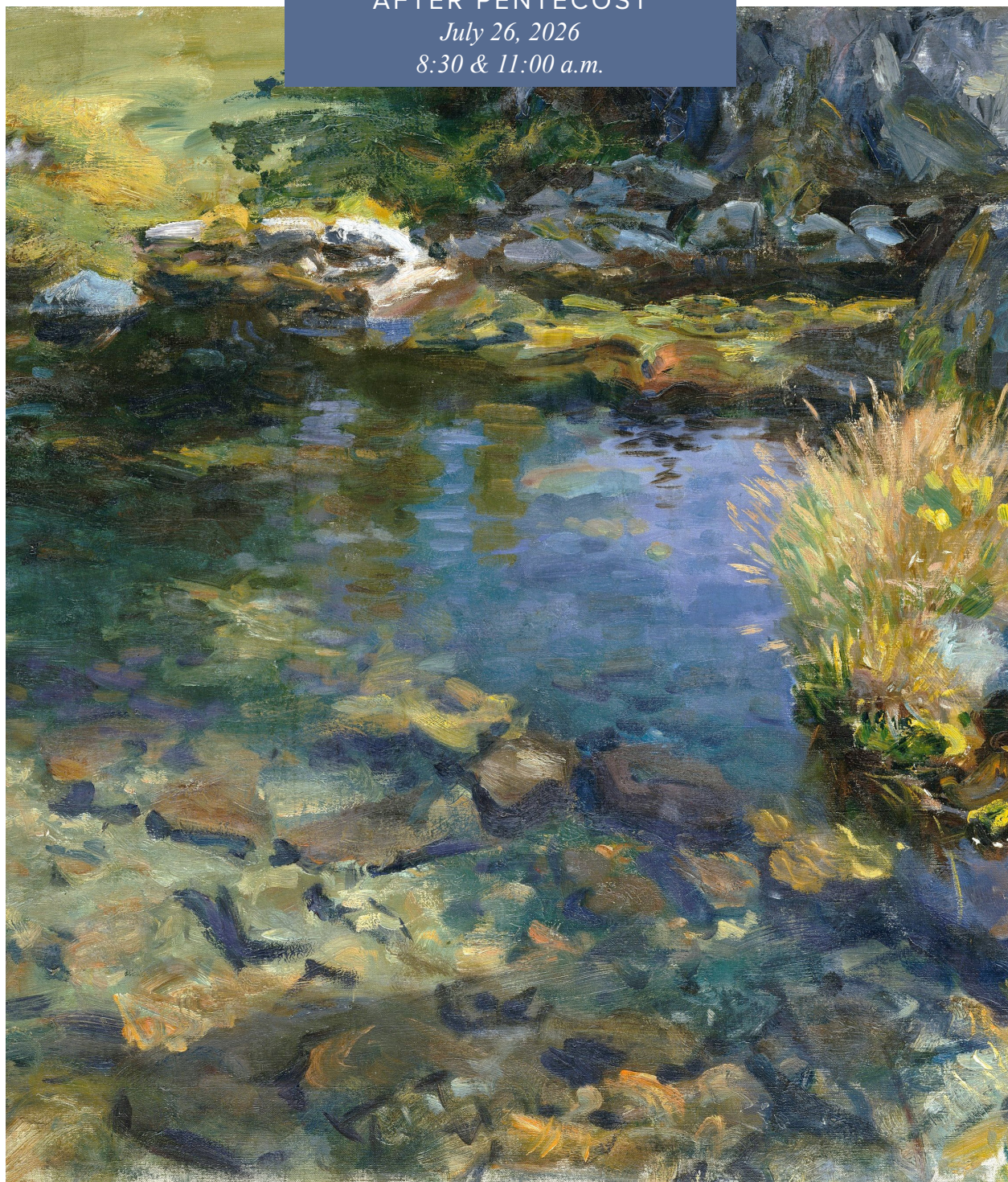




FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2026
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

*When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said "Repent," he intended
that the entire life of believers should be repentance.*

—Martin Luther, The first of his ninety-five theses nailed to the door of the Wittenberg Castle

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Melody
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

WELCOME

Rev. Gage Arnold

INTROIT

Praise Him! Praise Him!
JOYFUL SONG

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer! Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim! Hail him! Hail him! highest archangels in glory, strength and honor give to his holy name! Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children; in his arms he carries them all day long: Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness! Praise him! Praise him! ever in joyful song!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Darren Kennedy

Leader: O magnify the LORD with me.

