aware of the world as God intends it:
free from hunger, poverty, violence, and oppression.
May we be emboldened to be a part of making that world possible.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERING

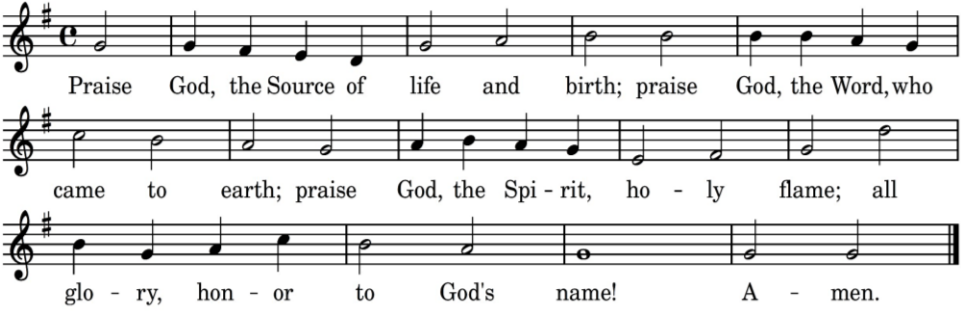
M. A. Miller

Welcome to God's Love!
Youth & Chancel Choirs

Families of all shapes and kinds, love the only tie that binds
this gathering of open minds, welcome to God's love.
Ev'ry person has a place in this holy, sacred space,
earth's entire human race, welcome! Come and feel God's love!
No proof required of your worth, a gift to you before your birth
from God, who made the heav'ns and earth. Welcome to God's love.
We'll love each other and take care of ev'ry need encountered there,
within God's heart there is room to spare. Welcome!
Welcome to God's love! Come, and live God's love!

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

OLD 100TH



*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mary Jayne Allen

*WORK OF THE CHURCH

Thomas Quisenberry

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

Thomas Quisenberry

*RESPONSE

M. DeMore

Lead with Love
Youth Choir

You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love!
Don't give up hope, you're not alone, don't you give up, keep movin' on.

POSTLUDE

arr. E. Diemer

We Come as Guests Invited
(Hymn 504)

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.
An offering for First Baptist CARES will be received as you leave the service today.

*Please stand, if able.

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