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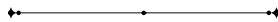
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 2, AD 2026



*"THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES, BUT THE WORD OF
OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER."*

- ISAIAH 40:8 -



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Monday – Thursday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM; Friday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
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† *Those who are able, please stand.*

Morning Worship

Prelude

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Break Thou the Bread of Life

(In the setting of Bach's *Prelude in C*, Berry)

How Blest Are Those Upright in Their Way and *The Lord's My Shepherd*
(Psalm #'s 119A and 23A)

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

#530 Trinity Psalter, verses 1 and 4

Text: B. Mansell Ramsey, 1919

Tune: CAMACHA, B. Mansell Ramsey 1919

Teach me thy way, O Lord; teach me thy way!

Thy guiding grace afford; teach me thy way!

Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;

lead me with heav'nly light; teach me thy way!

Long as my life shall last, teach me thy way!

Where'er my lot be cast, teach me thy way!

Until the race is run, until the journey's done,

until the crown is won, teach me thy way!

† Call to Worship

Psalm 103:2-4, 1

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

† Hymn of Adoration

Holy, Holy, Holy!

#230

† Invocation 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.

† Confession of Faith

The 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.

† Gloria Patri

#572

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.

Call to Repentance

Psalm 33:13-15, pg.463

Silent Confession of Personal Sins

Corporate Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have done what your word forbids, and we have left undone what you have commanded. We have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us godly sorrow and repentant hearts. Enable us by your Spirit to put to death the sin that easily entangles us, and empower us to live holy lives. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

John 10:9-10, pg. 896

New Testament Reading

Matthew 6:25-34, pg. 811

† Psalm

Lord, from the Depths to You I Cry!

#130A

Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Joe Steele

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus and O My Soul, Bless Thou Jehovah
(Hymn #285, arr. Blake and from Ps. 103, Barthelemon)

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Joe Steele

“The Vanity of Oppression and Envy”

Ecclesiastes 4:1-6

pg. 555

† Communion Hymn *Before the Throne of God Above* #277, vv.1-2

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The purple cups contain wine, and the clear cups contain grape juice. The bread is gluten-free.

Please hold each element until all have been served so that we may partake together.

† Communion Hymn *Before the Throne of God Above* #277, v.3

† Benediction

† Doxology #567

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† Postlude Mr. Art McKinney

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

TPH #524

NOTES


Holy, Holy, Holy!

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

130A

LORD, from the Depths to You I Cry!

1. ¹LORD, from the depths to you I cry!
 2. ³If you, O LORD, should mark our sins,
 3. ⁵I wait, my soul a - waits the LORD;
 4. ⁷O Is - r'el, hope in God the LORD,

²O Lord, to me give ear and give at - ten - tion
 then who, O Lord, could stand? ⁴But par - don can be
 my hope is in his word. ⁶Yes, more than watch - men
 for mer - cy is with him; ⁸with great re - demp - tion

to my voice; my cry for mer - cy hear.
 found with you that you may fear com - mand.
 wait for dawn, my soul a - waits the Lord.
 he will save his Is - r'el from all sin.

Before the Throne of God Above

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me
 3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,
 spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,

who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
 the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can
free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on
blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Charitie Bancroft, 1863; alt.

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Vikki Cook; arr. Ruth Coleman

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Evening Worship

Prelude

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Be Exalted, O God

(From Ps. 57:9-11; 97:9, B. Chambers)

Victory Song (Through Our God)

(from Ps. 60:12; 108:13, D. Garratt)

Hallelu, Hallelu and The God of Abraham Praise

(Hymn #234)

Welcome and Announcements

† Call to Worship

Psalm 57:1-3

Leader: **Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.**

People: I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me.

All: He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame him who tramples on me. God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!

† Hymn of Adoration

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

#360

† Invocation

Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

Psalm of the Month *Give Me Insight to Learn Your Commandments*

#119J

† Hymn

O God beyond All Praising

#241

Confession of Faith

WLC Q. 75, pg. 947

Prayer of Intercession

Mr. Scooter Johnson

Offertory

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

(Showalter, arr. J. Mansfield)

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Duncan Cantrell

“He Has Awakened the Dawn”

Psalm 108

pg. 507

† Hymn of Response

My Heart Is Steadfast, God!

