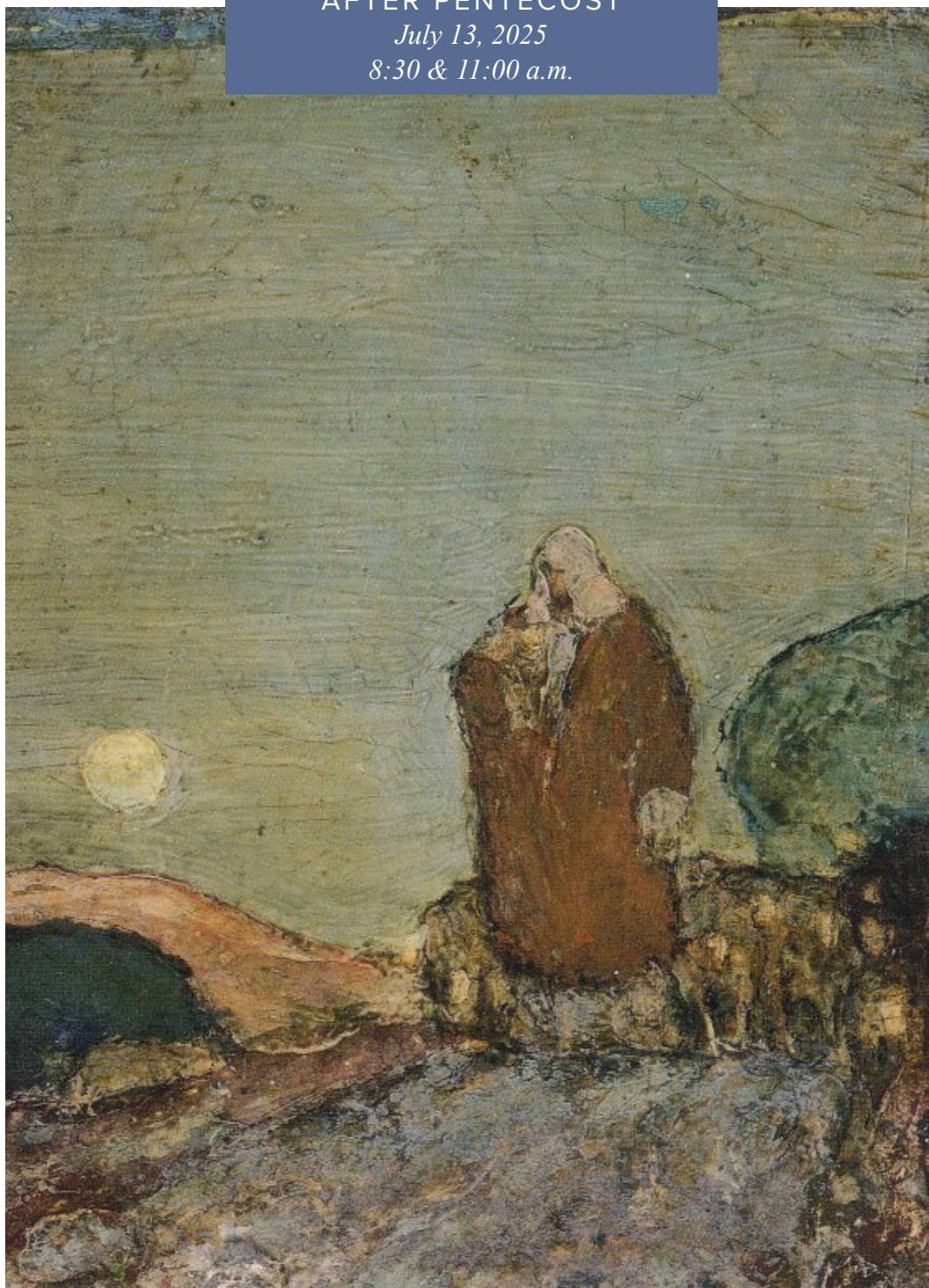




FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
July 13, 2025
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



To know Christ, to make Him known and to exhibit His love through worship, education and service.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

“From the extraordinary affection which [Christ] bears towards the sheep, he shows how truly he acts towards them as a shepherd; for he is so anxious about their salvation, that he does not even spare his own life.”

