



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 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

Moses spent forty years in Pharaoh's court thinking he was somebody, forty years in the desert learning that he was nobody, and forty years showing what God can do with a somebody who found out he was a nobody. —D. L. Moody

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Bread of Heaven
William B. Cooper

WELCOME

INTROIT

O 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: Know today, and lay it to your heart, that the LORD, is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. Fear God and give him glory; worship him who made the heaven and the earth, the sea and the springs of water.

All: May we shout for joy over God's salvation and in the name of our God set up our banners!

Leader: Sing to the LORD; let all make melody to the LORD, the God of Israel.

All: Sing praises to the LORD, all the earth! Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

*OPENING HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
MIT FREUDEN ZART

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

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

FIRST LESSON | Romans 10:5-13 (page 946)

Stephen Ward (8:30)
Nathan Wang (11:00)

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth

one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Adrian Taylor (8:30)
Rev. Gage Arnold (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
AZMON

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.**

**He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.**

*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.

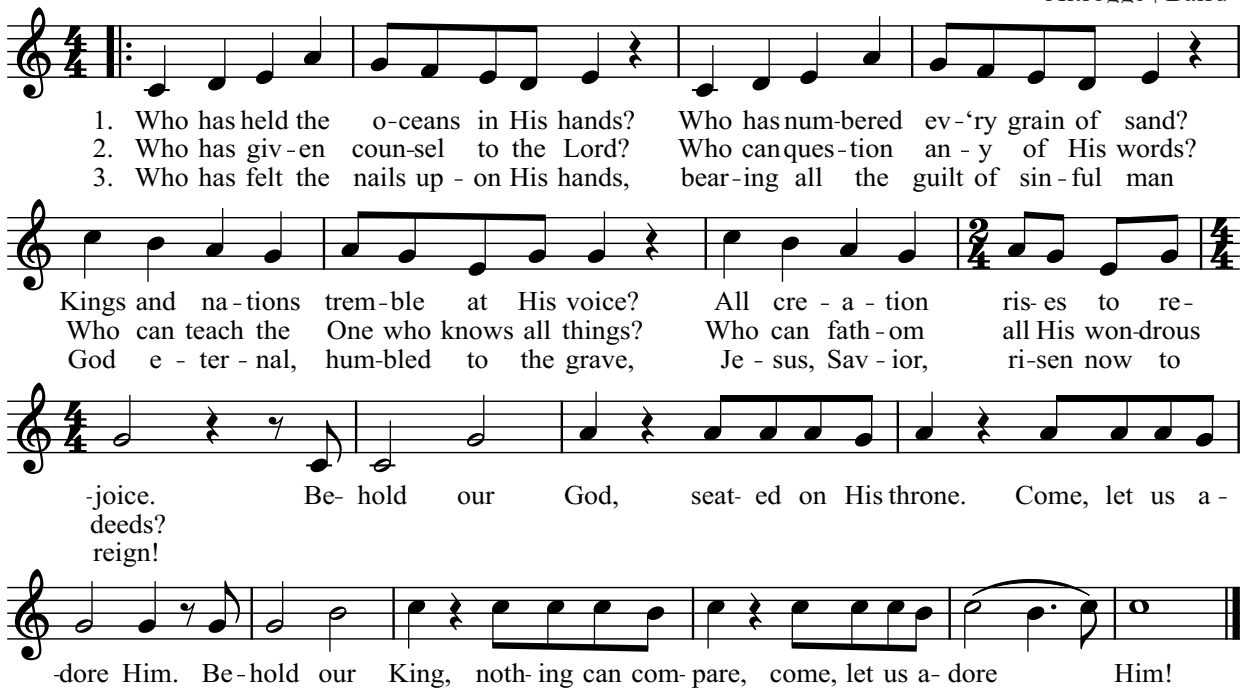
‡BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Mallory Hammond

‡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

Behold Our God
Altrogge | Baird



1. Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered ev-'ry grain of sand?
2. Who has giv-en coun-sel to the Lord? Who can ques-tion an - y of His words?
3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear-ing all the guilt of sin - ful man

Kings and na-tions trem-ble at His voice? All cre - a - tion ris-es to re-
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om all His won-drous
God e - ter - nal, hum-bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior, ri-sen now to

-joice. Be- hold our God, seat- ed on His throne. Come, let us a -
deeds?
reign!

