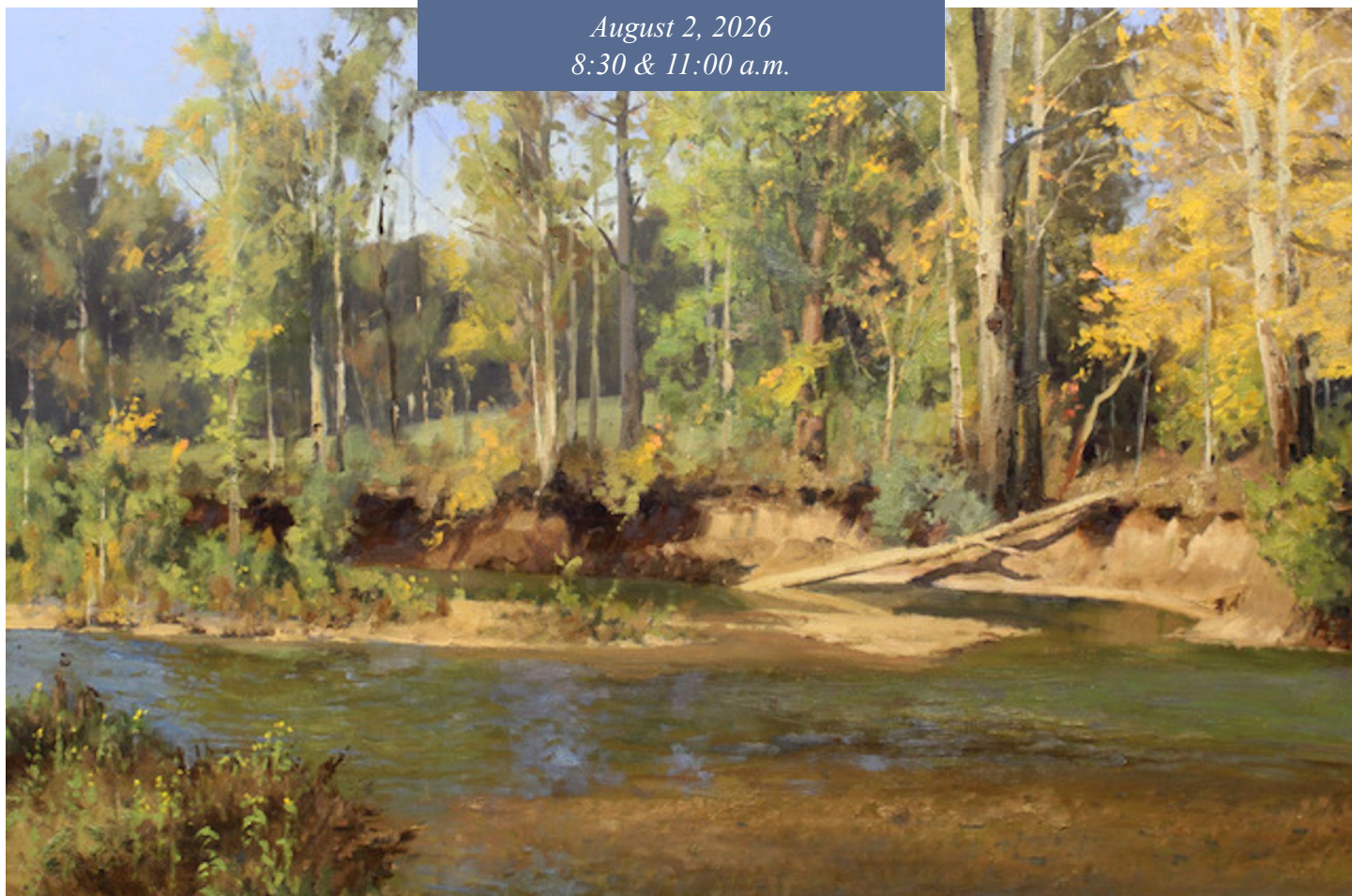




FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 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

[The Gospel] refused any final division between thinking and living and announced that the unity of mind and practice was the way to know God and all that God made.