#108

† Doxology

#567

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav’nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† Postlude

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Benediction (May the Peace of God)

(Getty and Townend)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," *Al* - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done; *Al* - le - lu - ia!
 3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; *Al* - le - lu - ia!
 4. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; *Al* - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; *Al* - le - lu - ia!
 fought the fight, the bat - tle won; *Al* - le - lu - ia!
 Christ hath burst the gates of hell; *Al* - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? *Al* - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri-umphs high; *Al* - le - lu - ia!
 lo, the sun's e - clipse is o'er; *Al* - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids him rise; *Al* - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; *Al* - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns and earth re - ply. *Al* - le - lu - ia!
 lo, he sheds his blood no more. *Al* - le - lu - ia!
 Christ hath o - pened par - a - dise. *Al* - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? *Al* - le - lu - ia!

5. Soar we now where Christ hath led, *Alleluia!*
 foll'wing our exalted Head; *Alleluia!*
 made like him, like him we rise; *Alleluia!*
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies. *Alleluia!*

6. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*
 thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*
 hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

119J Give Me Insight to Learn Your Commands

1. ⁷³Give me in - sight to learn your com - mands,
 2. ⁷⁵LORD, I know that your judg - ments are just;
 3. ⁷⁷Show me mer - cy that I may have life,
 4. ⁷⁹Those who fear you, LORD, turn them to me,

for you made me and fash - ioned me, LORD.
 you have faith - ful - ly dis - ci - plined me.
 for your law is my con - stant de - light.
 so they learn to dis - cern your de - crees.

⁷⁴May your saints, when they see me, re - joice,
⁷⁶May your mer - ci - ful love bring re - lief,
⁷⁸Shame the proud who de - fame me with lies;
⁸⁰Teach my heart to be pure in your laws,

since I placed all my hope in your word.
 as you prom - ised your ser - vant in need.
 I will pon - der your pre - cepts a - right.
 that no shame or dis - grace come to me.

O God beyond All Praising

1. O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord Most High;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown—
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,

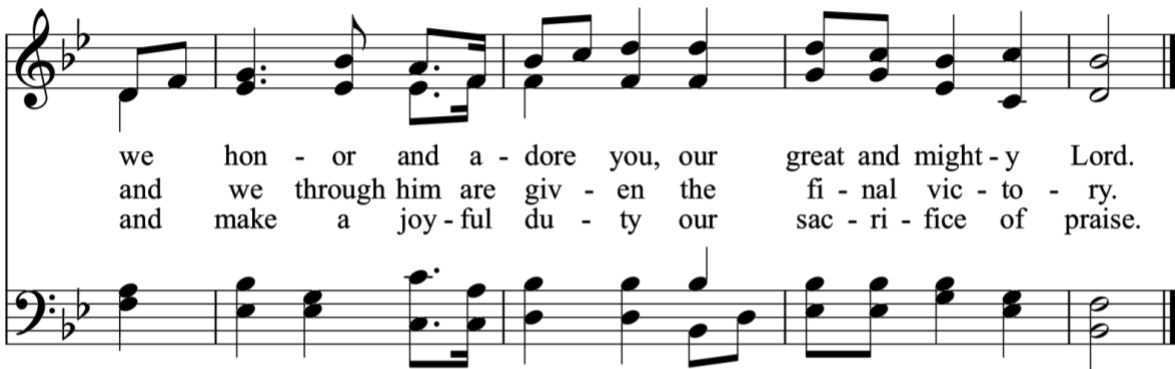
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at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
 though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
 we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
 for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
 to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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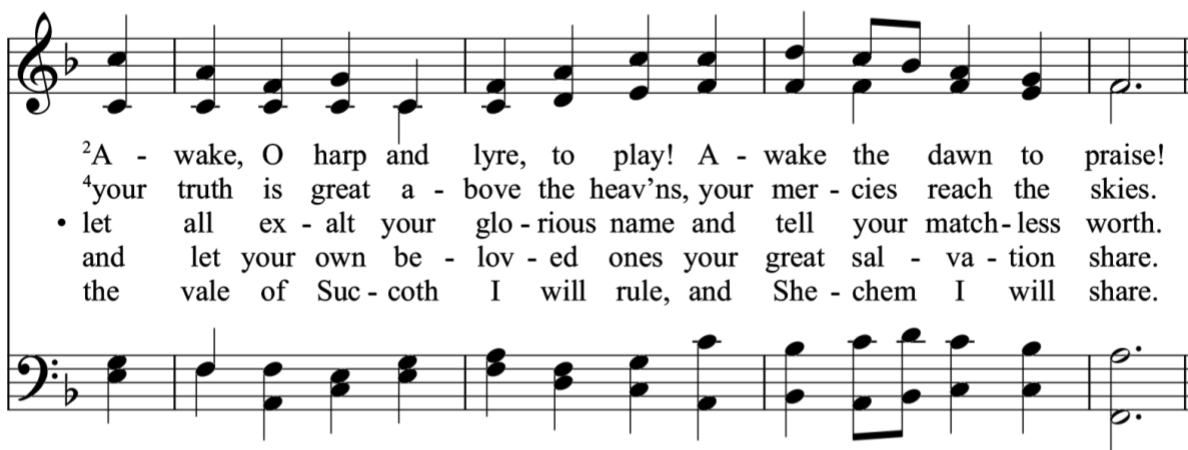
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My Heart Is Steadfast, God!