All: Let us exalt God's name together!

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

All: We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High!

*OPENING HYMN 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!
MARION

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST LESSON | Ephesians 1:22-2:6 (page 976)

Ainsley Moore (8:30)
Thompson Adams (11:00)

²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. ¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)
Rev. Sara Hill (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my troubles, and forgive my sins.

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

*During the 8:30 and 11:00 services, PreK and Kindergarten children (ages 4-6)
are invited to join Young Children & Worship.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION 443

There Is a Redeemer
GREEN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Psalm 51 (page 474)

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. ⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. ¹⁴ Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. ¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; ¹⁹ then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

In Need of a Clean Heart

Dr. Ryan Moore

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me —Psalm 51:10

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

Laudate Dominum
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes, laudate eum omnes populi. Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus, et veritas, veritas Domini manet in aeternum. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Sing praise to God above all ye nations, praise him ye people, all ye souls on earth. For he hath shown his kindness toward us, his love and merciful kindness, and the truth of God lasteth forever, for all eternity. Praise to the Father and Son also, and the Holy Spirit, as it was then and will be, both now and always through the centuries everlasting. Amen.

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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing ...

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, O blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

All: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forevermore. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion at First Presbyterian Church is offered to all baptized Christians and will be served today by intinction. When your row is called, come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and receive both elements together. The cup is juice and the bread is gluten free.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord
arr. Richard Shepherd

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here; come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground; be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him; be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

COMMUNION HYMN

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
Stuart Townend

**How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Sandra Randleman

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 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
AMAZING GRACE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

I Will Lift Mine Eyes
Jake Runestad

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this day forth for evermore.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccato from Suite for Organ
Florence Price

** Those who are able, please stand.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*
Gage Arnold, MDiv – *Associate Pastor to Youth and Their Families*
Sara Hill, MDiv – *Parish Associate for Congregational Care*
Darren Kennedy, PhD – *Associate Pastor for Discipleship*
John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*
Sandra Randleman, DMin – *Parish Associate for Congregational Care*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Ariana Corbin, DM - *Organist and Assistant Choral Director*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Ali Gooding Hoffman, violin
Claire Paschal, soloist
Acolytes – Graham Swafford, Kennedy Swafford, Elaine Morgan, Jack Morgan

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.

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!

Hearing Assistance App Directions

Join FPC_guest WiFi network. You must be connected to this network for the app to work. Download the WaveCAST app. Open the app and select “First Pres Sanctuary.” Plug in your headphones and adjust the volume to your preference.

To **livestream** worship or to view past services, visit youtube.com/firstpresbyterianchurchofnashville.

Sunday Morning for Families

On Sunday mornings, children are welcome in worship alongside their families. **Nursery** care is available for ages 0–3 in the Nursery Wing from 8:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m., with a Mother and Infant Quiet Room nearby.

Children ages 4–6 are invited, following the Blessing of the Young Disciples, to Young Children & Worship (Pickup in Room CW 110 after the service). **Older children** remain in worship, where activity bags are available at each Sanctuary entrance. At 9:45 a.m., children of all ages are invited to the Education Hour.

Parking Lot Paving — Several campus parking areas are scheduled for seal-coating this summer. The work will include seal-coating, re-striping parking spaces, and painting crosswalks, speed bumps, directional arrows, and handicapped parking symbols. Each area will require several consecutive days of blocked access, and we ask everyone to follow directional signs while the work is underway.

Kindergarten Mom's Night | Thursday, Aug. 6 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Home of Katie Pickel — Join us for Kindergarten Mom's Night as we provide support, encouragement, and practical tools for parents preparing to send their children to kindergarten. The evening will include helpful talks from church staff and parents who have been through this milestone, along with time to connect with other kindergarten moms, ask questions, and receive encouragement as you begin this exciting new chapter. Register at fpcnashville.org/kindergarten.