—C. Kevin Rowe, *Christianity's Surprise*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Rhosymedre
Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME

INTROIT

Oh Lord, Open Thou Our Lips
Richard Webster

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Sandra Randleman

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

All: We come to worship the One who forgives, heals, redeems, and restores.

Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: God's compassion is from everlasting to everlasting for those who seek the LORD.

Leader: As a father has compassion for his children, so God cares for all who belong to God.

All: We gather in gratitude for God's unfailing mercy and abiding faithfulness.

Leader: Let all creation bless the LORD: angels and heavens, earth and sky, all people and nations.

All: With thankful hearts and joyful voices, we bless the LORD and worship God's holy name!

*OPENING HYMN 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
LAUDA ANIMA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. John Musgrave

FIRST LESSON | Luke 17:11-19 (page 876)

Andrew Harton (8:30)
John Griffin (11:00)

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

As Torrents in Summer
Edward Elgar | Poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

As torrents in summer, half dried in their channels suddenly rise tho' the sky is still cloudless.
For rain has been falling far off at their fountains.
So hearts that are fainting grow full to o'er flowing and they that behold it marvel and know not.
That God at their fountains far off has been raining.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

To God Be the Glory
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!***

**Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain***

*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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

Will and Valerie Griffin Jones are presenting their daughter, Laney Frances Jones, for baptism.
Tyler and Brianna Tye Griffin are presenting their daughter, Scottie June Griffin, for baptism.
Assisting Elder: Bill Oldacre

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

‡ 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 518

Your Only Son
LAMB OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Psalm 103 (NRSV)

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits— ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶ The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. ¹⁴ For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. ¹⁵ As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; ¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. ¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, ¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. ¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. ²⁰ Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word. ²¹ Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers who do his will. ²² Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Bless the Lord

Dr. Darren Kennedy

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. —Psalm 103:8

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

10,000 Reasons
Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul worship his holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind. For all your goodness, I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come. Still, my soul will sing your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore. *Refrain*

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 829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
OLIVET

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter Lutkin

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Marche triomphale: Nun danket alle Gott, Op. 65 No. 59
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

** Those who are able, please stand.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

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*
Maggie Martinez, soprano
John Dennis, guitar
Acolytes – David Pitman, Lauren Pitman, Kasen Bede, Jay Ekiss

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles E. McKay III by his wife, Tammy McKay, and 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.

Columbarium Niches Available | Price Increase Effective September 1 — On September 1, the price of niches will increase from \$3,000 to \$3,500. If you have been considering your long-term plans, now is an ideal time to secure a niche at the current price. To purchase a niche prior to the increase or to inquire about availability, please contact Charlotte Schierbaum at cschierbaum@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9527.

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.

Inquirers Class | Saturday, Aug. 15 | 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. — If you have a friend or family member interested in joining this outpost of Christ's kingdom, invite them to our next Inquirers Class. Led by Dr. Ryan Moore, it's also a good opportunity to meet newcomers at the church, pastors, and staff. To register or learn more, click the button below or contact Julia Wilk (jwilk@fpcnashville.org or 615-473-8742).

CHILDREN

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.

Confirmation Ice Cream Social | Sunday, Aug. 16 | 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. | Home of Melissa and Walt Burton — Rising sixth graders and their families are encouraged to join us on Sunday, Aug. 16, at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Melissa and Walt Burton as we kick off the Confirmation year. This will be a fun and informal time to meet one another, hear what to expect in the months ahead, and enjoy a sweet treat together as we begin this important journey of faith. To RSVP or for more information, contact Katie Higgins at khiggins@fpcnashville.org.

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 | Tuesday, 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 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 | Thursday, 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.

Calling All Veterans — FPC is updating its list of those who are currently serving or have served in the U.S. military. If you know someone who has not yet been included, please send their name and, if available, a service photo to Sally Ostheimer (sostheimer@fpcnashville.org) by September 30. Please do not resubmit names already on file. If you're unsure, contact Sally.