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1. ¹My heart is stead - fast, God! My soul its song will raise!
 2. ³A - mong the na - tions, LORD, to you my thanks shall rise;
 3. ⁵A - bove the heav'ns, O God, and o - ver all the earth,
 4. ⁶Stretch forth your might - y hand in an - swer to our prayer,
 5. ⁷The ho - ly God has said, "My tri - umph I de - clare:



²A - wake, O harp and lyre, to play! A - wake the dawn to praise!
⁴your truth is great a - bove the heav'ns, your mer - cies reach the skies.
 • let all ex - alt your glo - rious name and tell your match - less worth.
 and let your own be - lov - ed ones your great sal - va - tion share.
 the vale of Suc - coth I will rule, and She - chem I will share.

6. ⁸"I claim as my domain
 Manasseh, Gilead.
 My scepter rests in Judah's hand,
 and Ephr'im shields my head.

7. ⁹"In Moab I will wash;
 on Edom, throw my shoe;
 Philistia is my victor's song,
 with triumph I subdue."

8. ¹⁰O, who will lead me forth
 and Edom's stronghold show?
¹¹Have you not cast us off, O God,
 nor with our armies go?

9. ¹²The work of man is vain,
 so help us in our woes!
¹³With God we shall do valiantly,
 for he will crush our foes.

Welcome guests! We are delighted that you have come to worship with us here at Westminster. We pray that God will bless you richly through the service and the welcome of our congregation and that you will worship with us again soon. For more information about the church, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Lobby.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord's Supper: Partakers must be baptized, communing, and active members in good standing of a church that preaches the true Gospel. We kindly ask that children of visiting families who have not made a public profession of faith to the church refrain from partaking in the Lord's Supper. If you have questions concerning our practice, please speak with our pastors or an elder

Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9-1, and Friday, 9-12.

Wednesday Evening Meal & Activities: Meal & Activities will resume Wednesday, August 12th, 5:30 PM.

Officer Nominations: We will be accepting nominations for the offices of Deacon and Elder through **August 2nd**. Please prayerfully consider men whom you feel may be equipped and called to serve Westminster in these offices. Nomination forms are available on the round table in the Narthex. These forms can be turned into the office or placed in the collection plates during the offering.

InFocus: The international student ministry at UAH, is looking for volunteers to help with running events and showing hospitality to students. If you would like more information on this ministry opportunity, please reach out to Pastor Cantrell or a member of the Outreach Team.

Foster Care & Adoption Support Group: Our next meeting will be on August 27th at 6 pm here at the church. Please RSVP with Pastor Duncan so we can get a headcount for food.

EVENTS

For events requiring registration, use Realm, QR Code, or the Blue Sheet

New Men's Study: The next DTS book study, Personal Declension and Revival of Religion in the Soul by Octavius Winslow, will begin **August 11th**, 7 AM at WPC. Books are \$10 and can be picked up in the church office.

Baby Shower: Join us Saturday, **August 29th**, 2 PM @ WPC for a baby shower for Mary Loutzenheiser.

New Members Class: Are you interested in learning more about church membership? Our next New Members Class is scheduled to start on **September 13th**. We will meet on Sundays at 11 am during the Sunday School hour. This class is

designed to help you learn more about our beliefs, values, and opportunities for service. It also serves as the first necessary step toward membership.

Men's Conference: The Men's Ministry Team would like to invite all men to the *Exploring God's Design for Men* Conference, October 1-3 at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nashville. You must register to attend.

EVENT REGISTRATION



AUGUST 11, 7:00 AM
DTS Men's Book Study @ WPC



AUGUST 29, 2:00 PM
Baby Shower - Mary Loutzenheiser @ WPC



SEPTEMBER 13, 11:00 AM
New Members Class @ WPC



October 1-3
Men's Ministry Conference @
Covenant Presbyterian - Nashville

WAYS TO SIGN UP:

**Use your Realm account, the QR Codes
or call the church office at 256-830-5754.**

Some sign-ups are available on the Blue Sheet in your bulletin

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

WPC's Age and Stage Adult Discipleship Classes are organized in age groupings to encourage relational connections among people experiencing similar life circumstances.

