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November 4, 2026

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Sunday, November 8, 2026

Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM

Worship Care Workers
November 8
for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers
Janice Bond, Angie Johnson
Maggie Quisenberry

Deacon Greeters
1. Charles Groves
2. Lynne Mayfield

Worship at First
Streamed and in-person

10:50AM
Songs of Community
Dan Shell, saxophone
Cheryl McAfee, piano

11:00AM
Dr. Thomas Quisenberry
Matthew 25:1-13
Faith in Practice: Waiting

During November, we are collecting $1 bills as part of our offering to be used to help fund items needed by our community that are not covered through our First Baptist CARES Fund. We encourage you to place your dollar bills in the offering baskets as they are passed during Worship.



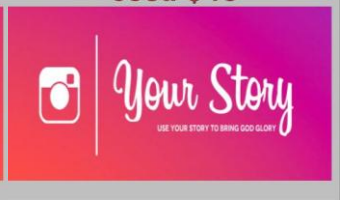
First time voter: Libbie Weaver, with poll worker, Darryl Miller (our organist), and Libbie's mom, Jessie.



Check your email for additional information including registration. Contact Lizzie with any questions: 423.255.8587.

DISCIPLE NOW
FBC CHATTANOOGA
Youth Disciple Now Weekend
November 6-8
cost: $45







IT'S A BOY!

Van Franklin Johnson
was born
Saturday, October 10, 2026
to Esther & Reed Johnson.

Van weighed 4 lbs.8 oz. and was 17.3 long" at birth.
Sharon and Jody Carter and the ecstatic grandparents. Joshua Carter is the thrilled uncle and Maria Stinnett is the proud great-aunt. All of rest of the extended family are pretty excited, too. Welcome to God's beautiful world. Van!

The Shower Ministry is in need of some additional **church bus drivers** on shower Thursdays. This service is provided to those needing a ride after showers are finished. To drive the church bus, you must be between 25-79 years old, have a valid driver's license, a copy of that license on file in the church office, personal liability insurance, no recent chargeable accidents, and pass the church bus driving test. Please contact Steve Yantis or Jim Schwall with any questions.

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
Unrest in our country and around the world
Local, state, and national elections
Growth Task Force, Marketing Task Force
Sylvia Colvin
Laura Cooper
Debbie Daniel, Michael Land and family
Olen Grubbs
Sandy Hood
Brenda Hooper
Linda & Dan Johnson
Tommye & Don Manning
Delores Markham
Barbara Nolen
Melissa Phillips
Cissy Rash
Annette Spinks
Lynn & Rodney Strong
Penny Tullock
Angie Ward
Tom Williams, Sr.
Patsy Back, Rebecca & Jakob Bruner's aunt
Family of Ken Boothe, John Steele's stepfather
Family of David Bruner, Frances Marandi's brother
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
Charles Gentry
Doris Heath, Grady Worley's cousin
Jeff Hudson, Chase Shiflett's dad
Dora Hunter, Jane Lewis's niece
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
Bill Owens, former pastor of Ridgedale Baptist
Martha Patterson, Cheryl McAfee's sister-in-law
Dmitry Pikulik (Kyiv), relative of Serhii Pikulik
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
Beth Smith, Tim Burton's cousin
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
Rachel Foust Tomello, former FBC member
Lynn & Allen Welton, Wilbourne Markham's relatives
Daniel Willard, Mike Willard's brother

Hospitalized

Van Johnson (Esther & Reed Johnson) – Erlanger NICU
Jody Stanford – Erlanger



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 NOVEMBER 4

5:30 pm	Fellowship Time (BYOF)	Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm	Deacon Ordination Council	FH
6:30 pm	Deacon Council Meeting	FH200

Babies / Toddlers / Preschoolers

5:45 pm	Childcare	E106

Children (K-5th grade)

6:15 pm	Children's Choir	E111
7:00 pm	Gym Time	Gym

Youth

6:30 pm	Youth Gathering	Youth Area
7:00 pm	Gym Time	Gym

Adults

6:30 pm — Epiphanies — ***E213
Group Chat
Facilitated by Jessie Weaver

6:15 pm — Midweek Study — FH:
Following the Call: Living the Sermon on the Mount Together, (ed. Charles E. Moore)
"Anger" and "Right Worship"
Facilitated by Thomas Quisenberry

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.

FINANCE REPORT
NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME

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.



Nov. 4	Sue Doyle
Nov. 6	Betty Givens Mark Mardis Dan Mayfield
Nov. 7	Angie Johnson Joci Parker
Nov. 11	Luke Oakes
Nov. 12	Kali Johnson Watson
Nov. 13	Joanna Quisenberry
Nov. 14	Sarah Laseter Lois VanHooser
Nov. 15	Mark Wojnovich
Nov. 17	David Campbell Erin Thibault
Nov. 18	Cheryl Brown Maeve Mullins
Nov. 19	Ron Cooper Ed Nichols
Nov. 22	David Crockett, Sr Barbara Koller

NOTE-WORTHY FRIENDS

(They'd love a note from you.)