—John Calvin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

The Lord's My Shepherd
BROTHER JAMES AIR | Harold Darke

WELCOME

INTROIT

O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips
Richard Webster

O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouths shall show forth thy praise.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mallory Hammond

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*OPENING HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
LOBE DEN HERREN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. John Musgrave

FIRST LESSON | Ezekiel 34:7-16 (page 722)

James Morrison (8:30)
Andrew Barrett (11:00)

⁷ “Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: ⁸ As I live, declares the Lord God, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep, ⁹ therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: ¹⁰ Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them. ¹¹ “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There

they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵
I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God.
¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen
the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Adrian Taylor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you laid down your life for us—your sheep—calling us each by name and leading us beside still waters. Yet we confess how often we wander, lost in the valley of indecision, tuning out your voice, and trusting in our own strength rather than in your care. We have failed to praise you as the Lord and Shepherd of our souls and forgotten that you seek and save the lost. Release us from the burdens of our wandering, cleanse our hearts, blot out our transgressions, and draw us with tender care back into your fold. In the name of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Glory Be to the Father
GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our LORD; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Whether you are a longtime member or a guest, please mark your presence by signing the friendship pad and greet those seated near you as you pass it along.

‡BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

‡Following the Blessing of the Young Disciples, children ages 4–6 are invited to join us downstairs in Grundy Hall for Young Children & Worship.

HYMN OF PREPARATION 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us
BRADBURY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | John 10:11–18 (page 896)

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Great I Am: I am the Good Shepherd

Gage Arnold

“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”
—John 10:10

OFFERTORY

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
HUFF | Calvin Hampton

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name; in pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways, and leads me for his mercy’s sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, insight of all my foes doth still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may thy house be my abode and all thy works my works my praise. There would I find a settled rest, where others go and come; no more a stranger or a guest.

As you reflect on the Lord’s goodness, you can make an offering by dropping your gift in the offering plate, texting “GIVE” to 707-475-3005, or donating online at fpcnashville.org.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior
ST. LEONARDS

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day, by his love and power controlling all I do and say. May the Word of God swell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only thro' his pow'r. May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing. May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win; and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Finale Jubilante
Healey Willan

** Those who are able, please stand.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*
Adrian Taylor, MDiv – *Director of Missions Ministry*
Gage Arnold, MDiv – *Director of Youth Programming*
Mallory Hammond, MDiv – *Director of Ministry with Children & Their Families*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Joseph Fala, MM – *Assistant Director of Music and Organist*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Ryan Bede – *Baritone*
Greg Thomas – *Tenor*
Acolytes – Robert and Christopher Douse; Elyse and Caroline Cahill

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gene Berry Bryan McNair by her family.

SUPPORTING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WELCOME

First Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. Since 1814 First Presbyterian has sought to be faithful in service to Jesus Christ and the common good. We are rooted in the Reformed, orthodox, and evangelical traditions of the larger church. If you do not have a church home, we would love to welcome you!

Children of all ages are invited to worship alongside their families, and worship activity bags are provided at each entrance to the Sanctuary. Children ages 4–6 are invited to join Young Children & Worship following the Blessing of the Young Disciples. Parents pick up their child after worship at Grundy Hall, located in the Children’s Ministry Wing. Following 8:30 a.m. worship, children of all ages are invited to stay for the Education Hour. Check-in and pickup for Nursery–Kindergarten is located in the Children’s Ministry lobby, while Elementary is located in Oak Hill C-Wing.

Nursery care for children ages 0–3 is available from 8:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
The **Mother and Infant Quiet Room** is located in the Nursery Wing.

*For more information, visit fpcnashville.org/children or contact:
Mallory Hammond (mhammond@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9582).*

Youth Sunday School meets in the Gathering Place, where students enjoy fellowship, games, worship, and study Scripture together.

*For more information, visit fpcnashville.org/youth or contact:
Gage Arnold (garnold@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9586).*

Adult Sunday School is offered between services during the Education Hour. Classes range in size, format, and content.

*For more information, visit fpcnashville.org/sunday-school or contact:
Julia Wilk (jwilk@fpcnashville.org or 615-473-8742).*

Join us downstairs in Courtenay Hall between services for coffee and doughnuts.

To livestream worship and special events or view past services, visit fpcnashville.org/sermons.

Hearing Assistance App Directions: Join WiFi network. You must be connected to this network for the app to work. Network Name: FPC Guest. Download the WaveCAST app. Open the app and select “First Pres Sanctuary.” Plug in your headphones and adjust the volume to your preference.

INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE CONNECTED?

If you are new to our community, we would love to get to know you and welcome you personally into the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Whether you are a guest or a longtime member, fill out the Connect Card to get more involved, update your contact information, or sign up for church communications. Drop your completed Connect Card in the offering plate so we can follow up!

Stay informed about news and upcoming events by reading our weekly email, Parish News, or seasonal print newsletter, First News. To sign up, email communications@fpcnashville.org or update your subscriptions at fpcnashville.org/my-subscriptions.

