

Church Family Calendar

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

GRANDPARENTS DAY
8:00 AM—Sunday School of the Air—
(Natalie May) WHOC 1490 AM; 93.7 FM)
9:30 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM—Worship, Cable Ch 7, 102.3 FM &
Livestream)

5:30 PM—Youth Meeting @ The Youth House

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God’s Closet Work Day
10:30 PM—Bible Seekers Ladies Small Group
1:00 PM—Wed. Night Praise Team Practice
1:30 PM—Staff Meeting—(Library)
5:30 PM—Chancel Choir Practice
5:30 PM—Trustees Meeting—(Parlor)
5:30 PM—Missions Team Meeting—(Library)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise - (FLC)
5:30 PM—Supper
6:00 PM—Worship—(Sanctuary)
6:15 PM—Kid’s Small Groups
6:15 PM—Youth Small Groups
6:15 PM—Adult Small Groups

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God’s Closet Work Day
5:30 PM—Worship Team Meeting—(Parlor)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise - (FLC)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

God’s Closet CLOSED

Birthdays

9/7 John King
*John Carr Bates
9/8 Cooper Franklin
Sarah Mars
9/9 Lee Smith
Meagan Myers
9/10 Carwin Harris
Latimer Harwood
*Jared Brister
9/11 Laura Bailey
Josie Byars
Wendy Windham
9/12 Sonya Anderson
Dawn Lea Chalmers

Anniversaries

9/10 Kyle & Phoebe Ray

Bulletin Deadline:
Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

Sunday,
August 31 , 2025
Sunday School: 84
Worship Attendance: 142



Wednesday Meal Sign-up

Wednesday Meals will be catered by Tootie’s Restaurant.

Serving begins at 5:00 p.m.

Deadline to sign up is 3:00 PM on MONDAYS

Deadline to cancel and avoid being charged is 12 Noon on Tuesdays.

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

Cost: \$8.00 Adults; \$8.00—Youth; \$6.00 Kids; \$25.00—Family Maximum

Menu: Beef Tips, Rice & Gravy, Peas, Rolls, Dessert

Name: _____Adults _____ Youth _____ Kids _____
_____ Sign me up for standing reservations.

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

Volunteers September 20th: North Bend (Gail Fulton) & Sara Luke

Items of the Month: Uniform Pants

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 is in need of High School
(grades 9-12) boys and girls backpacks.

There is a box in the FLC to drop them in.

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Service of Celebration & Praise
September 7, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude - “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” - Organist & Pianist

Welcome and Opening Prayer - Ken Turner

*Hymns of Praise - “Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”
“The Potter’s Hand”

Scripture Reading - Ephesians 1:15-23 - Natalie May & Elle May
Choral Call to Prayer No. 186 - “Alleluia”
Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Joey Ratcliff

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

Sermon - Rev. Joey Ratcliff

Service of Holy Communion

*Benediction - Rev. 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”

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:
USHERS: Andy King, Captain; Russell Adams; Charles Pair; & Jeff Breazeale
TECH ARTS: Ben Hardy, Hannah Hardy, & Richard Rea
COUNTERS: Brenda Mills & Evelyn Agent
NURSERY: Carla Martin
FLOWERS TODAY : Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rudolph & Mary Posey and Doyle & Charlotte McQuary
By: Rudy & Lisa Posey & Families
Harper Hillman, Kellan Posey
ACOLYTES: Harper Hillman, Kellan Posey
COMMUNION: Richard & Virginia Eakes

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY :
TECH ARTS: Wade White, Richard Eakes, & Richard Rea
COUNTERS: Rick Allen & Stacy Brantley
NURSERY: Molly Breazeale
ACOLYTES: Luke White, Anna Claire Hancock
SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR: Julia Cole

