



Brainerd CHURCH

A United Methodist Congregation



**We demonstrate the love of Jesus by welcoming our neighbors,
growing disciples and serving those in need.**



OCTOBER 18, 2026

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

4315 Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37411
Phone: 423.698.6951 • www.brainerdumc.org

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Please turn down the volume of your cell phone and other electronic devices.

Welcome and Invocation

Liturgist and Congregation

Good Morning.

For the sake of the community, and the glory of God, we join together to pray:

Almighty God, you have made a way in the world for each of us to follow. A way that leads to abundant life in your Spirit. Cleanse our hearts today and open our spirits to be made known in Jesus Christ. We raise our praise to you. We open our ears to hear your call. Make us ready to walk in your paths as your beloved children. Amen.

Prelude

Call to Worship - adapted from Psalm 96

Liturgist and Congregation

We are awe-struck, for the Lord is great!

We join all creation in singing a new song to the Lord our God.

The Lord God is worthy of our praise.

We share in the glorious news of God's saving deeds.

With songs and prayers lifting high the glory of our God we come.

Praise to the Lord, whose holy splendor, honor and majesty shines forth from God's presence. Amen.

*Opening Hymn 117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*Affirmation of Faith 881

The Apostles' Creed

Liturgist and Congregation

*Gloria Patri 70

Glory Be to the Father

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Call to Prayer 496

Sweet Hour of Prayer

SWEET HOUR

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Offertory Solo

Terry Sanford

*Doxology 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100th

*Hymn 540

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

Scripture

Joshua 24:1-15

Liturgist

Message

"Keep Renewing the Covenant "

Rev. Sam Ward

*Hymn TFWS 2130

The Summons

KELVINGROVE

Benediction

Postlude

(Please remain seated during the Postlude and reflect on God's presence during the morning's worship.)

*** Please stand as you are able.**

We welcome you to Brainerd United Methodist Church. If you are interested in learning more about the church or in joining, please visit us at www.brainerdumc.org.

Communion Assistants Wanted! — If you are willing to assist Pastor Sam serve Communion please sign the “sign-up” sheet on the desk in the atrium.



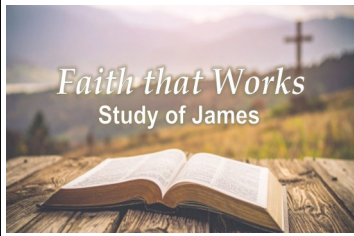
Finance Information

Finance Monthly	Need MTD through 09/27/2026	Received MTD through 09/27/2026
General Budget	\$33,750	\$24,656
\$45,000	75%	55%
Finance Yearly week 39	Need YTD through 09/27/2026	Received YTD through 09/27/2026
General Budget	\$405,000	\$404,407
\$540,000	75%	75%

From the Holston Conference Website:

The name “Holston” is taken from an early explorer who settled on the banks of the river that was eventually named for him. Early native names for the river are “Hogoheegee” and “Cherokee”. This river, with three forks (north, middle and south) starts with headwaters in the mountainous sections of Bland and Smyth Counties in Virginia and all three forks eventually merge together, with the south and north fork converging at Kingsport, Tennessee. From there it winds its way down the Tennessee valley, joining other rivers to form the Tennessee River below Knoxville.





Debates rage on about which is more important in the Christian life - faith or works. Sam is facilitating a study class that will

use the book of James to answer this great question and hopefully lead us to a ***faith that works*** for the glory of God. This study meets at **10:30 a.m. each Monday** in the Wesley Conference Room. We hope you will join us for a great time of discussion and prayer.



Join us each Thursday at 12 noon in the Wesley Conference Room for a time of prayer, fellowship, and discussion on the Holy Bible. Whether you're a lifetime learner, or new to faith and study, you are welcome to be a part of this conversation.

YOU'RE INVITED! — Plan to join us immediately after church on Sunday, Oct. 25, between 12:00 noon and 2:30 for an Open House at the newly expanded **DWWCHO Operations Center** facility – 4922 Brainerd Road. This is our way of opening our doors to say “Thank You!” and to show you exactly how your prayers, time, and support are helping us make a positive impact in the local homeless community. Whether you can stay for an hour or just a few minutes, we would love to give you a tour and thank you in person for your ongoing love and partnership with our ministry.
~ Jerry & Wyndi

Coming Soon!

Brainerd UMC Charge Conference will be held on Tuesday, November 9, at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

If you would like to check out the newsletter online, go to www.brainerdumc.org and click on “**Activities/Newsletter.**”

If you would like to check out the bulletin online, go to www.brainerdumc.org and click on “**Activities/Weekly Bulletin.**”

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to the congregation for your generosity in supporting Barger Academy. Over 600 items were donated which consisted of: Toothpaste- 115 tubes; Toothbrushes- 115; Tennis shoes - 22 pairs; Soap bars - 35; Body wash- 20; Deodorant - 50; Shampoo- 20; Conditioner-15; Socks-70 pairs; Underwear- 150 pairs; Gloves - 12 pairs ; Hats - 6; Feminine products- 18 pks.

This week we will start collecting toys for Chambliss Center for Children. All toys must be age-appropriate for 1 to 3 year-old children, and they must be NEW toys (unwrapped). Educational toys that have sounds , lights, or a form of talking are preferred. Also coloring books Play-Doh, and puzzles.

You may donate money by writing a check designated for Chambliss Christmas and members of the Ministry Team will shop for you .

***All donations are due by Sunday, December 13th.



B U M C W E E K L Y E V E N T S

Sunday, October 18

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Fellowship, **Atrium**
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, **Sanctuary and Online**
- 11:15 a.m. Sunday School, **Classrooms**
- 4:00 p.m. Baulding Elite Basketball, **Gym**
- 6:00 p.m. Scenic City Sax Society, **Choir Suite**

Monday, October 19

- 7:30 a.m. Girls Inc After Camp, **Gym and Fellowship Hall**
- 10:00 a.m. Sisters Bible Study Group, **McFerrin Chapel**
- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study, **Wesley Conference Room**
- 2:00 p.m. Pickleball for All, **Gym**
- 7:00 p.m. Sheril Volleyball, **Gym**

Tuesday, October 20

- 8:00 a.m. TVARA, **Fellowship Hall**
- 10:00 a.m. Scenic City Chorale, **Choir Suite**

Wednesday, October 21

- 2:00 p.m. Pickleball for All, **Gym**
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Suite**
- 6:00 p.m. Barry Volleyball, **Gym**

Thursday, October 22

- 12:00 p.m. Bible Study, **Wesley Conf. Room**
- 2:00 p.m. Pickleball for All, **Gym**

Friday, October 23

- 12:00 p.m. Organ Practice, **Sanctuary**
- 6:30 p.m. Trevor Co-Ed Volleyball, **Gym**

Saturday, October 24

- 9:00 a.m. KBTOC Birdie Team, **Gym**
- 3:30 p.m. Bijil Volleyball, **Gym**
- 5:00 p.m. Chatta Events Birthday Party, **Fellowship Hall**

Sunday, October 25

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Fellowship, **Atrium**
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, **Sanctuary and Online**
- 11:15 a.m. Sunday School, **Classrooms**
- 4:00 p.m. Baulding Elite Basketball, **Gym**
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