
Third Church Summer Neighborhoods FAQ

This summer, on Sunday mornings, we're offering Neighborhoods at 9:20 AM and 10:40 AM, making it easy for everyone attending a service to also be part of a Neighborhood.

We're also offering micro-neighborhoods, a more flexible option for gathering people you've already connected with each week. These groups can meet anytime that works best for your summer schedule. All we ask is that you meet weekly and that one person from each micro-neighborhood be the contact to receive weekly materials.

1. What can I expect to do in this summer in Neighborhoods?

This summer, we're focusing on deepening our relationship with Jesus through prayer. We'll be using *The Prayer Course* by Pete Greig, an 8-session journey through the Lord's Prayer. We'll watch a short video and engage in meaningful conversation as we grow and strengthen our prayer lives, one week at a time.

If you're not already on RightNow Media, use this [link to sign up](#)—this is where you'll find the material we'll be using.

2. When do Neighborhoods start for the summer?

Sunday, June 1 – Summer Kickoff Block Party | Join us for a fun day to kick off our summer Neighborhood rhythm! After attending a Sunday service, head over to Caldwell Park for cool treats, coffee, donuts, bounce houses, games, and more!

June 8 to July 27 – Neighborhoods start meeting | Weekly Neighborhoods begin on Sunday, June 8, and will run through July 27 (there will be no Neighborhoods on Sunday, July 6).

August | Neighborhoods will pause in August and we'll be providing a Prayer Toolkit to keep the practice of prayer top of mind as we transition and prepare for our fall Neighborhood rhythm.

3. Why the change to Neighborhoods?

We know this season brings vacations and changing schedules, so the change is just for the summer. Plus, we think this will be a fresh way to build new relationships and keep growing together as a church family! You may meet new people you've not connected with before and experience intergenerational connections as people of all ages gather during a more relaxed summer season. Finally, we want to give our Neighborhood leaders a well-deserved break after serving so faithfully during the first part of the year.

4. Is there childcare?

Yes! Third Kids Come & Stay for **birth through 2nd grade** will be available on Sunday mornings. Your kids will experience how fun God is while being loved and cared for by our Third Church family.

We're also excited to offer a special **Neighborhood just for 3rd–5th graders** on Sunday mornings at 10:40 AM aligned with what adults are learning using Pete Greig's book, *How to Pray: A Guide for Young Explorers*.

One of the best gifts you can give your kids is to keep growing in your faith—and we're doing all we can to make it easy for parents and guardians to attend both a Sunday service and a Neighborhood.

5. What options are there for my middle/high school student?

The material we'll be using is student-friendly and they are welcome to join you in a Neighborhood on Sunday morning or in a micro-neighborhood! Or, if there is an area that interests them—like Third Kids, Tech, or the Café – they are welcome to volunteer on Sunday mornings. These are great ways for them to stay engaged and contribute in meaningful ways this summer!

6. Do I have to go to my Neighborhood every week?

We know summer comes with vacations and shifting schedules so just **come when you're here!** Our hope is that summer rhythms won't get in the way of deepening your relationship with Jesus and others.

Whether you make it every week or just a few, **you're always welcome**. And if you miss a Sunday, look for our weekly recap emails to stay connected and in the loop.

7. What does it mean to be in a “micro-neighborhood”?

A micro-neighborhood is made up of people from a larger Neighborhood who temporarily split off for the summer to go through the content on their own each week. A couple of people will need to take the lead in figuring out when and where the group will meet. We'll provide the weekly content, and you'll access the videos through RightNow Media — all we need is a main contact to receive the materials.

8. What if I'm new to church or have only been coming for a short time?

Whether you're exploring faith, new to following Jesus, or have been walking with Him for years—**you belong here**. At Third Church, one of our values is *progress over perfection*, and we hope that everyone who worships with us is part of a Neighborhood. We're all on a journey of transformation together!