Back-to-School Worship and Dinner | Monday, Aug. 10 | 5:30-7:00 p.m. | First Presbyterian Columbarium — Begin the new school year with worship, prayer, blessing, and fellowship. Following a short, interactive worship service for all ages, enjoy a cookout on the front porch of Cheek House. Students are invited to bring their school bags for a backpack blessing. In the event of rain, worship will be held in the Sanctuary. Registration is not required but is appreciated for planning purposes. Register at fpcnashville.org/school.

FIRST FRIENDS

Gatherings for adults, retired and not-so-retired! Register online or contact Sally Ostheimer (sostheimer@fpcnashville.org). For more information, visit fpcnashville.org/first-friends.

Day Trip: Bell Buckle Antique Trip and Lunch | Thursday, Aug. 18 | 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. — This trip will be an adventure to the town of Bell Buckle, Tennessee. This quaint town is about 57 miles from us and is known for its Victorian architecture, its numerous antique shops and Southern hospitality. We will have the entire day to shop at such stores as Daffodilly Design, Doodle Bug, Bluebird Antiques, Hilltop Antiques, and so much more. Check them out online. We will find time to eat at the well-known Bell Buckle Cafe. Join us on the church bus or meet us in Bell Buckle. We will depart the church at 9:00 a.m. on Aug. 18 and get back by 3:00 p.m.

Day Trip: Nashville Ballet Dress Rehearsal and Lunch | Aug. 20 | 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. — Nashville Ballet offers regular opportunities for Active Adults 55+ to attend a morning observing the Nashville Ballet performers as they practice for various performances. We will depart the church at 9:00 a.m. on Aug. 18 and get back by 3:00 p.m. Contact Sally Ostheimer for more information.

MISSIONS

For more information about mission opportunities, contact Adrian Taylor at ataylor@fpcnashville.org or visit fpcnashville.org/missions.

Medical Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic | Nov. 7–13 | Registration due Aug. 1 — Join FPC for a medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic from Nov. 7-13. Both medical and non-medical participants are needed and welcome. Physicians

will assist with surgeries in a local hospital, while non-medical volunteers will serve alongside medical teams in local villages by helping with health checks and distributing common medications. For more information or to register, contact Jeff King or Adrian Taylor at ataylor@fpcnashville.org for more details.

School Supply Drive | Collecting through Aug. 10 — Join our congregation in helping two of our Kingdom Partners provide school supplies for the kids they serve! We will be collecting school supplies via drop box in the church lobby or Narthex for Legacy Mission Village and Preston Taylor Ministries through Aug. 10, and at the Back to School worship service. Desired supplies include: binders, notebooks, folders, pencils, pens, and loose-leaf paper.

Sunday Night Dinner at Matthew 25 | Aug. 16, Oct. 18 | 5:00–6:30 p.m. — Serve alongside your church family at Matthew 25, a Christ-centered residential facility for men recovering from poverty, addiction, and homelessness. Come spend this Sunday evening in service and fellowship – older children welcome if accompanied by a parent! Sign up online or contact Adrian Taylor for more info.

MEN

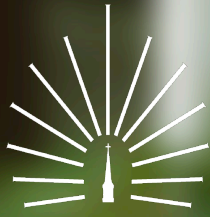
Men's Workouts | Fridays | 6:00 a.m. | Track and Field — Men are invited to join Darren Kennedy on Friday mornings at 6:00 a.m. at the track for outdoor workouts designed for all fitness levels. Whether you are looking for accountability, encouragement, or simply a consistent way to stay active alongside other men from the church, we'd love to have you join us. In the event of rain, workouts move to the gym.

First Tuesday Men's Lunch with Darren | Aug. 4 | 12:00 p.m. | Waldo's Belle Meade, 5316 Harding Pike — Join us for a relaxed lunch gathering on the first Tuesday of each month at locations around town. These lunches are open to anyone able to step away from work or daily routines to share a meal and enjoy conversation together. Darren will be present each month and looks forward to connecting with those who are able to attend.

Men's Summer Breakfast Speaker Series: Rev. Allan Poole | Thursday, Aug. 13 | 7:00–8:00 a.m. | Courtenay Hall — This summer we will gather monthly for a men's breakfast and speaker series. Allan Poole will be speaking on the gifts of living in Christian fellowship. Breakfast will be served as we spend time together in conversation and reflection to begin the day.