-dore Him. Be-hold our King, noth- ing can com- pare, come, let us a- dore Him!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Exodus 6:28-7:1-7 (page 49)

²⁸ On the day when the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, ²⁹ the LORD said to Moses, "I am the LORD; tell Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you." ³⁰ But Moses said to the LORD, "Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips. How will Pharaoh listen to me?" ¹ And the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. ² You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land. ³ But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, ⁴ Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment. ⁵ The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them." ⁶ Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the LORD commanded them. ⁷ Now Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Outstretched Hand of God

Dr. Ryan Moore

The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand... —Exodus 7:5

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

O How Amiable
Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow her a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be always praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

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

Dr. Darren Kennedy

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 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
FAITHFULNESS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Tom Stumb, Clerk of Session
Tricia Carswell, Officer Nominating Committee

*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

Paean
Kenneth Leighton

** Those who are able, please stand.*

SYMPATHIES

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of
Roberta Grace "Robin" Brown, who died September 5.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*
Gage Arnold, MDiv – *Associate Pastor to Youth and Their Families*
Mallory Hammond, MDiv – *Parish Associate, Director of Ministry to Children 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*
Adrian Taylor, MDiv – *Director of Missions Ministry*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Ariana Corbin, DM – *Organist and Assistant Choral Director*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Acolytes – Ella Hancock, Mattie Grace Pearson, Adah McInteer, Elizabeth Grace McInteer

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betsy Nesbitt Krebs 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** for children ages 0-3 is available from 8:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., and there is a Mother and Infant Quiet Room in the Nursery Wing. **Children ages 4-6** are invited to **Young Children & Worship** following the Blessing of the Young Disciples. Older children remain in worship, where activity bags are available at each Sanctuary entrance. Parents pick up younger children after worship in room CW 110, located in the Children's Ministry Wing. Following 8:30 a.m. worship, children of all ages are invited to come for the Education Hour. Check-in and pickup for **Nursery– 5th Grade** is in the Children's Ministry lobby. **6th Grade Confirmation Class** check-in is outside Grundy Hall.

Election of Officers | Today | Following both Worship Services — A Congregational Meeting will be held today, following both worship services, for the purpose of voting on a slate of new officer candidates presented by the Officer Nominating Committee. We are thankful for those who serve on the Office Nominating Committee and for all who serve as officers helping FPC to fulfill its mission.

Midweek Lunch & Study | Wednesdays | Begins Sept. 16 | 11:30 a.m. | Session Room — All are invited to a weekly Bible study and lunch with Dr. Ryan Moore. On Wednesdays this fall, we will gather in the Session Room to study the gospel message in Ephesians. Lunch is provided; donation requested.

Wednesday Night Fellowship | Sept. 16–Nov. 18 | 5:00–6:00 p.m. Dinner; 6:00–7:00 p.m. Programming | Courtenay Hall — Join us Wednesday evenings this fall as we explore how the Gospel story is reflected through art, storytelling, and creative expression. Dinner is served from 5:00–6:00 p.m., followed by teaching and conversation led by Darren Kennedy, with occasional guest speakers. Dinner is \$10 per person, with a \$30 maximum per family. Children's programming drop-off begins at 5:45 p.m., with pickup by 7:15 p.m. The playground will also be open during dinner for children with parent supervision. Enter through the Hospitality Center or Children's Wing Portico doors. Register online at fpcnashville.org/wnf.

Lost & Found Pick-Up Day | Sunday, Sept. 20 | 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall — Come shop for your lost stuff! Our Lost & Found will be on display in Courtenay Hall, and Sept. 20 is the final day to claim your items. You may have lost something and not even realized it! Stop by, browse the collection, and see if anything looks familiar. If you recognize something that belongs to someone else, you're welcome to pick it up for them. Anything left after Sept. 20 will be boxed up and donated.

Oak Hill School Consignment Sale | Sept. 23–Sept. 26 — The Oak Hill School Fall Consignment Sale is just around the corner! Held twice a year, this beloved community event offers a wide selection of gently-used children's clothing, toys, books, baby gear, and more all at great prices. The public sale takes place Wednesday, Sept. 23 (10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.) and Thursday, Sept. 24 (9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.), with a half-price sale on Friday, Sept. 25 (10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.) and Saturday, Sept. 26 (8:00–11:00 a.m.).

