

Church Family Calendar

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

Blessing of the Backpackers
8:00 AM—Sunday School of the Air—
WHOC 1490 AM; 93.7 FM) - (Eric Prince)
9:00 AM—Sunday School
10:00 AM—Worship (Cable Ch 7, 102.3 FM &
Livestream)

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026

Weekday Children’s Ministry Pre-K Begins
8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Ladies Exercise—(FLC)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God Closet Work Day

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Ladies Exercise—(FLC)
5:15 PM—Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God Closet Work Day

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Ladies Exercise—(FLC)

Birthdays

- 8/2 Leigh Allyn White
Ethan Ratcliff
Brittany O’Donnell
Pam Fulton
- 8/3 Chris Posey
*Adelynn Posey Truett
- 8/4 Doyle Agent
Tripp Breland
*William Smith
- 8/6 Mitchell Hancock
Sadie Coggins
- 8/8 Katie Rea Tinsley
Wes Wells
*Sam DeWeese

Anniversaries

- 8/5 Eric & Hannah
Beckham
- 8/6 Fent & Caroline Mars

Bulletin Deadline:
Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

Sunday,
July 26, 2026
Sunday School: 37
Worship Attendance: 138

Electronic Giving

- **Bank Drafts:** Call the church office to set this up.
- **Online Giving:** phillyfirstmc.org
- **Text Giving:** Text the amount to 1-601-281-0741
- **Giving App:** Download the free
Shelby Next App through the App Store or
Google Play. Type in “phillyfirstmc” where it
says “domain”. Click to create an account.
- Donate from your smartphone by scanning QR code;



If you need assistance, please call the church office.

Church Communications

- **Emails:** To receive the prayer request and/or general
news e-mails sign up for these teams by going to
www.phillyfirstmc.org.
Click on Connect, then Member Portal. Click on
TEAMS; Click on JOIN beside the team(s) you
wish to join.
You may also call the church office to sign up.
- **Text Messages:** Please make sure the church has
your cell number.
We will be sending meeting notices, reminders,
cancellations, due to weather, etc. via text
message.
**Please call Sheila in the church office if you need any
help.*

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Service of Celebration & Praise
August 2, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude “Seek Ye First” - Organist & Pianist
Announcements - Ken Turner
Blessing of the Backpackers - Jill Byars
Musical Call to Worship - Drew Herring
Prayer - Ken Turner

*Songs of Praise - “Oh, I Need Thee” / “I Need Thee Every Hour” vs 1-3
“More Like You”

Offertory - “In Remembrance of Me” - Chancel Choir
*Doxology - “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Sermon - Bro. Joey Ratcliff
Service of Holy Communion (See Communion Liturgy Insert)
Communion Special Music - “O Come to the Altar” -
Andrew Windham, Mike Shrock
*Benediction - Patt Fiedler
*Postlude - Organist

*Please stand as you are able.

**Nursery provided in room 14, birth—2 years old

Our Purpose: “Living for Jesus, Loving Like Jesus”



Dear Church Family,



Thank you for all the support you have given us since
Keith’s stroke! We appreciate all the phone calls, texts,
and the delicious foods! Most of all we thank you for your
thoughts and prayers! We certainly have felt them and
appreciate the love and thoughtfulness!

Sincerely,
Keith and Deb

God’s Closet

Open Saturday, August 15

Volunteers: North Bend (Gail Fulton) & Sara Luke

Items of the Month: Jeans & Erasers

Donations of clean like-new clothes are welcome. We have a donation
box in the FLC or you can arrange to meet at the closet by calling Susan
Powell at 601-660-4637.— God’s Closet needs **Boys Blue Jeans Sizes
6, 7, 10 & 12.**

WELCOME!
Thank you for worshipping at Philly First today. We hope that you will feel God’s Spirit and be blessed as you worship.

SERVING TODAY:
AUGUST USHERS: Youth
TECH ARTS: Caleb May, Natalie May, Richard Rea, Matthew Breazeale
COUNTERS: Steve Smith & Caleb May
NURSERY: Carla Martin
FLOWERS TODAY: Given to the Glory of God and in loving honor of our children and grandchildren: Dann, Chris, Leah, Anna and Luke Pair
Given by: Charles and Linda Pair
COMMUNION: Monica Adams & Molly Breazeale
ACOLYTES: Henry and Hugh Taylor Chaney

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY :
TECH ARTS: Ben & Hannah Hardy, Richard Rea, Matthew Breazeale
COUNTERS: Kristen Hancock & April Posey
NURSERY: Molly Breazeale
SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR: Allen Hardy

Prayer Concerns

Prayer concerns will remain on the prayer list for one month.
If you would like to renew a request, please call the church office.

