



*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.

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!

Sunday, October 11 – Fall Break, no youth evening activities
Wednesday, October 14 – Fall Break, no evening activities

Our next **churchwide catered dinner is Wednesday, October 21**, in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30PM. No reservations are 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.

If you are interested in being a part of the **FBC South Africa Mission Trip** in July 2027, please let Thomas Quisenberry know by the end of October. More information about the trip is in the current *Gateway*.

Do you love books and would like to help in our church Media Library? Volunteer spots are available on Sunday mornings. Please let Cindy Elam know about your interest (423.298.6552). Also, everyone please check your shelves and tables for FBC library books that need to be returned!

If you receive a notice while parking in our Sanctuary lot or the upper lot while attending a church function, please contact the church office. We are renting these lots to the YMCA during the week and are trying to work with them while they monitor use of the lots. More detailed information is in the *Gateway*.

Our Fall Festival is Sunday, October 25, from 5:00-6:30PM and 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 lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org or 423.648.2542. 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. **Starting today, October 11**, you can 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!



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 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

Tuesday, October 13

- 10:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – Conference Room
- 5:30PM Moving Forward Chatt. Classes – Lower Chapel Area

Wednesday, October 14

- 10:00AM Master’s Mats Group – E217
- 10:00AM Media Library Workers – Media Library Office
- 2:00PM Adult Ministry Fall Trip – Franklin, TN
- No Evening Activities (Fall Break)

Thursday, October 15

- Adult Ministry Fall Trip – Franklin, TN
- 4:30PM Finance Committee Meeting

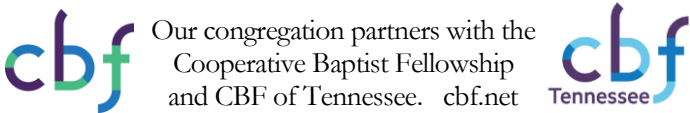
Friday, October 16

- 3:00PM Adult Ministry Fall Trip Folks Return

Sunday, October 18

- 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
- 12:30PM Youth Excursion (TBA)
- 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

Last Sunday, we received \$581 for our **First Baptist CARES** (Community Assistance for Residential Essential Services) fund. This ministry helps those in need pay for utility bills and to supply 40 food boxes from the Chattanooga Area Food Bank to those needing food. Thank you for your generosity.



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
- Mr. John Steele -----Guest Pianist

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Chattanooga, Tennessee
October 11, 2026

*As you enter, please pick up a card and write a prayer concern on the back.
Some of these will be read aloud during our Prayers of the Community.
At the beginning of the first hymn, someone will come down
all three aisles to collect the cards. Thank you for your participation.*

GATHERING

SONGS OF COMMUNITY *John Steele*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GREETING *Thomas Quisenberry*
We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God,
who calls us each by name,
who restores our souls,
who leads us in the way of righteousness,
and whose goodness and love never stops pursuing us.
This is the God we have come to worship!

PRELUDE *arr. F. Ashdown*
A Pastoral Triptych
(Hymns 474, 187)

APPROACH

PRAYER OF ADORATION *Kelly Kurf*

*HYMN 81 *AUSTRIAN HYMN*
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
(All children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

CHILDREN’S TIME *Melissa Mardis*

PSALM READING *Karen Henderson*
Psalms 23 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT *Karen Henderson*

Caring Shepherd, you supply all our needs.
We celebrate God’s generous care of us all.
Good Shepherd, you take us by the hand
and lead us through the dark and fearful times in life.
We celebrate God’s compassion and understanding.
Gracious Shepherd, your goodness and mercy
nurture and enrich our souls.
We celebrate God’s hospitality that sets a place for everyone.

*HYMN 187 *BRADBURY*
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

PROCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING *Thomas Quisenberry*
Matthew 22:1-14 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *Thomas Quisenberry*
Invited

RESPONSE

*HYMN 318 *ST. PETER*
In Christ There Is No East or West

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY *Thomas Quisenberry*
Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

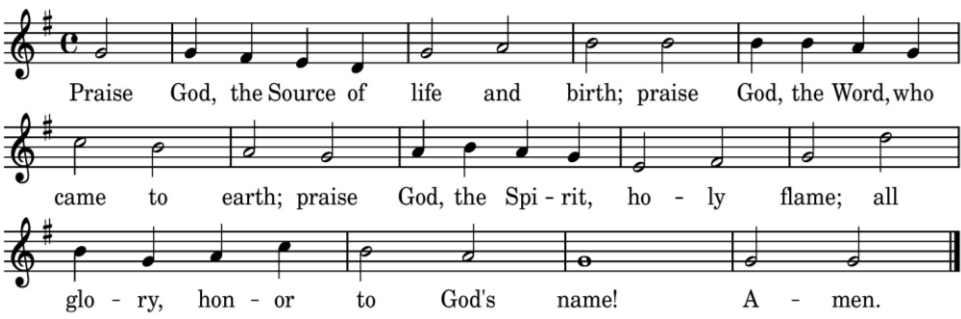
PREPARATION FOR GIVING *Tom McCullough*

May not only our gifts, but our lives,
be the grace and hope which bring healing to the broken,
as well as food and nourishment to all
who hunger and thirst for justice and peace.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Courtney*

If You Search with All Your Heart
Chancel Choir
When you seek me, you shall find me if you search with all your heart.
For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil.
For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future.
I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared.
I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to me.

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS *OLD 100TH*



*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Tom McCullough*

*WORK OF THE CHURCH *Thomas Quisenberry*

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*CHARGE *Thomas Quisenberry*

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



POSTLUDE *C-M. Widor*
March (from *Symphonie III*)

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.