

Church Family Calendar

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

8:00 AM—Sunday School of the Air—  
(Ted Pope) WHOC 1490 AM; 93.7 FM)  
9:00 AM—Sunday School  
10:00 AM—Worship, Cable Ch 7, 102.3 FM &  
Livestream)

5:30 PM—Youth Meeting @ The Youth House

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025

BUDGET DEADLINE

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(FLC)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God’s Closet Work Day  
10:30 AM—Bible Seekers Ladies Small Group  
1:00 PM—Wed. Night Praise Team Practice  
1:45 PM—Staff Meeting—(Library)  
4:30 PM—Handbell Rehearsal  
5:15 PM—Chancel Choir Practice  
6:00-7:00 PM—Cursillo Work Night—(FLC)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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  
6:15 PM—Membership Class

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God’s Closet Work Day

10:00 AM—Adult Fellowship Trip

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise - (FLC)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025

God’s Closet CLOSED  
8:00 AM—5:00 PM—Gym & FLC Reserved



October Quarter Challenge

Quarter tubes are at the East and West entrances of the education building. Please pick them up, fill them up, bring back and pick up some more! You can put the filled tubes in the offering plate or bring by the church office.

The Missions Team prepares for 400 boxes.

Pack A Shoebox with Your Family

Shoeboxes are available at the East and West education building entrances for you to take home and pack.

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 12:00 Noon on Mondays.

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.

Birthdays

10/5 Allison Willis  
Spencer Rea  
10/6 Ramsey Breland  
Keith Thrash  
10/7 Jack Hancock  
10/8 Parks Posey  
10/9 Dewayne Sharp  
Heath Stribling  
10/10 Henry Dabbs  
Brayden Massey

Anniversaries

10/5 Wilkins & Erin Thames  
Bill & Susan Rosamond  
10/9 Arvin & Lisa Calkins  
10/11 Chris & Missy Jackson

\*non-resident members

Sunday,  
September 29 , 2025

Sunday School: 52  
Worship Attendance: 145

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.

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Service of Celebration & Praise  
October 5, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

Choral Prelude - “Shout to the Lord”

Welcome and Opening Prayer - Ken Turner

\*Medley of Praise - “The Church’s One Foundation” vs 1, 2, 4  
“We Are One in the Bond of Love”  
(Children ages 3yrs old-3rd grade exit for Children’s Church upstairs.)  
“I Am the Church”

Stewardship Moment - Susan Bates

Hymn - “The Servant Song”  
Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Joey Ratcliff

Offertory Anthem - “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”- Chancel Choir  
\*Doxology - “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Sermon - Rev. Joey Ratcliff  
Service of Holy Communion  
Communion Hymns - “Let Us Break Bread Together”  
“There Is a Fountain” “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

\*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:**  
**OCTOBER USHERS:** Eric Prince, Captain; Al Posey; Ike Martin;  
**TECH ARTS:** Wade White, Richard Eakes, Richard Rea  
**COUNTERS:** David Vowell & Ken Turner  
**NURSERY:** Carla Martin  
**FLOWERS TODAY :** Given to the Glory of God and in loving Marvin Blanks  
By: Mary Louise, Beth, and Adam  
**ACOLYTES:** Hugh Taylor Chaney, KB Breland  
**COMMUNION:** Eric & Ellen Prince

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY :**  
**TECH ARTS:** Caleb May, Natalie May, & Richard Rea  
**COUNTERS:** Allen Hardy & Cecil Price  
**NURSERY:** Molly Breazeale  
**ACOLYTES:** Mary Mosley Pickering, Elle May  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR:** Eric Prince



We extend Christian love and sympathy to Hettie Harwood, Jed McCoy and their family at the death of their grandmother, Ruby Lee. She passed away Wednesday, October 1, 2025.

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.

- Harold Carleton—(Sue Ellen Smith’s dad) -  
(Baptist Hospital-Jackson)

Richard Eakes  
Ruby Lee Family  
Mary Katherine Gordon  
Kathy Posey  
Andy Stewart Family  
James Allred—(Angela Allen’s father)  
Gaston Barrett  
Barry Boler—(Kasey Boler Storey’s dad)  
Linda Bowles—(Betty Irons/Larry Stribling’s sister)  
Renee Brantley—(Carla Martin’s cousin)  
Bob Breland—Laird Hospital  
Ava Byars Family  
Virgil Clark—(Kristen Hancock’s father)  
Debra Drury  
Carolyn Durr—(Kenny McLain’s mother)  
Ben Edwards  
Elizabeth Edwards  
God’s Closet Prayer Requests  
Graham Goldman  
Dale Gray  
Pat Hardage—Baptist Hospital—(Mandy Dees dad)  
Pam Truhett Hemphill—(Lynda Stribling’s sister)  
Cole Hodgins—(Haley Turner’s brother)  
Neil Hogan  
Bobbie Holley

