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November 18, 2026
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**Worship Care Workers**
**November 22**
for babies, toddlers, & preschoolers
**Karen Henderson, Jeanne Alley**
**Sanra Longer**

**Deacon Greeters**
1. Vic Oakes
2. Dawn Oakes

# Christ the King Sunday, November 22, 2026

**Sunday School / Bible Study 9:30AM**

**Worship at First**
Streamed and in-person

10:50AM
*Songs of Community*
Darryl Miller, organ

11:00AM
Dr. Thomas Quisenberry
Matthew 25:31-46
*Faith in Practice: Compassion*

## Wednesday Night Dinner Tonight

Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30PM No reservations are required.
The fee for each meal is $7 regardless of age; $20 family maximum.
Payment: cash, checks, online.

**Menu**

Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans Biscuits Dessert

**EPIPHANIES** Wednesday, November 18 6:15PM

What's It Like to Be a Widower? We will hear from the men on what it's like to lose a spouse, a follow-up to the women who spoke a few weeks ago on what it's like to be a widow. Joining us will be David Myers, Ed Fitch, Cordelle Terrell and Rodney Van Valkenburg

**A message from Shauw Chin Capps,**
**Chief Development Officer for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship**

"Here are some of the top reasons you don't want to miss CBF's Giving Tuesday campaign. First, you're going to get to meet many of our field personnel who are doing incredibly impactful kingdom work all around the world, and they will give you a glimpse of what your generosity supports. Because 100% of all the funds that we raise on December 1 will go towards the Offering for Global Missions, which allows all of CBF's field personnel to share the love and compassion of Christ in 12 countries around the world. [The] second reason to get excited is we have a $25,000 matching fund challenge on the table. Thanks to many of our generous donors and supporters who have stepped up to become matching fund sponsors, every dollar you give on CBF's Giving Tuesday campaign on December 1 will be matched dollar for dollar up to $25,000 for a grand total of $50,000. …[T]here is no better way to celebrate the start of the Advent season than to participate in the kind of generosity that translates to cultivating beloved communities, bearing witness to Jesus Christ, and seeking transformational impact among people and places often forgotten and forsaken."

You don't have to wait until December 1 to give, plus your gift will be matched, so now is a wonderful time to support Global Missions.

CBF Giving Tuesday for Global Missions ~fellowship@cbf.net; 11.16.26

first baptist CARES MINISTRY
Community Assistance for Residential Essential Services
WATER POWER GAS SEWER

## First Baptist CARES

We are collecting an offering at the end of worship this Sunday, November 22, to support this ministry. Funds go to help those in need pay for utlitliy bills. They are also used to supply 40 food boxes per month from the Chattanooga Area Food Bank to those needing food. Online donations are welcome as well. (See the QR code on p3.)

**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. Last Sunday, we received $181 giving a current total of $409. We encourage you to place your dollar bills in the offering baskets as they are passed during Worship. Thank you!

fbc chattanooga dollar fund
Small help. Big impact. Real hope.
Helping our neighbors in need with small essentials that make a big difference.
Work Boots Bus Tickets Pharmacy Needs Diapers And More

## 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
Those affected by the recent tanker/river cruise accident in New Orleans
Those affected by recent flooding in SE Tennessee
Unrest in our country and around the world
Growth Task Force, Marketing Task Force
Sylvia Colvin
Laura Cooper
Debbie Daniel, Michael Land and family
Christina Dotson, her mom & brother (IL)
Lonna Lanier-Fountain
Brenda Hooper
Linda & Dan Johnson
Tommye & Don Manning
Delores Markham
Barbara Nolen
Melissa Phillips
Carmen Shiflett
Jody Stanford (Life Care, Ooltewah)
Lynn & Rodney Strong
Penny Tullock
Family of Patsy Back, Rebecca & Jakob Bruner's aunt
Family of 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
Jackie Dederer's family, Danielle Carrasco's mother
Larry Ford, Angie Ward's uncle
Lodeema Gentry, Barry Dent's grandmother
Doris Heath, Grady Worley's cousin
Dora Hunter, Jane Lewis's niece
Brian Krizan, Cindy Elam's son-in-law
Taylor Lewis
Teresa Longer, Sandra & Charlie Longer's daughter-in-law
Tresa & Franklin McCallie
Holly Harris Misirly, Sharon & Emily Tousek's relative
Martha Patterson, Cheryl McAfee's sister-in-law
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
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



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.

