May 13, 2020

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

We hope that you will join us online for worship as we continue to be a community of faith who gathers weekly for worship. The easiest way to watch the service is to go to the church website, fbcchattanooga.org, and click on the round, green stained-glass circle to the right on the screen. That will take you directly to the YouTube feed. If you don’t see the live feed, click on the church’s name to get a list of previous services you can watch on demand.

You are welcome to mail your offering to the church or use online giving via our website, fbcchattanooga.org, and click on the green “give” button, bottom center of the page.

Please share any prayer concerns by emailing Jeff Parker (jeff@fbcchattanooga.org). In the wake of the recent tornadoes and storms, we have been checking on the safety and needs of church members. We have shared food, water, and volunteer resources. If you know of additional needs, please pass them on to us.

In consultation with Deacon Leadership, building and facility leaders, and a few mission program leaders, the decision to extend on-line worship only through the end of June has been made. We are all eager to get back together at 401 Gateway for worship and regular church activities. This new task force is working diligently to make that day possible as soon and as safely as we can. When the building can be reopened for small group meetings and other gatherings, we will communicate that with the congregation. We anticipate that some groups might be able to come back to the building even before the worship gathering returns. And this task force recognizes the hunger and desire of our First Family to be together, while being at a safe distance, with others they have missed here at FBC. The task force is working to make some safe, social event possible. No details are ready yet, but know that we are working on making something happen. Thank you for your patience and understanding thus far and I ask that it continue as we do all we can to be together again, safely, at church. — Thomas

Administrative and ministerial staff are present in the office on a rotating schedule, Monday–Thursday, 9:00am–5:00pm. (Those not in the office are continuing to work remotely.) This will enable us to be more accessible to you and our community. We ask that you connect with us via telephone and email if at all possible.

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Eastertide, May 17, 2020

10:50AM
Songs of Community
Kristen & Kathryn Ilker

11:00AM
Dr. Thomas Quisenberry
Acts 17:22-31
Help Making Connections

Worship at First
Streamed only: not in-person

First Baptist Chattanooga generously supports Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) field personnel around the world in moments like these: Times of Great Need

After we arrived in Lebanon from furlough on March 7, we went back to our regular meetings—but only for two days—because on Wednesday, March 11, the prime minister of Lebanon asked people to stop gathering. We still could go out to the supermarkets and buy food, so I thought to go ahead and buy all the food items needed for a food project before things shut down completely. So, we bought food for 576 families. Unfortunately, we couldn’t pass out the packages to the refugees and some locals because of the no gathering rule. But, after two weeks, the women started calling me and asking me if I can help them with some food. Maha went to the center on Monday and asked a few volunteers to meet me there so we could figure out what to do. We were thinking of the women who called and shared with me about their hardships. There was one woman with ten children and no food; and the woman whose husband hasn’t worked in 3 months. There was the woman who had no bread to feed her five children and the woman who has no cash to buy anything. We knew these women were hurting and decided to help. So, the volunteers started packing some packages and Maha called these most needy women to come separately to get their food portions. Then we called a few more and asked them to come. [That week] we gave a total of 620 packages, and we’re still getting calls from women in need. I praise the Lord for allowing us to help out in these times of need, and we keep praying for protection for us and the volunteers as we help others. — Chaouki & Maha Boulos, CBF field personnel in Beirut, Lebanon

March 2020, K-2nd graders create Abraham’s altar during Sunday School.
**Church Family Concerns**

(Updated from Sunday School prayer sheets and by office staff. Names are not listed in order of priority.)

Those recovering from the tornadoes/storms in Chattanooga & N GA
Those affected by COVID-19
Our CWJC, ESL, Mustard Tree Ministries & Orange Grove Ctr friends
Those experiencing job losses/job searches
Those experiencing health concerns/addictions/grieving loss
Those homebound; those travelling
Our nation and its elected representatives; the whole world
Battle Academy Staff: Dana Brainerd, Sierra Brooks, Lena Calhoun
Construction Workers in the Hwy 27 Expansion Area
Fernando Calderón
Willa Dean Carroll (hospice)
Joyce Clark
Janie Cummings
Joe Everett
Juanita Grainger
Sandy Hood
Jane Kerr (hospice)
Judy & Roy Kincer
Barbara & Regina Koller
Sepulveda family
Family of Barbara Thomas
Dreama Vinyard
Carolyn Boles, Jim Boles’ mother
Lonnie Davis, former custodian
Janet Gouger's mother
Sara Jo Hudson’s brother
Harold Loyd’s sister and step-daughter
Melissa Mardis’ teacher friend
Melissa & Mark Mardis’ college friend
Ossie Nolan, Nannette Avery’s sister
Tom Oxford, husband of Orange Grove staff at FBC
Jim Parker, Jeff Parker’s dad
Carol Prevost’s niece
Judy Quisenberry, Thomas Quisenberry’s mother
Jane Richards, Nancy Bowman’s sister
Gretta Ross, John Hunt’s mother-in-law
Jim Singleton, Melissa Laseter’s dad
Brad Sink, Carol & Rick Bitterman’s son-in-law
Ruth Wright, Jan Varnell’s sister

**Hospitalized**
No known members hospitalized.

**Recently Discharges**
Annette Spinks

**Condolences To**
Janie & Steve Dawson in the death of Janie’s mother, Peggy Muse

**Note From**
Sue Moore

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**WEDNESDAY’S SCHEDULE, MAY 13**

6:00PM  **Prayer Meeting** (online through Zoom)
Matthew 14:22-33 from *The Top Ten List for Christians* by James W. Moore; led by Thomas Quisenberry
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84852813621](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84852813621)
Meeting ID: 848 5281 3621  Meeting password: FBC

7:00PM  **Epiphany** (online through Zoom)
Spiritually Literate Films, part 2 – led by Karen Henderson
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/648235560](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/648235560)
Meeting ID: 648 235 560  Meeting password: 431065

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**FINANCE REPORT**

(for the week of 05.10.20)

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We have a number of Sunday School classes that are meeting online through Zoom. If you’d like to participate in one, please check the calendar on our website for link information or contact someone in a particular class. Children and Youth are meeting via You Tube and Zoom with their teachers or Michael. Let us know if your class is not listed but is meeting online, please!

College(ish)  Faith Journey  Friendship
Fusion/Young Adults  New Perspectives  Waters

We encourage all classes and small groups to keep in touch with each other via phone calls, emails, text messages, and other media.

Jude and Jaxon share their toothless grins! (Jan. 2020)

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**Serving in the Military**

Tyler Cain, Jamie Fitch, Matthew Hellier, Nova Howell
Ryan Howell, Keith Mays, Sydney McDougall
Caleb Renegar, Shawn Taylor, Nathan Skidmore, Jason Webster

**FBC Ministerial & Support Staff**

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**Note-Worthy Friends**

(They’d love a note from you.)

Mary LaRoche
405 North Avenue
Rossville, GA 30741

Tillie Ling
2922 Brownwood Drive
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Tina Loyd
1201 Boynton Dr #413
Chattanooga, TN 37402

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May 14  Clark Gross (90th)
        Linda Johnson
May 15  Lea Hood
        Wilbourne Markham
May 16  Linda Hardison
        David Wolbert
May 17  Sarah Hathcock
May 18  Sue Sisson
        Jean Waters
May 19  Luke Blentlinger
        Susan Laseter
May 20  Jim Blentlinger
        Lavone Frost
May 21  Diana Thacker
May 22  Mark Laseter
May 24  Verbie Prevost
May 26  Jessie Weaver