

Church Family Calendar

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

8:00 AM—Sunday School of the Air—
WHOC 1490 AM; 93.7 FM) - (Hannah Hardy)
9:00 AM—Sunday School
10:00 AM—Worship (Cable Ch 7, 102.3 FM &
Livestream)
1:00-2:00 PM—Seale/Adams Wedding Tea

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Ladies Exercise—(FLC)
1:00 PM—Card Ministry Team Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God Closet Work Day
5:15 PM—Chancel Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 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 27, 2026

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God Closet Work Day

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God’s Closet Open

Darlene Cheatham’s
New Address:

Madden Lighthouse Assisted Living
242 Thaggard Road
Walnut Grove, MS 39189

Birthdays

8/23 Nancy Hardy
Conner Hillman
Bro. Joey Ratcliff
8/24 Jamie Dees
8/25 Don Windham
Leigh Phillips
8/26 *Christopher Rodriguez
8/27 Walt Willis
8/29 Kellan Posey

Anniversaries

8/23 Kip & Haley Turner
8/24 Lourie & Cheryl
Formby
Ken & Patrice Turner
Chuck & Kim McClain
8/25 Gabe & Molly
Marshall
8/28 Don & Susan
Windham
8/29 Larry & Janet Thrash

Sunday,
August 16, 2026

Sunday School: 59
Worship Attendance: 188

Bulletin Deadline:
Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

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.*

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.

It’s Directory Time

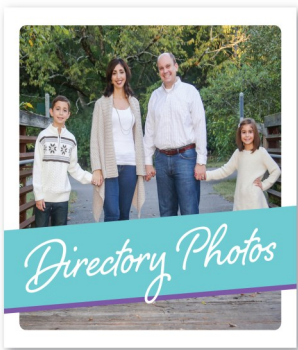
Saturday, October 10, 2026

Sign Up Sheet in the Welcome Center

For participating you will receive the following:

- 1-Family Portrait
- Complete professional photography session with the opportunity to purchase additional portraits
Each family photographed which purchases any portion of their photo package will receive:
Complimentary 8x10 Portrait

We would love for **EVERYONE** to participate!



Church Staff

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Service of Celebration & Praise
August 23, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude - Organist & Pianist
Announcements and Prayer - Ken Turner
Choral Call to Worship - “Through It All” - Chancel Choir

Congregational Call to Worship - The Apostles’ Creed - Bro. Joey Ratcliff

*Hymns/Songs of Praise - “How Firm a Foundation”
“Goodness of God”, “It Is Well with My Soul”

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

Offertory - “Marvelous Grace” - Ensemble
*Doxology - “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Sermon - Bro. Joey Ratcliff
*Closing Hymn - “O to Be Like Thee!” vs 1, 3
*Benediction - Bro. Joey Ratcliff
*Postlude - Organist

*Please stand as you are able.

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

Offering Counters

August 23 Evelyn Agent, Allen Hardy
August 30 Stacy Brantley, Thomas Tinsley
September 6 Rick Allen, Steve Smith
September 13 Caleb May, Kristen Hancock

Wednesday Meal Sign Up

Meals are catered by Tootie’s Restaurant

Menu: Fried Pork Chops, Rice & Gravy, Green 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)

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

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: Evelyn Agent & Allen Hardy
NURSERY: Kim Donald
FLOWERS TODAY: Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Steve Webb, Mr. & Mrs. Carley Peebles, and Mr. & Mrs. T. A. Webb
By: Charlene Webb, Jody Webb & Family, David Webb & Family, John Webb & Family
ACOLYTES: Luke White, Beau Breland

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY :
TECH ARTS: Ben Hardy, Hannah Hardy, Richard Rea, Matthew Breazeale
COUNTERS: Stacy Brantley & Thomas Tinsley
NURSERY: Kim Price
ACOLYTES: Latimer Harwood, KB Breland
SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR: Natalie May

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.

- Chris Hill

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

Barry Clark

Virgil Clark—(Kristen Hancock’s father)

Bonnie Coggins

Levi Dees

Kyle Dorsey—(Patt Fiedler’s cousin)

Richard Eakes

Ben Edwards

Michael Eichelberger

God’s Closet Prayer Requests

Dale Gray

Mitchell Hancock

Shane Hardy—Ally Grace Breazeale’s father

Pam Truhett Hemphill—(Lynda Stribling’s sister)

Bobbie Holley
- Darby Jackson—(Laurel Burnett Jackson’s daughter)

Curtis Johns

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

Kaye Rowell Family

Buck Stovall—(Bettye Edwards’ cousin)

Glen Stribling—(Kent’s brother)

Ashley Triplett

3 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

KIDS MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Sundays
9 AM: Sunday School
10 AM: Children’s Church

Wednesdays
6 PM: Kids Worship & Small Groups



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



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

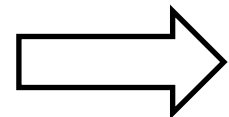
Chancel Choir Practice
Tuesdays @ 5:15PM
Anyone interested in singing is invited to come.



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
Handbell Room
- Mixed Group (Men & Women)**
Leader: Eric & Ellen Prince
Cornerstone Classroom
- Men’s Group**
Leader: Mark Duncan
Library
- Women’s Group**
Leader: Allison Willis
Parlor
- Young Adult Group**
Leader: Caroline Willis
Welcome Center



Upcoming Events				
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			
September 7	Labor Day—Church Office & Day Care Closed			
September 8	Tuesday Bible Seekers Resumes	10:00 AM		Parlor
	Trustees Meeting	5:30 PM		Parlor
	Cursillo/Ultreya	6:30 PM		FLC
September 14	Worship Team Meeting	5:30 PM		Parlor
September 15	Adult Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 AM		FLC
October 10	Pictorial Directory Photos			

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 \$79,480.

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:

\$20,520.00

You are invited to a Wedding Tea honoring Abby Seale bride-elect of Jackson Adams Today, August 23, 2026 from 1:00 until 2:00 in the afternoon First Methodist Church Parlor

Card Ministry Team Meeting:

Tomorrow @ 1:00 PM in the Library

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 Mon., Wed., Fri. at 8:30 AM. Come join for exercise & devotional.



Dear Church Family,

I would like to express my thanks to our church family for your thoughts and prayers during my brief illness. I am so blessed.

Charlie Ervin

BUDGET DEADLINE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

All committees and ministry teams need to have their 2027 budget request submitted to the church office by this date.

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