RECREATION

Pool Fellowship and Open Swim | Today | 2:30-4:30 p.m. | Don Wade Memorial Pool — The FPC pool will be open on this afternoon so that our church family can make memories together and cool off during these hot summer days. There will not be a lifeguard on duty. The pool has limited seating, so bring a lawn chair and all your usual swim gear. All are welcome to join us for swimming and fellowship! In the event of inclement weather, the pool will be closed.



Kickoff SUNDAY

at FPC

August 30 | 9:30 a.m. Front Porch

Our celebration kicks off outside the Sanctuary between morning worship services with fun for all ages.

Kickoff Sunday is your opportunity to gather for fellowship and discover new ways to grow and serve at FPC this fall—through small groups, Sunday School classes, service opportunities, and more. Join the whole church family as we reconnect after a busy summer!

Join us for 8:30 or 11:00 worship service, and the 9:30 Kickoff Festival

GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY

YTD AT JUNE 31, 2026

Actual \$2,434,189

Budget \$2,317,354

Variance \$116,834

We are especially thankful to report that summer giving has remained strong and is currently ahead of budget. During a season when giving often slows, your continued generosity provides stability and momentum for ministry. Thank you for your faithfulness, your support, and your investment in the mission of our church.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Through Aug. 11 | Parking Lot Paving
July 27 | 7:00 p.m. | College Bible Study
Aug. 30 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Aug. 1-2 | NaCoMe All Church Retreat
Aug. 3 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | PW Handiwork Drop-in
Aug. 10 | 5:30 p.m. | Back to School Worship & Dinner
Aug. 15 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Inquirers Class
Aug. 23 | 9:45 a.m. | New Members Joining Day
Aug. 30 | Kickoff Sunday Festival and Missions Fair
Sep. 7 | Office Closed for Labor Day
Sep. 13 | Fall COBs begin
Sep. 16 | 5:00 p.m. Dinner; 6:00 p.m. Classes | Wednesday Night Fellowship Begins

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Aug. 6 | 6:00–8:00 p.m. | Kindergarten Mom's Night
Aug. 16 | Confirmation Kickoff Ice Cream Social
Aug. 23 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | YC&W Graduation
Sep. 13 | CM Grade-Level Sunday School Classes Begin
Sep. 20 | 9:45–10:45 a.m. | Singing the Faith Milestone (Age 2–3, Nursery Lobby)

MEN

Aug. 4 | 12:00 p.m. | First Tuesday Men's Lunch: Waldo's, Belle Meade
Aug. 13 | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Summer Breakfast Speaker Series
Sep. 1 | 12:00 p.m. | First Tuesday Men's Lunch with Darren: Five Guys Burgers, Brentwood
Tuesdays | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study

FIRST FRIENDS

Aug. 18 | 9:00 a.m. | Day Trip: Bell Buckle Antique Museum
Aug. 20 | 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. | Day Trip: Nashville Ballet
Sep. 15 | 2:30 p.m. | Book Club: *Wild Thing*
Sep. 17 | 12:00 p.m. | Luncheon and Speaker Series

MISSIONS

Through Aug. 10 | School Supply Drive
Aug. 16, Oct. 18 | 4:30–6:30 p.m. | Matthew 25 Meal
Sep. 2 | 12:00–5:00 p.m. | Blood Drive
Nov. 7–13 | Dominican Republic Medical Mission Trip
Second Tuesdays | 4:30–7:30 p.m. | Nueva Vida Service Project

RECREATION

July 26 | 2:30–4:30 p.m. | Pool Fellowship & Open Swim
Thursdays, Sept. 3–Oct. 29 (except Sept. 17) | 5:30–8:00 p.m. | Pickleball

YOUTH

July 29 | Youth Summer Dinners
Aug. 16 | 9:45 a.m. | Annual Youth Parent Meeting
Aug. 23 | 4:00 p.m. | Crud Day
Sep. 13 | Youth Small Groups Begin
Sep. 13, 20 | 9:45 a.m. | Youth Follow Me