Betty Irons  
Betty Kilgore  
Mike McLemore—(Kim Price’s uncle)  
Ian Michelletti  
Jackson O'Donnell  
James Thomas O'Donnell  
Jean O’Mire—(Gayle Lesley’s mother) -  
Neshoba Nursing Home #A206  
Charles Ponder  
Lorrie Ponder—(Claire Stokes’ mother)  
Mark Powell  
Gail Rickles  
Nell Rogers  
Susan Rosamond—Neshoba Nursing Home #104  
Daniel Sharp  
Janie Shaw  
Ms. Pepper Simmons  
Glen Stribling—(Kent’s brother)  
Steve Turner  
2 Unspoken  
David Vowell  
Cindy Weldy—Neshoba Swing Bed #125—  
(Kay Salter’s sister)  
Sue Wells  
Tommy Williams  
Don Windham



**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.







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

**Youth Sunday School**  
9:00 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.

**Fall Handbell Choir**  
Rehearsals: Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m.



**Sunday, October 26th @ 4:00 PM**  
Sign-up Sheets are available in the sanctuary for Chili, Soup, Trunk R Treat, Desserts for Cake Walk. Candy donations can be dropped off at the church office.

**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.

**September Memorials**

Shirley Cox  
Dennis & Debbie Blackledge—TV Ministry  
Jimmy & Susan Bates—John Wesley Fund  
Virginia West—TV Ministry  
Charlene Webb—John Wesley Fund Fund  
Rudy & Lisa Posey—Choir Fund

Stanley Salter  
Jimmy & Susan Bates—John Wesley

Edward Prince  
Ken & Patrick Turner - Mission


Carole Tims  
Rudy & Lisa Posey—Choir Fund

**Upcoming Events**

<b>October 6</b>	<b>BUDGET REQUEST DEADLINE</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Church Office</b>
October 9	Adult Fellowship Kosy Trip	10:00 AM	
October 13	Card Ministry Team Meeting	1:00 PM	Library
	Finance Team Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
October 14	Adult Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 AM	FLC
	Trustees Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
October 19	Consecration Sunday	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
October 20	Leadership Team Meeting	5:30 PM	FLC
October 26	Fall Fest	4:00 PM	Parking Lot
October 26	Charge Conference	4:30-6:30 PM	Covenant Methodist
October 27	Card Ministry Team Meeting	1:00 PM	Library
November 2	All Saints Sunday	10:00 AM	Sanctuary

**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.**



**Births**  
A rosebud is placed on the altar in honor of Avery James Beckham, daughter of Hannah & Eric Beckham. She was born Monday, September 29, 2025 weighing 8 pounds 5 oz. and 21 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Doug & Deanna Jones. She’s the great granddaughter of Jimmy & Phyllis Prince and Richard & Joan Jones. She was welcomed home by her big sister, Addison.

A rosebud is placed on the altar in honor of Posey Elisa Fleming, daughter of Abby & Jarred Fleming of Opelika, AL. She was born Wednesday, October 1, 2025 weighing 8 lbs 15 oz. and was 22 inches long. She was welcomed home by her big sister, Vivienne. Her grandparents are Bob & Lisa Posey and Scotty & Carla Fleming. Great-grandparents are Maxine Posey, Martha & Edgar Thompson.

**Membership Class**  
The Membership Class continues each Wednesday through October 22nd @ 6:15 PM in the Seeker’s Sunday School Room, Bro. Joey will be preaching on church membership. There will be a corresponding membership class on Wednesday nights, where prospective members (and anyone else who is interested) can come and discuss any questions or reflections on the sermons. Please let the office know if you wish to join the church.


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

**Cursillo Work Night:** Tuesday, October 7th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the FLC

**Senior Adults: 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 Cullen Country Cottage on Thurs., Oct. 9th. We will depart at 10 AM to enjoy a day in the country. We will make a brief stop at the Central MS Vintage Flea Market. Call the church office or put your name on the list by the choir room.

**October Adult Fellowship Luncheon: Tues., Oct. 14**  
Our own Pastor Joey will be entertaining as he prepares our lunch before our very eyes on the Hibachi Grill!





**Consecration Sunday: October 19th**  
Make plans to attend this special Sunday!



**Honduras Mission Needs**  
Q-Tips, Combs, Toothbrushes, Ponytail Holders, Crayons, Pencil Sharpeners, & Colored Pencils — Allen, Hannah & Lexie Hardy will be on this mission trip. October 8-14. Please remember this mission team in your prayers and support them by bring these items by the church office.

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