Marvin Hill Family
Chris Jones
Creasey Richardson Family
Rhett Aiken—Blair Batson
James Allred—(Angela Allen’s father)
Bob Benson—(Ben Edwards’ cousin)
Mary Louise Blanks
Marvelle Bolinger
Linda Bowles—(Betty Irons/Larry Stribling’s sister)
Clinton Kase Bradford
Renee Brantley—(Carla Martin’s cousin)
Jimmy Breazeale Family —(Jeff’s father)
Cindy Byrd
William Reed Chaney—(Bill & Sonya Anderson’s newborn grandson)
Darlene Cheatham
Virgil Clark—(Kristen Hancock’s father)
Drew Coats
Bonnie Coggins
Levi Dees
Kyle Dorsey—(Patt Fiedler’s cousin)
Richard Eakes
Ben Edwards
Michael Eichelberger
Charlie Ervin
God’s Closet Prayer Requests
Dale Gray
Mitchell Hancock
Pat Hardage—(Mandy Dees’ father)

Shane Hardy—Ally Grace Breazeale’s father
Pam Truhett Hemphill—(Lynda Stribling’s sister)
Bobbie Holley
Betty Irons
Darby Jackson—(Laurel Burnett Jackson’s daughter)
Jimmy Kemp—(David Vowell’s brother-in-law)
O. H. Kitchens—(Donny Kitchens brother)
Beth Kyle—(Patt Fiedler’s cousin)
Gayle Lesley
James Mars
Gabe Marshall
Mike McLemore—(Kim Price’s uncle)
Ian Michelletti
Bill Molpus
Eli Pendleton
Lori Clark Porter
Gail Rickles
Kaye Rowell—UMMC ICU
Janice Sansing
Dot Stern—Virginia West’s sister
Buck Stovall—(Bettye Edwards’ cousin)
Glen Stribling—(Kent’s brother)
David Tadlock
Ashley Triplett
Steve Turner
Unspoken
Ray Warren—(Susan Powell’s dad)
Keith Wells
Sue Wells



Children’s News
Like our page on Facebook:
Phillyfumckids



Join our Children’s Ministry GroupMe: ‘Philly First Kids’ on GroupMe. Scan the QR code to join.



Third Grade Bible Presentation
Sunday, August 16th
During the Worship Service



We extend Christian love and sympathy to Joyce Ervin and her family at the death of her brother, Marvin Hill.

Upcoming Events		
August 2	Blessing of the Backpackers - 10 AM Service	Sanctuary
August 3	FMC Pre-K Starts	Daycare Rooms
August 6	Leake Academy School Starts	
August 10	Card Ministry Team Mtg 1:00 PM	Library
August 11	Trustees Meeting 5:30 PM	Parlor
August 12	Wed. Night Kick-Off	
August 16	3rd Grade Bible Presentation—10 AM Service	Sanctuary
August 17	Finance Team Meeting 5:30 PM	Parlor
August 19	Wed. Night Meals Resume—5:00 PM	FLC
August 19	Small Groups Resume 6:00 PM	
August 23	Abby Seale/Jackson Adams Wedding Tea 1-2:00	Parlor



Youth Ministry News
Follow us on Instagram at anchoredphilly, or on Facebook at Anchored Student Ministry.



You’re invited to join the youth ministry group on GroupMe! Scan the QR code.

Music Notes

Chancel
Choir Practice
Wednesday, August 5th
5:15 PM

We will be unwrapping a few Christmas songs in choir rehearsal this week. Anyone interested in singing is invited to come.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please register your attendance in the attendance pad on your pew. Then pass the attendance pad down your pew for each person to register. Please place the completed attendance sheet in the offering plate.

Donations Requested for LED Screens in the Sanctuary

The Leadership Team has voted to purchase two LED screens to be located over the inside exit doors, eliminating our current failing projector. The LED screens will eliminate the use of the projector and screen. A new livestreaming camera system is included in this project as well as a sound system assessment.

The Leadership Team approved up to \$100,000 on this project.
We have to-date \$78,683.32.

If you would like to donate, you may bring or mail your donations to the church office, place in the offering plate (write “LED Screens” in the memo of your check) or give electronically to the Special Offering Fund (add a note—”LED Screens”).

Remaining donations needed: \$21,316.68



We will be receiving new members soon. If you are interested please talk to Bro. Joey.



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