

Church Family Calendar

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026
8:00 AM—Sunday School of the Air—
WHOC 1490 AM; 93.7 FM) - (Chris Jackson)
9:00 AM—Sunday School
10:00 AM—Worship (Cable Ch 7, 102.3 FM &
Livestream)
11:00 AM—Leadership Team Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026
8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Ladies Exercise—(FLC)
5:30 PM—Finance Team Meeting—(Parlor)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026
9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God Closet Work Day
5:15 PM—Chancel Choir Practice
5:30 PM—Trustees Meeting—(Parlor)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026
8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Ladies Exercise—(FLC)
5:00 PM—Supper—(FLC)
6:00 PM—Adult Small Groups
6:00 PM—Youth Activities—(Youth House)
6:00 PM—Children’s Activities

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026
9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God Closet Work Day

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026
8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Ladies Exercise—(FLC)

Darlene Cheatham’s New Address:
Madden Lighthouse Assisted Living
242 Thaggard Road
Walnut Grove, MS 39189

Birthdays

8/16 Steve Smith
Richard E. Smith
8/17 Kim Price
8/18 Angie Threadgill
Maddi Breland
Patty Pope
8/19 Maddox Mars
8/20 Monica Adams
Hamp Stribling
Lyle Duran
Leland Duran
8/21 Chip Bailey

Anniversaries

8/16 Chip & Laura Bailey
8/18 Mike & Darlene
Shrock
Larry & Alesia Myers
Chris & April Posey

Bulletin Deadline:
Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

Sunday,
August 9, 2026
Sunday School: 63
Worship Attendance: 189

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 16, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude - “Come Thou Fount of Ev’ry Blessing” - Organist & Pianist
Announcements and Prayer - Ken Turner
Choral Call to Worship - “Thy Word” - Chancel Choir

Presentation of Bibles for Third Grade Students
Burkes Breland, Haze Hillman, Camille McCoy, Pax Posey,
Campbell Stribling, Katie Rea Tinsley, Allie Windham

*Hymns/Songs of Praise - “Only a Holy God”
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”, “Christ Will Hold Me Fast”

Pastoral Prayer - Bro. Joey Ratcliff
(Children ages 3 yrs—3rd grade are dismissed for Children’s Church upstairs
during the offering.)

Offertory - “Amazing Grace” - Chancel Choir
*Doxology - “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Sermon - Bro. Joey Ratcliff
*Benediction - Bro. Joey Ratcliff
*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”

God’s Closet

Open Saturday, August 29

Volunteers: Sandtown (Treasure Moulds)

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.

Wednesday Meal Sign Up

Meals are catered by Tootie’s Restaurant

Menu: Hamburger Steaks, Mashed Potatoes, Butter Beans, Rolls, Dessert
Serving begins at 5:00 PM

Deadline to sign up is 12:00 PM on MONDAYS

Deadline to cancel and avoid being charged is 12:00 Noon on Mondays.

Sign up below, tear off, and place in the offering plate.

Cost: \$10.00—Adults; \$10.00—Youth; \$8.00—Kids; \$30.00 Family Maximum
Name: _____Adults _____ Youth _____ Kids _____

*Sign me up for standing reservations _____. (please check)

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: Wade White, Richard Eakes, Richard Rea, Matthew Breazeale
COUNTERS: Ken Turner & Tyson Stribling
NURSERY: Ellen Prince
FLOWERS TODAY: Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Frank & Helen Deane Cleveland and Moore & Mildred Windham
By: Don & Susan Windham
ACOLYTES: Lexi Hardy, Kate Massey

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY :
TECH ARTS: Caleb May, Natalie May, Richard Rea, Matthew Breazeale
COUNTERS: Evelyn Agent & Allen Hardy
NURSERY: Kim Donald
ACOLYTES: Luke White, Beau Breland
SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR: Hannah 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.

- Barry Clark

Curtis Johns

Kaye Rowell Family

Rhett Aiken

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)

Cindy Byrd

William Reed Chaney—(Bill & Sonya Anderson’s newborn grandson)

Darlene Cheatham

Virgil Clark—(Kristen Hancock’s father)

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)

Marvin Hill Family
- Bobbie Holley

Betty Irons

Darby Jackson—(Laurel Burnett Jackson’s daughter)

Chris Jones

Jimmy Kemp—(David Vowell’s brother-in-law)

O. H. Kitchens—(Donny Kitchens brother)

Beth Kyle—(Patt Fiedler’s cousin)

Gayle Lesley

Gabe Marshall

Mike McLemore—(Kim Price’s uncle)

Dot McNeil

Ian Michelletti

Bill Molpus

Eli Pendleton

Lori Clark Porter

Gail Rickles

Janice Sansing

Buck Stovall—(Bettye Edwards’ cousin)

Glen Stribling—(Kent’s brother)

David Tadlock

Ashley Triplett

Unspoken

Ray Warren—(Susan Powell’s dad)

Keith Wells

Sue Wells

Joe Whittle Family

Don Windham

Larry Winstead



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

Jesus said,
"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
MATTHEW 23:14, NIV

Today During the Worship Service



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

Tuesday, August 18th 5:15PM

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



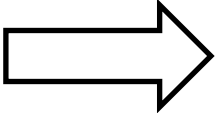


interested in MEMBERSHIP?

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

Sign up for Wednesday Night Bible Studies

- Mixed Group (Men & Women)
Leaders: Blake & Jessica Pickering
- Mixed Group (Men & Women)
Leader: Eric & Ellen Prince
- Mixed Group (Men & Women)
Leader: Allen Hardy
- Men’s Group
Leader: Mark Duncan
- Women’s Group
Leader: Allison Willis
- Young Adult Group
Leader: Caroline Willis



Upcoming Events			
August 16	3rd Grade Bible Presentation	10 AM Service	Sanctuary
	Leadership Team Meeting	11:00 AM	
August 17	Finance Team Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
August 18	Trustees 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
August 24	Card Ministry Team Meeting	1:00 PM	Library
Aug. 30-Sept. 5	Global Methodist General Conference in South Africa		

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 approved up to \$100,000 on this project.
We have to-date \$78,733.32.

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: \$21,266.68

Leadership Team Meeting:

Today following the Worship Service we will have short but important meeting.

Finance Team Meeting:

Mon., August 17th @ 5:30 PM in the Parlor

Trustees Meeting:

Tues., August 18th @ 5:30 PM in the Parlor



The rosebud is placed in honor of Riley Briggs Breazeale, son of Matthew & Ally Grace Breazeale. He was born at 10:08 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2026 weighing 8 lbs 6.3 oz and was 20 inches long. His grandparents are Jeff & Molly Breazeale and Shane & Kyra Hardy. His great grandparents are Donny & Vicki Kitchens, Peggie Breazeale & the late Jimmy Breazeale, Jerry & Tommie Hardy, and the late Rodney & Janice Fulton.

You are invited to a Wedding Tea honoring Abby Seale bride-elect of Jackson Adams

Next Sunday, August 23, 2026 from 1:00 until 2:00 in the afternoon

First Methodist Church Parlor

Casseroles are needed

We are in need of casseroles for our freezer. We usually ask for small, medium or large size. These are used with our One Main Mission Team.

Chair Exercise Class:

Chair exercise class is meeting in the FLC on M, W, F at 8:30 a.m. Come join for exercise & devotional.

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