Acolyte Lunch with Ryan Moore | Sept. 27 | Gathering Place — All current and prospective acolytes are invited to an appreciation lunch with Pastor Ryan Moore on Sunday, Sept. 27, following the 11:00 a.m. service in The Gathering Place. Please RSVP for lunch to Ginger Sheppard at gsheppard@fpcnashville.org. If your child or youth is interested in serving as an acolyte this year, sign up at fpcnashville.org/acolytes. We'd love to have them join us!

CHILDREN

Pop-Up Sunday | Today | 9:45 a.m. — Everyone's moving up! On Pop-Up Sunday, children from birth through sixth grade will "pop up" to their new grades and classrooms, and for the first time, all children's Sunday School classes will gather in the Children's Wing! Come celebrate this exciting new beginning with treats, music, new teachers and volunteers, and plenty of reasons to give thanks.

Singing the Faith Milestone: Ages 2–3 | Sunday, Sept. 20 | 9:45 a.m. | Nursery Lobby — Through music, movement, and Scripture, 2- and 3-year-olds (and their grownups) will begin learning that worship is for them, too, and that praising God is part of who we are as followers of Jesus. Join us on Sunday, Sept. 20, from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in the Nursery Lobby, as we begin this journey together! Register online at fpcnashville.org/sing.

YOUTH

Wednesday Night Youth | begins Sept. 16 | 6:00–7:30 p.m. | Stanford Chapel — 7th–12th graders begin with food, games, and fellowship at 6:00 p.m., followed by worship, large-group games, and a lesson at 6:30 p.m. The evening concludes with grade- and gender-based small groups led by young adult leaders from 7:00–7:30 p.m.

7th Grade Students & Parents Sunday School Class (Technology) | Today and Sept. 20 | The Gathering Lounge — Explore how technology shapes our hearts and how families can follow Jesus faithfully in a digital world, using *Scrolling Ourselves to Death* as a guide.

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.

Book Club: *Notorious in Nashville* | Tuesday, Sept. 15 | 2:30 p.m. | Memorial Library — Join us for a discussion of *Notorious in Nashville* by local author Phyllis Gobbell, one of her Jordan Mayfair mysteries. The story follows a crooked developer who encounters someone known as “Notorious” at the Bluebird Café. Phyllis will join us to discuss the book and share about her life as an author and the making of this mystery. All are welcome!

Luncheon and Speaker Series: Clint Holloway on Collectibles | Thursday, Sept. 17 | 12:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall — Monthly luncheons resume in September, featuring church member Clint Holloway, owner of Dr. Holloway’s Estate Sales and a trained archivist, historian and author. Clint will share his expertise on collectibles and help us discover the history and value of treasures we may have at home. Enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by our own Chef Kim Rogers for \$10 per person. Please register in advance; online registration and payment are preferred. Credit cards are also accepted at the luncheon. Register online at fpcnashville.org/first-friends.

Day Trip to Nissan Plant Tour | Tuesday, Sept. 22 | 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. — Join us for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Nissan Smyrna Plant, led by our own Ron Pasquale. We’ll tour the plant by tram and learn how Nissan vehicles are manufactured and how electric vehicle technology is shaping the future of the industry. The tour lasts approximately 1½–2 hours. Afterward, we’ll enjoy lunch at Cheddar’s and share our experience. For safety, participants must wear closed-toe shoes and shirts with sleeves at least 4-inches long. Spots are limited, so sign up early! Register online at fpcnashville.org/first-friends.

WOMEN

Intergenerational Women’s Bible Study | Mondays, Sept. 14–Nov. 16 | 9:30–11:00 a.m. | Jones Session Room — Join us as we explore Paul’s letter to the Philippians, and discover what it means to have joy in every circumstance, cultivate the mind of Christ, find true contentment, and live with confidence in the gospel. In this intergenerational study, we’ll gather as a large group and then break into smaller discussion groups. Cost is \$10 for a study guide. Registration is required; childcare available by registration. Questions? Contact Ellie Richmond at erichmond@fpcnashville.org. Register at fpcnashville.org/adults.

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.

Men’s Breakfast Speaker Series: Admiral Jerry Breast | Thursday, Sept. 24 | 7:00–8:00 a.m. | Courtenay Hall — All men are invited to attend our monthly men’s breakfast and speaker series. Breakfast will be served as we spend time together in conversation and reflection to begin the day.