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.*

James Allred—(Angela Allen’s father)	Jean O’Mire—(Gayle Lesley’s mother) -
Gaston Barrett	Neshoba Nursing Home #A206
Linda Bowles—(Betty Irons/Larry Stribling’s sister)	Lorrie Ponder—(Claire Stokes’ mother)
Renee Brantley—(Carla Martin’s cousin)	Mark Powell
Harry Carter	Joyce Pratt Family
Virgil Clark—(Kristen Hancock’s father)	Gail Rickles
Shirley Cox Family	Nell Rogers
Don Crawford Family	Susan Rosamond—Neshoba Nursing Home #104
Carolyn Durr—(Kenny McLain’s mother)	Daniel Sharp
Ben Edwards	Ms. Pepper Simmons
Elizabeth Edwards	Sherry Smith—(Kenny Hillman’s sister)
God’s Closet Prayer Requests	Ella Spinks
Graham Goldman	Glen Stribling—(Kent’s brother)
Dale Gray	Lynda Stribling
Pam Truhett Hemphill—(Lynda Stribling’s sister)	Steve Turner
Cole Hodgins—(Haley Turner’s brother)	Ralph Vaughn
Ricky Hodgins—(Krystal Richardson’s father)	Orba Dean Vines—(Sandra Latimer’s
Neil Hogan	mother)
Bobbie Holley	David Vowell
Nick Holliday	Barry Walker
Betty Irons	Ray Walton
Donny Kitchens	Cindy Weldy
Ken Lewis	Sue Wells
Ray Marshall	Tommy Williams
Mike McLemore—(Kim Price’s uncle)	Don Windham
Austin McNair	
Ian Michelletti	
James Thomas and Jackson O’Donnell	



Children’s News

Like our page on Facebook:
Phillyfumckids

You’re invited to my new group ‘Philly First Kids’ on GroupMe. Scan the QR code to join.



CHILDREN’S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS
9:30: SUNDAY SCHOOL
3K - 6th Grade meet in the Education building upstairs. Bible study groups are divided into Prek/Young Elementary and Older Elementary groups.

10:30: CHILDREN’S CHURCH
Children 3yr - 3rd grade dismiss during the Worship service & travel upstairs to the Kid’s Worship room.

WEDESDAY
5pm: Meal in FLC

6pm: Kids Age-level Bible studies
Kid’s Check-in opens at 5:50pm in the Cornerstone Room. Kids travel with their groups to Worship/Bible Study/Choir.

“Partnering with parents to equip kids to KNOW, GROW, and SHOW God’s love.”


Wanted: 11 Handbell Ringers for Fall Handbell Choir
Rehearsals: Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m.
Performance Dates: October 19th and December 7th
If interested, check your schedule for conflicts on performance dates.
Sign up by texting Patt at 601-562-1706 or by using the sign up list by the choir room.

Senior Adult Ministry News - Upcoming Fellowship Events
Mark your calendar for the first **Adult Fellowship Lunch Meeting** this fall.
Tuesday, September 16th in the FLC at 11:30 a.m.
Janice Williamson is serving as our lead hostess and BINGO leader. Bring a friend!

Sign up for a “Day in the Country”
All senior adults are invited for a day trip to meet with our Kosciusko friends at the Cul-len County Cottage on Thursday, October 9th. We will depart at 10:00 a.m. to enjoy a day in the country and enjoy the beauty of God’s creation. We will make a brief stop at the Central MS Vintage Flea Market before returning home. Please call the church office or run by the bulletin board to put your name on the list.

Our **October Adult Fellowship** will be held on a regular scheduled meeting time, October 14th. Our own Pastor Joey will be entertaining as he prepares our lunch before our very eyes on the Hibachi Grill!

Upcoming Events			
September 8	Card Ministry Meeting	1:00 PM	Library
September 9	Trustees Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
September 9	Missions Team Meeting	5:30 PM	Library
September 11	Worship Team Meeting	5:30 PM	
September 16	Adult Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 AM	FLC
September 16	Nominations Team Meeting	4:30 PM	Library
September 22	Card Ministry Team Meeting	1:00 PM	Library
October 6	BUDGET DEADLINE	5:00 PM	



Youth Ministry News

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

Youth Sunday School
9:30 AM—Youth SS Room Upstairs

Sunday Night Youth Tonight
5:30 PM—Youth House

Wednesday Night Small Groups
6:00—Worship in Sanctuary
6:15—Small Groups @ Youth House

Students, Parents, & Volunteers
are invited to join the youth ministry group on GroupMe!
Scan the QR code to join.

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.

Grief Group Meeting
Meets in the Family Life Center. Meeting times vary.
Please contact Melody Vowell at 601-416-1194 if interested in joining the group.

Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, September 9th
5:30 PM
in the Parlor

Missions Team Meeting
Tuesday, September 9th
5:30 PM
in the Library

Worship Team Meeting
Thursday, September 11th
5:30 PM
in the Parlor

Casseroles Needed
We need casseroles for the Hospitality freezer. Small, Medium, or Large

2026 Budget Request Deadline: Monday, October 6th
All Committee’s Budget Request are due to the church office by 5:00 PM.







We extend Christian love and sympathy to Dewayne Sharp and his family at the death of his brother-in-law, Don Crawford, who passed away August 23, 2025.



Operation Christmas Child Items Needed
Crayola Crayons Flip Flops Sippy Cups

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