MISSIONS

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

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. To see the full list of supplies, visit fpcnashville.org/itemlist.

Nueva Vida | Second Tuesdays | 4:30–7:30 p.m. — Help pack and distribute food to our neighbors in need through the Nueva Vida Food Project. Tasks include sorting, stocking shelves, and offering a friendly smile. We are looking for up to 5 volunteers for each date. Contact Adrian Taylor at ataylor@fpcnashville.org to sign up.

Sunday Night Dinner at Matthew 25 | Aug. 16, Oct. 18, Dec. 20 | 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 a Sunday evening in service and fellowship – older children welcome if accompanied by a parent! Sign up online or contact Adrian Taylor for more info.

Blood Drive | Sep. 2 | 12:00–5:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall — Someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds due to an accident, disaster, or illness. Roll up your sleeves to help save lives in your community by giving the gift of life by donating blood at our next blood drive. Sign up online or in-person at the Mission Fair on Kickoff Sunday, Aug. 30, between services. Contact Adrian Taylor for more information.

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.

Tuesday Men's Bible Study | 7:00 a.m. | Vance Hall — Our Tuesday Men's Bible Study, led by Sandra Randleman, is currently studying 1 Samuel. Whether you've been with us for years or are just curious to see what it's all about, you're invited to join anytime. No registration is needed. Questions? Contact Sandra Randleman at srandleman@fpcnashville.org.

RECREATION

Pickleball | Postponed until Sep. 3 | 5:00–6:30 p.m. — Join us for an evening of fun starting Sep. 3 for fellowship, and friendly competition! We warm up at 5:00 p.m. in the Enrichment Center (near the track) and play until 6:30 p.m. Two courts are available, and paddles and balls are provided. Players of all skill levels are welcome. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 615-298-9506 or recreation@fpcnashville.org.

GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY

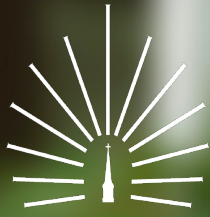
YTD AT JUNE 30, 2026

Actual \$2,434,189

Budget \$2,317,354

Variance \$116,835

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.



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

THE ART OF ROGER DALE BROWN

ABOUT THE ARTIST: Roger Dale Brown, a Tennessee native, is a Master Signature member of Oil Painters of America, the American Impressionist Society, and the American Society of Marine Artists. A respected teacher and juror, he has led workshops across the United States and abroad while continuing to paint from life in the Impressionist tradition. Roger and his wife, Beverly Ford Evans, began attending First Presbyterian in 2014 and joined the church in 2022.

COVER IMAGE: “When I created this painting, I felt particularly close to God. Despite my flaws I could still feel his goodness and mercy. As with any paintings I create, I sense in some way that I am honoring and thanking him for his many gifts and blessings. Many attribute Psalms 103 to David’s later years for the sensitivity to his sins and his rich, profound gratitude for God’s forgiveness. David, as many of us in our later years, look back through our history and proclaim what we have done good and bad. We as Christians are grateful for the mercy and grace God has given us in spite of it all.” –RDB

UPCOMING EVENTS

Through Aug. 11 | Parking Lot Paving
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 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
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 | 3:00–4:30 p.m. | 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

Fridays Through Aug. 28 | 6:00 a.m. | Men’s Track Workouts
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

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Aug. 16, Oct. 18 | 4:30–6:30 p.m. | Matthew 25 Meal
Aug. 30 | 9:30 a.m. | Missions Fair @ Kickoff Sunday
Sep. 2 | 12:00–5:00 p.m. | Blood Drive
Oct. 10, 17; Nov. 7, 14 | Habitat Build
Nov. 7–13 | Dominican Republic Medical Mission Trip
Second Tuesdays | 4:30–7:30 p.m. | Nueva Vida Service Project

RECREATION

Aug 22.–Oct 24 | Fall Soccer Season
Thursdays, Sept. 3–Oct. 29 (except Sept. 17) | 5:30–8:00 p.m. | Pickleball

YOUTH

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