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COVER IMAGE: Henry Ossawa Tanner, *The Lost Sheep (The Good Shepherd)*, 1930, oil and tempera on paperboard. This tender portrayal of a solitary shepherd cradling a rescued lamb captures both the vulnerability of the lost and the unwavering care of the one who seeks. Set against a muted, almost ethereal background, the painting draws us into the quiet resolve of the Good Shepherd. As Jesus declares, “I am the good shepherd; I lay down my life for the sheep” (John 10:11), this image reminds us of Christ’s faithful and sacrificial love, who knows his sheep intimately and calls them into one flock under his care.

Congregational Meeting | Sunday, July 20 | following both Worship Services—The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, July 20, following both worship services. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on a slate of nominees to serve on an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for a Pastor for Youth and Their Families. The nominees are Charlie Bryan Jr., Mary Daniel Danieleley, Betsy Funk, Carrie Hininger, John Ridenour and Lauren Ross.

Sullivan Garden Nearing Completion—First Presbyterian Church of Nashville is filled with hope and beauty this summer as the landscaping phase of our columbarium renovation moves forward in earnest. More than 1,000 new plants are being installed to refresh and renew our sacred spaces. Already, you may notice vibrant beds of Shasta daisies, hostas, ferns, aucubas, Lenten roses, and dwarf mondo grass—bringing texture, color, and fragrance to the Sullivan and Biblical Gardens. These plantings were selected not only for their beauty and resilience but for the peace they offer those who pause here in prayer, remembrance, and celebration. As part of the renovation, several key landscape changes are underway. The two large pine trees near the columbarium entrance—including our beloved Christmas tree—will be replaced with tall, lush conical evergreens better suited for year-round beauty and future holiday decorating. The overgrown American Hollies in front of the Sanctuary will soon give way to majestic Dr. Merrill Magnolias, known for their elegant white blooms each spring. These transitions are being made quickly and thoughtfully to avoid leaving awkward visual gaps and to preserve the sense of sacred continuity in these beloved spaces. The full project is expected to be complete by the end of July. Once finished, the columbarium and surrounding gardens will offer year-round visual interest—from winter hellebores to spring dogwoods and magnolias, summer hydrangeas and peonies, and autumn asters and oakleaf hydrangeas. We give thanks for this investment in beauty, peace, and welcome—and pray these gardens will flourish for generations to come. Of the 1,176 total burial niches, more than 910 have been sold, with approximately 225 remaining. Church members interested in purchasing a niche may contact Charlotte Schierbaum at cschierbaum@fpcnashville.org.

First Friends Book Review | Thursdays, August 28–September 25 | 3:00 p.m. | Vance Hall—FPC will host a five-week book discussion on *Conscious Living, Conscious Aging* by Ron Pevny, exploring what it means to embrace retirement and later life with intentionality and purpose. Grounded in the encouragement of Galatians 6:9—“Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up”—this group will reflect on how the Christian life continues to bear fruit in every season. For more information, contact Sally Ostheimer at sostheimer@fpcnashville.org.

Pool Fellowship and Open Swim | Sundays, through July 27 | 2:30–4:30 p.m. | Don Wade Memorial Pool—The FPC pool is open on Sunday afternoons! Pool Fellowship and Open Swim is a time for our church family to make memories together and cool off during these hot summer days. All are welcome to join us for swimming and fellowship; however, children will need adult supervision. Please note there will not be a lifeguard on duty.

Congregational Care in Sandra’s Absence—Pastor Sandra Randleman has experienced some setbacks in her recovery and has returned to the hospital for further care. She is receiving excellent medical attention from a dedicated team of physicians. Her brother and sister-in-law have been faithfully caring for her in this setback and are deeply grateful for the continued outpouring of love, cards, and prayers from this congregation. Your support means so much the Randleman family. We ask that you continue to pray for Sandra in the days ahead—specifically for renewed strength, perseverance for her and her family, wisdom for her doctors, and that she would soon be able to return to the path of steady healing. We remain grateful for your understanding and care as she focuses on healing. In Sandra’s absence, the church remains committed to caring for you. If you have a congregational care need—such as a hospitalization, surgery, or personal crisis—*please contact Charlotte Schierbaum, Congregational Care Ministry Assistant at cschierbaum@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9527*. Charlotte is coordinating all care concerns and will confidentially share them with Senior Pastor Ryan Moore and Parish Associates Dr. John Musgrave and Rev. Sara Hill to ensure you are supported with prayer and presence.

Young Adult Summer Sunday School | Sundays through August 31 | 9:45 a.m. | Bookstore Room—If you’re a college student or in your 20s or 30s, early in your career, and in a season before kids, this class is for you. Join us in the old bookstore room for relaxed, fun, and real conversations about faith and life.