RECREATION

Fall Pickleball | Thursdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17 | 5:00–7:00 p.m. — Join us Thursday evenings (except Sept. 17, 24, Nov. 12, 26) for friendly competition! We warm up at 5:00 p.m. in the Enrichment Center and play until 7:00 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. Please note that the time and dates have changed from what was previously published.

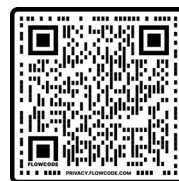
MISSIONS

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

Medical Missions Drive | Sept. 13–27 — Help support FPC’s medical mission to the Dominican Republic this November and Jamaica this winter by donating supplies in honor of the late Dr. Jim Cato, whose longstanding service to medical missions made a lasting impact. Needed: Tylenol/acetaminophen (325 mg), ibuprofen (200 mg), infant/children’s acetaminophen, adult and children’s vitamins, saline nasal spray, Tums, travel-size hygiene products, 2x2 gauze, and toothbrushes. Please check expiration dates: All medications and supplies must expire after April 2027. Drop off donations at the Hospitality Center front desk or in the Narthex on Sundays.

MISSIONS SURVEY

Our Missions Council is seeking to better understand how members of our congregation are currently serving in missions at FPC, where they feel called to become involved, and how our Missions Ministry can help connect people with meaningful opportunities to love and serve our neighbors. Scan the QR code to take our brief survey.



Concert
 IN
Sullivan Gardens

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

6:00 p.m. | Dessert

6:30 p.m. | Concert

Sullivan Gardens & Columbarium

Enjoy an evening of music with the Tennessee Woodpile, a local bluegrass band featuring church member Glenn Grove. Join us for dessert and music as we enjoy the changing seasons in our beautiful Sullivan Gardens. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will move to The Gathering Place.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 14 | 9:00 a.m. | Presbyterian Women Handiwork Drop-In
 Sept. 16 | 11:30 a.m. | Midweek Bible Study with Ryan Moore
 Sept. 16 | 5:00 p.m. Dinner; 6:00 p.m. Classes | Wednesday Night Fellowship Begins
 Sept. 16 | 4:30–5:15 p.m. | Choristers Begins
 Sept. 20 | 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Lost & Found Pick-Up Day
 Sept. 20 | 6:00 p.m. | Concert in Sullivan Gardens
 Sept. 23–Sept. 26 | Oak Hill School Consignment Sale
 Sept. 27 | 12:15 p.m. | Acolyte Appreciation Lunch
 Sept. 29 | Office Closed for Staff Retreat
 Oct. 11 | 5:00 p.m. | Empty Nester Dinner & Fellowship

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Sept. 20 | 9:45–10:45 a.m. | Singing the Faith Milestone (Age 2–3)
 Sept. 27 | 9:45 a.m. | Fall Big Questions Milestone: 4th–5th Grade

MEN

Sept. 24 | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Breakfast Speaker Series: Jerry Breast
 Oct. 6 | 12:00 p.m. | First Tuesday Men's Lunch with Darren: Greenery Co., Hillsboro Village (1705 21st Ave S)
 Tuesdays | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study
 Fridays | 6:00 a.m. | Men's Track Workouts

FIRST FRIENDS

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 Sept. 17 | 12:00 p.m. | Luncheon and Speaker Series: Collectibles
 Sept. 22 | First Friends Day Trip: Nissan Plant Tour
 Sept. 24 | 9:45 a.m. | First Friends Nashville Ballet Rehearsal

MISSIONS

Sept. 13–27 | Dominican Republic Medical Mission Drive
 Oct. 10, 17; Nov. 7, 14 | Habitat Build
 Second Tuesdays | 4:30–7:30 p.m. | Nueva Vida Service Project

RECREATION

Through Oct. 24 | Fall Soccer Season
 Thursdays through Nov. 26 | 5:30–8:00 p.m. | Pickleball

YOUTH

Today & Sept. 20 | 7th Grade Students & Parents SS Class (Technology)
 Sept. 21 | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Student Leader Team Meeting
 Sept. 27 | 9:45 a.m. | 9th Grade Family SS Series: Bible Study

GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY

YTD AT JULY 31, 2026

Actual \$3,055,878

Budget \$2,931,066

Variance \$124,812

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.