**Hospitalized**

Van Johnson (Esther & Reed Johnson) – Erlanger NICU
Annette Spinks – Erlanger

**Condolences to**

Barry Dent in the death of his grandfather, Charles Gentry

### 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 18

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|---|---|---|
| 5:30 pm | Fellowship Time (BYOF) | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:20 pm | House & Grounds Meeting | Conference Rm |

**Babies / Toddlers / Preschoolers**

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| 5:45 pm | Childcare | E106 |
| 6:15 pm | Preschool Music & Missions | E107 |

**Children** (K-5th grade)

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

**Youth**

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| 6:15 pm | Youth Gathering | Youth Area |
| 7:00 pm | Gym Time | Gym |

**Adults**

6:15 pm Epiphanies — E217
What It's Like to Be a Widower
Facilitated by Karen Henderson

6:15 pm Midweek Study — FH:
*Following the Call: Living the Sermon on the Mount Together,* (ed. Charles E. Moore)
"Truthfulness" and "Nonresistance"
Matthew 5:33-37 and 5:38
Facilitated by Thomas Quisenberry

### FINANCE REPORT (for November 18, 2026)

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| MTD Receipts | $ 63,363.61 |
| MTD Expenses | $ 65,022.82 |
| MTD Deficit/Excess | -$ 1.659.21 |
| YTD Receipts | $ 825,330.37 |
| YTD Expenses | $1,101,807.29 |
| YTD Deficit | -$ 276,476.92 |

**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.




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| Nov. 18 | Cheryl Brown<br>Maeve Mullins |
| Nov. 19 | Ron Cooper<br>Ed Nichols |
| Nov. 22 | David Crockett, Sr<br>Barbara Koller |
| Nov. 23 | Carol Doucette<br>Brenda Hooper |
| Nov. 24 | Cheryl McAfee |
| Nov. 25 | Kris Kammerdiener |
| Nov. 26 | Madeleine Mardis |
| Nov. 27 | Melissa Laseter |
| Dec. 1 | Gene Bowles<br>Ada Clark |
| Dec. 3 | Vivian Langford<br>Angie Ward |
| Dec. 5 | Heather Osteen |
| Dec. 6 | Patti Gross |
| Dec. 7 | Megan Kusenda Dugan |

### NOTE-WORTHY FRIENDS

(They'd love a note from you.)

Essie Bartlett
1123 Carter Dr
Chattanooga, TN 37415

Barbara Davis
83 Rose St
Sopchoppy, FL 32358

Franklin Davis
1414 Continental Dr #1208
Chattanooga, TN 37405

# Members' Message Board



**Wreaths Across Chattanooga** is a volunteer-led, nonprofit organization that honors fallen military heroes by placing remembrance wreaths in December on as many graves as possible of veterans at the Chattanooga National Cemetery. Each wreath is comprised of 10 balsam bouquets representing the 10 special qualities our veterans embody: belief in a greater good, love for each other, strength, honesty, humility, ambitions, optimism for America, concern for the future, pride in their duties, hopes and dreams that didn't always come true, but left them with no regrets. Wreath placement is a time to remember, honor, and teach. We remember our heroes, their service and their sacrifices. We participate to celebrate their lives. Each $17 wreath is placed at National Cemetery. From the purchase, $5 goes toward a wreath for an unknown.

The last day to order wreaths for this year is December 8.

- You may order online at chattanoogawaa.com.
- You may place cash or a check made out to Wreaths Across Chattanooga in an envelope labeled for Wreaths Across Chattanooga, and place it in the church offering place or bring it to the church office. Please include the name for any designated wreath as well as your name and phone number with the payment.

FAST day

chattfoundation.org/fast-day







Thanksgiving morning
gratefulgobblerwalk.org

## On the Calendar, Nov. 18 – Nov. 26

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| **Wednesday, November 18** | |
| 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, November 19** | |
| Shower Ministry | 2:00PM |
| Finance Committee (via Zoom) | 5:00PM |
| **Saturday, November 21** | |
| Girls' Night Out (Youth) | 5:30PM |
| **Sunday, November 22** | |
| Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 9:00AM |
| Sunday School/Bible Study | 9:30AM |
| Fellowship Time/Library Open | 10:30AM |
| Songs of Community | 10:50AM |
| Worship (Christ the King Sunday) | 11:00AM |
| SFA Fall Recital | 2:30PM |
| Youth Choir Rehearsal | 4:30PM |
| Youth Supper | 5:30PM |
| Youth Bible Study | 6:00PM |
| Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 6:00PM |
| **Tuesday, November 24** | |
| Moving Forward Chattanooga Classes | 5:30PM |
| **Wed. – Thurs., November 25 & 26** | |
| Office Closed - Thanksgiving | |
| **Sunday, November 29** | |
| Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 9:00AM |
| Sunday School/Bible Study | 9:30AM |
| Fellowship Time/Library Open | 10:30AM |
| Songs of Community | 10:50AM |
| Worship (First Sunday in Advent) | 11:00AM |
| Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 6:00PM |
| **Tuesday, December 1** | |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry Group | 10:00AM |
| Moving Forward Chattanooga Classes | 5:30PM |
| **Wednesday, December 2** | |
| 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 |