MISSIONS

Service Project with Nueva Vida | Tuesday, July 22 | 4:30–7:30 PM | Nueva Vida Food Project—Looking for a meaningful way to serve? Join us as we pack and distribute food to our neighbors in need. Whether you’re sorting items, stocking shelves, or offering a warm smile, your time makes a real impact. No experience necessary—just a willing heart! We’re looking for up to five volunteers for July 22. Sign up online or by contacting Adrian Taylor at ataylor@fpcnashville.org.

GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY	
YTD AT MAY 31, 2025	<i>As part of our commitment to transparency and to deepen our shared understanding of church finances, the Finance Committee is now providing monthly updates on giving.</i>
Actual \$2,063,690	
Budget \$2,118,500	
Variance (\$54,810)	



Nashville Fellows

We are excited to introduce the inaugural class of Nashville Fellows to First Presbyterian Church! This nine-month ecumenical discipleship experience is designed for recent college graduates (ages 22–24) eager to integrate their faith with real-world service and leadership. Through a partnership with First Presbyterian Church, St. George's Episcopal Church, and West End Community Church, twelve young adults will live, work, study, and serve in Nashville this year—four of them here at FPC.

The Fellows will be deeply involved in our church's life: worshipping and serving with us. They'll live with host families from our congregation, receive spiritual and professional mentorship from members, and become relationally woven into our community.

Each Fellow also works approximately 30 hours per week in a local nonprofit, ministry, or business, while gathering weekly with the full cohort to study theology and vocation.

We're delighted to introduce the four Fellows serving with us this year:

Sam Gould from Durham, NC; graduate of Samford University (History & Philosophy); interested in legal field

Anna Robicheaux from Vestavia Hills, AL; graduate of Rhodes College (Mathematics, Chemistry, Religious Studies); interested in business analytics

R.J. Bascom from Front Royal, VA; graduate of Covenant College (Biology); interested in physical therapy

Samantha Bowers from Marietta, GA; graduate of Auburn University (Biomedical & Microbiology); interested in dentistry

There are several key ways you can support this exciting new ministry:

Job Placement: Know of a business, nonprofit, or ministry hiring for about 30 hours/week? Help a Fellow find meaningful work related to their area of interest.

Host Families: Open your home for the academic year and share life with a Fellow.

Mentors: Meet monthly with a Fellow to offer spiritual guidance and friendship.

Care Team Members: Join a support team providing meals, encouragement, and prayer for the fellows.

For more information or to express interest in supporting a fellow, contact Gage Arnold at garnold@fpcnashville.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 14, 21 | 6:00–7:30 p.m. | College Bible Study
Aug 2-3 | NaCoMe All-Church Retreat
Aug. 11 | 5:30 p.m. | Back to School Worship and Cookout
Aug. 16 | 9:00 a.m. | Inquirers Class
Aug. 24 | FPC Welcomes Nashville Fellows
Sept. 1 | Office Closed for Labor Day
Sept. 7 | 9:30 a.m. | Kickoff Sunday

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Aug. 17 | 3:00 p.m. | Rising 6th Grade Confirmation Ice Cream Social
Aug. 25 | Early Preschool First Day of School

FIRST FRIENDS

July 15 | 2:30 p.m. | Book Club: Sharing our Favorites
Aug. 2 | *Dolly: An Original Musical* (all tickets booked)
Aug. 28 | 3:00 p.m. | Book Review: *Conscious Living, Conscious Aging* (Thursdays through September 25)
Sept. 18 | 12:00 p.m. | First Friends Lunch & Speaker Series

MISSIONS

July 22 | Nueva Vida Service Project
Aug. 13–21 | Rwanda Mission Trip
Sept. 13–14, 20–21, 27–28, & Oct. 4–5 | Habitat for Humanity Build

RECREATION

July 13, 20, 27 | 2:30–4:30 p.m. | Open Swim
July 17, 24, 31 | 5:30–8:00 p.m. | Pickleball
Aug. 9 | Fall Soccer Game Days Begin

YOUTH

July 16, 23, 30 | 6:00–7:30 p.m. | Festus
July 19 | 6:30–10:30 p.m. | Nashville SC Game
July 25 | 5:00–7:00 p.m. | Skate & Sonic Dinner
July 27 | 9:45 a.m. | Youth Intern Sendoff
July 29 | 6:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. | Dollywood Day Trip
Aug. 10 | 9:45 a.m. | Youth Volunteer Training
Aug. 16 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Youth Confirmation Class
Aug. 17 | 9:45 a.m. | Youth Parent Meeting
Aug. 24 | 9:45 a.m. | Youth Small Group Leader Training
Aug. 24 | 4:00–5:30 p.m. | Crud Day
Sept. 7 | 6:00 p.m. | Youth Small Group Kickoff
Sept. 14, 21, 28 | 9:45 a.m. | Follow Me Sunday School Series for 7th

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or seasonal print newsletter, First News.*

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