Mollie Vannoy
2760 Northpoint Blvd #226
Hixson, TN 37343

Dreama Vinyard
671 Alexian Way RM 718
Signal Mtn, TN 37377

Bobbie Walraven
2608 Avalon Hill
Chattanooga, TN 37415



Saturday, November 14 10:00AM-12:00PM E213 (Office Entrance)

To register, go to www.griefshare.org/events/306129

Please contact Jim Schwall with any questions (423.280.7998).

Members' Message Board

Welcome Home of Chattanooga invites you to the **Dedication of the Chapel and Memorial Garden**, Thursday, November 5, from 4:30-6:30PM, with a special ceremony at 5:15PM, located at 3131 Quiet Creek Trail, Chattanooga, 37405.This is a holy and sacred space where we can remember and honor those we have loved. RSVP to sherry@welcomehomeofchattanooga.org.



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
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Frances Marandi	Music Administrative Assistant	423.648.2543

On the Calendar, Nov. 5 – Nov. 18

Thursday, November 5	
Shower Ministry	2:00PM
Friday, November 6	
Youth Disciple Now Weekend Begins	6:00PM
Saturday, November 7	
Youth Disciple Now Weekend	
Chancel Choir Christmas Workshop	9:00AM
Sunday, November 8	
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 Disciple Now Weekend Ends	12:15PM
Missions Committee Meeting	12:15PM
SFA Faculty Recital	4:00PM
Tuesday, November 10	
Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	10:00AM
Investment Committee	5:00PM
Moving Forward Chattanooga Classes	5:30PM
Tuesday Book Group	6:00PM
Wednesday, November 11	
Master's Mats Group	10:00AM
Media Library Workers	10:00AM
First Friends Council Meeting	11:00AM
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
House & Grounds Committee	7:15PM
Friday, November 13	
Habitat for Humanity Workday	8:30AM
Saturday, November 14	
GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays	10:00AM
Sunday, November 15	
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00AM
Sunday School/Bible Study	9:30AM
Fellowship Time/Library Open	10:30AM
Songs of Community	10:50AM
Worship (Deacon Ordination)	11:00AM
CKC: Baking Party	12:30PM
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 17	
Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	10:00AM
Moving Forward Chattanooga Classes	5:30PM
Wednesday, November 18	
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	6:30PM
Youth Gathering	6:30PM
Epiphanies (study/discussion/action)	6:30PM
Midweek Study (Pastor led)	6:30PM
Gym Time (School-age	7:00PM

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

Cool Kids Collective (grades 3-5) is meeting on Sunday, November 15, from 12:30-2:30PM for a **Baking Party**. We will meet in the Kids Hang-Out Room (E109) for lunch with hamburgers, fries, and our baked goods for dessert. Please bring $5 for lunch. We will be donning aprons and handling mixing bowls as we bake a group of desserts - some for ourselves and others for the homebound of our church family. While things are baking, we will play some games in the Gym. We will also share a small devotional together. Have questions? Contact Kelly at 561.252.2969 or kelly@fbcchattanooga.org.





Greetings all, from Ellen Sechrest,
CBF Mission Leaders Network

The weather is crispy, the sunsets are earlier and the smells of autumn are lovely. Before you know it, we will all be in a frenzy preparing, stressing, shopping, cooking and worrying about the holidays. So, take some deep breaths and hang on!

Around this time, we begin to hear about **Giving Tuesday**. This year it is **December 1**, but I'd love it if you went ahead and joined me in donating early.

Your gift to our Giving Tuesday campaign goes directly to our Offering for Global Missions. Why is this important, you may be wondering? Every dollar given supports the presence of our field personnel to be on-site and to lead and partner in the ministries in those locations.

Our gifts provide the presence of our field personnel to offer love, shelter, food, training, friendship, health care, ESL, education, counseling, evangelism, outreach, church support and more through ministries around the globe. We get to be a part of these wonderful ministries through our gifts and prayers. I hope you will join me in donating now by using the above link Thank you!

~email from esechrest@cbf.net received Nov. 2, 2026

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER NOVEMBER 18

Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30PM.
No reservations are required.
The fee for each meal is $7 regardless of age.
There is a $20 family maximum.
Payment through our QR code will be accepted as well as cash and checks.

Menu

Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Green Beans Biscuits
Dessert

EPIPHANIES Wednesday, November 11 6:15PM

Transitioning from summer to fall has its benefits (like cooler temps) and challenges (more illness). Learn how to minimize the challenges with Dr. Emily Clark, DAcCHM, L.Ac, NCBAHM at Epiphanies on Wednesday the 11th in E217. She'll share simple Traditional Chinese Medicine tools to help ease into the fall season.

Below is the slate of **Deacons for 2027-2029.** Jessie Weaver will participate in an Ordination Council this evening and the Church will vote on the Deacon Council approved slate at the end of worship this Sunday, November 8.

At that same time the Church will vote to approve the list of lay Committee and Councils members for 2027. The list will be emailed to you for you perusal prior to the vote on Sunday.

An Ordination Service and Blessing of the Deacons will be on Sunday, November 15.

Jim Blentlinger	Bryan Laseter
Samuel Bond	Emma Mullins
Charlie Cooper	Verbie Prevost
Laura Cooper	Rusty Rouse
David Hixson	Caroline Shoop
Melissa Laseter	*Jessie Weaver (to be ordained)



FBC Chattanooga group and two honorary members at the October "Life Through a Jesus Lens," a Jesus Worldview Conference.