**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.

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 |
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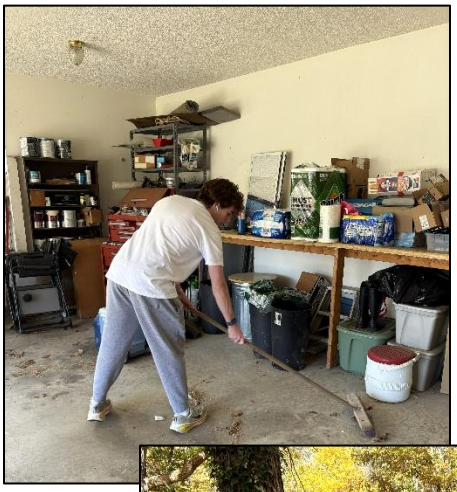
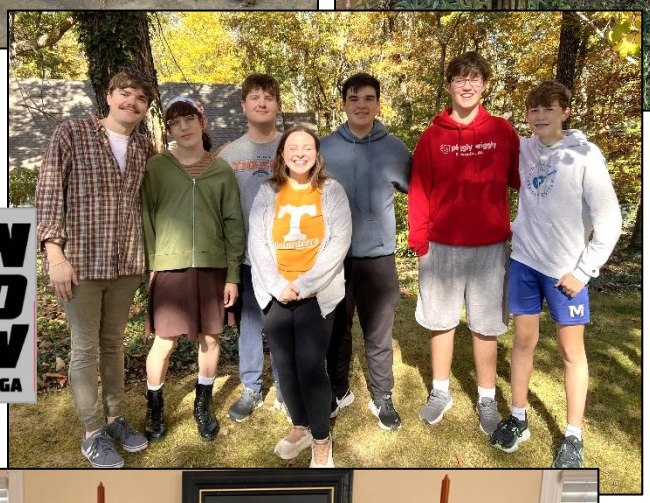
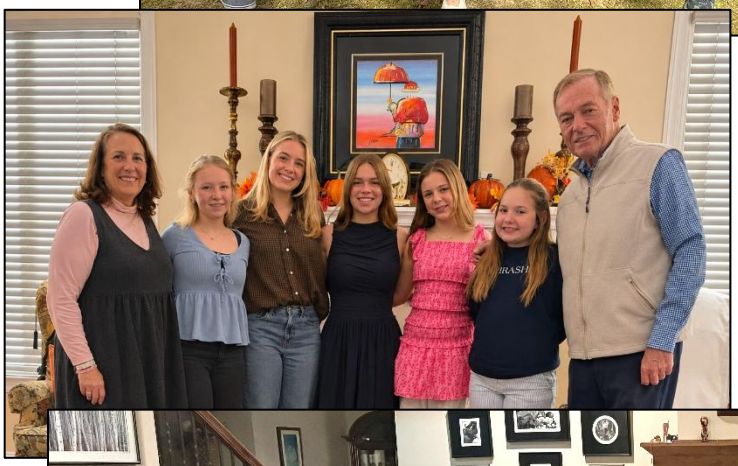
| Lizzie Alford | Education Administrative Ass't | 423.648.2542 |
| Frances Marandi | Music Administrative Assistant | 423.648.2543 |











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The **Growth Task Force** was assembled to help discern a path forward for our Children and Youth Ministries while also exploring opportunities to better serve young adults and families as our church grows. Since its formation, the Growth Task Force has met four times and continues to make meaningful progress in its work. We have consolidated and reviewed the feedback gathered during our summer listening sessions and identified four key pillars that represent areas of need and expectations for the future growth of our church. We are continuing to refine our thoughts, explore possibilities, and develop recommendations that reflect what we have heard and where we believe God may be leading us. We are excited about the possibilities ahead and look forward to sharing a recommendation with the congregation in early 2027. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we move through this important process together!