(Note: There is elevator access for second floor classes in the church and school buildings.)

College Age	What It Means to Be Protestant Explore core convictions of the Protestant Reformation for and why it matters today.	Duncan Cantrell Meets in WCA 103 School Building
20s and 30s	Teach us to Pray Learn to pray from the Lord's Prayer and other prayers in the Bible.	Stacy Murphree Meets the East Transept Church Sanctuary
40s and 50s	Respectable Sins This class, based on Jerry Bridges' book, helps us battle common sins.	Eric Fulcher Meets in the WPC Library Upstairs in the Church Building
60 Plus	The Word was With God An exploration of the nature of God, his Word, and the joy of knowing him.	Stephen St John Meets in WPC Room 1 Upstairs in the Church Building

Other WPC Adult Discipleship Classes include a cross-generational class that blends people from all stages of life and our own "seminary lite" BASIC Institute Class.

Cross Generational	Studies in Matthew Explore the Gospel of Matthew with an emphasis on the last half of the book.	Curtis Edewaard Meets in WPC Room 2 Upstairs in the Church Building
BASIC	PT 101: Worldview and Apologetics Study the Reformed worldview and biblical apologetics.	Andy Ball Meets in the WPC Commons Upstairs in the Church Building

Upcoming Events

- August 29: 2:00 PM, Baby Shower for Mary Loutzenheiser
- October 1-3: Men's Ministry Conference @ Covenant Presbyterian Church- Nashville
- October 3: 20/30s Nashville Zoo
- October 23-25: WPC Missions Conference

Sunday School for Youth and Children

3-year-olds:	Nursery Pre-K	5 th -6 th Grade Girls:	WCA Room 210
4-year-olds:	WCA Room 102	5 th -6 th Grade Boys:	WCA Room 211
Kindergarten:	WCA Room 100	7 th -8 th Grade Girls:	WCA Room 207
1 st Grade:	WCA Room 101	7 th -8 th Grade Boys:	WCA Room 206
2 nd Grade:	WCA Room 105	9 th – 12 th Grade Girls:	WCA Room 203
3 rd /4 th Girls:	WCA Room 110	9 th – 12 th Grade Boys:	WCA Room 203
3 rd /4 th Boys:	WCA Room 108	College:	WCA Room 103

Sunday Servants

	This Week: 8/2/26	Next Week: 8/9/26
Coffee Fellowship	Steve & April Stegman	Mike & Maria Cochrane
Evening Prayer	Scooter Johnson	Curtis Edewaard
Head Usher	Jason Rutledge	Kevin Boyd
Nursery	AM: Francesca Finch, Diana Perrin, Tom Perrin, Angie Johnson, John McFadden SS: Taylor Thompson, Anna Diaz, Noelle Thompson PM: Kaitlyn Carl, Rachel Buhl, Sarah Buhl, Aaron Finch, Jim Roberts	AM: Grayson Schmidt, Elizabeth Carter, Erin Creasy, Natalie Knight, Lainee Oliver, Nicole Perrin, Sandy Myers SS: Scott Thibault, Taylor Thompson, Christopher Oliver, Julia Hammond, Noelle Thompson PM: Peter Schmidt, Karen Hodge, Sarah Rapp, Amanda Pettus, Emmett Pettus, Gus Pettus, Jorden Grady
Sexton Counter	Monday Mbila	Art McKinney
Sound Booth	AM: Bradley Davis PM: Michael Patterson	AM: Eric Fulcher PM: Bethany Miller



August 2 – August 9, 2026

Morning Worship: 9:30 AM

Sunday School: 11:10 AM

Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

Sunday, August 2, 2026

4:30 PM - Children's Ministry Team Meeting

4:30 PM - 20/30s Ministry Team Meeting

4:30 PM - Women's Ministry Team Meeting

Monday, August 3, 2026

8:00 AM - WCA Teacher/Staff Breakfast

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

10:00 AM - Crown Club

6:30 PM - College & Career

Thursday, August 6, 2026

6:30 PM - Women's Bible Study @ Evan's Home

Friday, August 7, 2026

6:30 AM - Men's James Bible Study @ Sunny Street Café

Sunday, August 9, 2026

4:30 PM - Adult Discipleship Team Meeting

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(*currently on sabbatical)