

Franklin United Methodist Church
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Purpose Statement

Franklin United Methodist Church is a fellowship of believers who have come together as a family of faith. Together we have established the following purpose, vision, and mission statement:

Purpose:

Willing and ready to follow and serve Jesus Christ.

Vision:

Franklin UMC shares God's love, Christ's sacrifice, and our faith for the salvation of the world.

Mission:

We believe in Jesus Christ whom we follow, serve, and share.

Key Verse:

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” John 3:16-17

POLLY'S PONDERING

I was listening to a TED Talk by Brene Brown, the Huffington Foundation's Endowed Chair at the University of Houston. She was speaking on vulnerability. This seems so timely, especially in the wake of Simone Biles' shocking action of pulling out of the team events and the All-Around gymnastic event at the Olympics.

Brene Brown starts the talk by making the statement that "Connection is why we are here. It is what gives purpose and meaning to our lives. This is what it's all about. It doesn't matter whether you talk to people who work in social justice, mental health, and abuse and neglect what we know is that connection, the ability to feel connected, is neurobiologically how we are wired. It is why we are here." From a Christian perspective we know this is true as well. After all didn't Jesus say that the greatest commandment is "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...and the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'* All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:36-40 In other words, we are created to love God and to love ourselves equally as well as we love our neighbors. We are to be connected to one another! Not only are we wired for it - it all flows from our connection to the One in whose image we are created.

So, if you are an enemy of God and you want nothing more than to create chaos to God's created order, you might introduce into the people of God the fear that they are not connected, the thought that they are not able to be connected, and or the feeling that they are not even worthy of being connected.

Shame is one of those tools of the enemy. "Shame is really easily understood as the fear of disconnection. (Brown)" The scripture tells us that Christ came into the world not to condemn it but that through him it might be saved. (John 3:16-17)

Fear is another tool of the enemy. Sometimes it sounds like this: "Is there something about me that if people know it or see it that I won't be worthy of connection?" Through God's word we hear: "*God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*" 2 Timothy 1:7

So when the enemy whispers that no one could love you because (fill in the blank) shout back "*For I am convinced, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*" Romans 8:38-39 NRSV. We will always be connected to God and God's love through Jesus Christ.

So, if we believe as Brown does that "... in order for connection to happen we have to allow ourselves to be seen, really seen" then, we must have the courage to allow ourselves to be seen. This takes a willingness to be vulnerable. It means that we have to be willing to be seen both in our perfection and our imperfection.

The first step is to accept that you are created worthy. God said after creating humankind that it was very good. And we were created in the image of God. Our worth is directly tied to God. To be unworthy is to say that the image from which we were created is flawed, imperfect, not worthy.

The second step is to refuse to numb yourself to the emotions of fear, embarrassment, feeling of insignificance. To do so is to also numb yourself to joy, happiness, and gratitude.

It seems to me this is the place in which Simone was wrestling with over these last few days. Perhaps it looked like this. If I fail to do well, will I still be loved? What will happen if I let these girls down? Will they still love me? What will the nation think about me if I fail to live up to expectations of perfection? I could never forgive myself if I kept these girls from getting a medal.

The third step is to be courageously vulnerable. As Simone walked off with her head held high, I believe she modeled for us the ability to be courageous through vulnerability. And as she embraced it, able to come out and experience both the messiness of imperfection and the joy and gratitude of a team that allowed her to be imperfect and loved her anyway, she modeled a willingness to tell the story of who she is with her whole heart. Somewhere in the process, I believe, their connection became stronger because they were able to be authentic with each other.

Now what if we would be courageous to be vulnerable before God and one another - imagine the strength of the connection we would experience because we were able to be authentic before the LORD. Join me in listening to Lauren Daigle tell her story with a song rich in vulnerability and full of hope through the assurance that we are worthy of love and purpose, fellowship and connection because God says so.

Pastor Polly

Lauren Daigle ~ You Say



Upcoming
EVENTS

Youth Council Meeting

**Wednesday, August
4th**

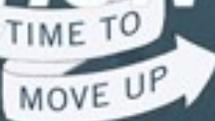
@ 5:15PM



We are going swimming at the Campbell's on Wednesday, August 18th during Youth. We will meet at the church at 6:00pm. Bring your towel, **APPROPRIATE** bathing suit, & change of clothes. Pizza dinner will be provided.

Pool Party

PROMOTION SUNDAY



ALL KIDS + STUDENTS MOVE UP FROM THEIR CURRENT CLASS OR GRADE TO THE NEXT

STARTING AUGUST 29TH



**KEEP
CALM
AND**

**JOIN OUR
YOUTH GROUP!**

We invite the new incoming 6th graders to join the Youth Group Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00pm beginning Wednesday, September 1st.



- **Youth Parents Meeting** immediately following Youth on Wednesday, September 8th at 8:00pm
- **Youth Lake Day** on Saturday, September 11th at the Vickers' Lake House

STAY TUNED



Children's MINISTRY

AUGUST 2021

Upcoming EVENTS



IGNITE KIDS

IGNITE IS BACK SUNDAY, AUGUST 22ND. FAMILIES WILL ENJOY A POTLUCK DINNER TOGETHER AT 6:00PM IN THE ACTIVITY BUILDING. AT 6:30PM THE KIDS WILL BREAK OFF TO ENJOY A TIME OF WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP & FUN WHERE THEY WILL GET FIRED UP FOR GOD THROUGH SCIENCE & MUSIC!



PROMOTION SUNDAY

Kids promote to the next grade August 29th & new 3rd Graders will receive their Bibles.

The FUMP CORNER

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."



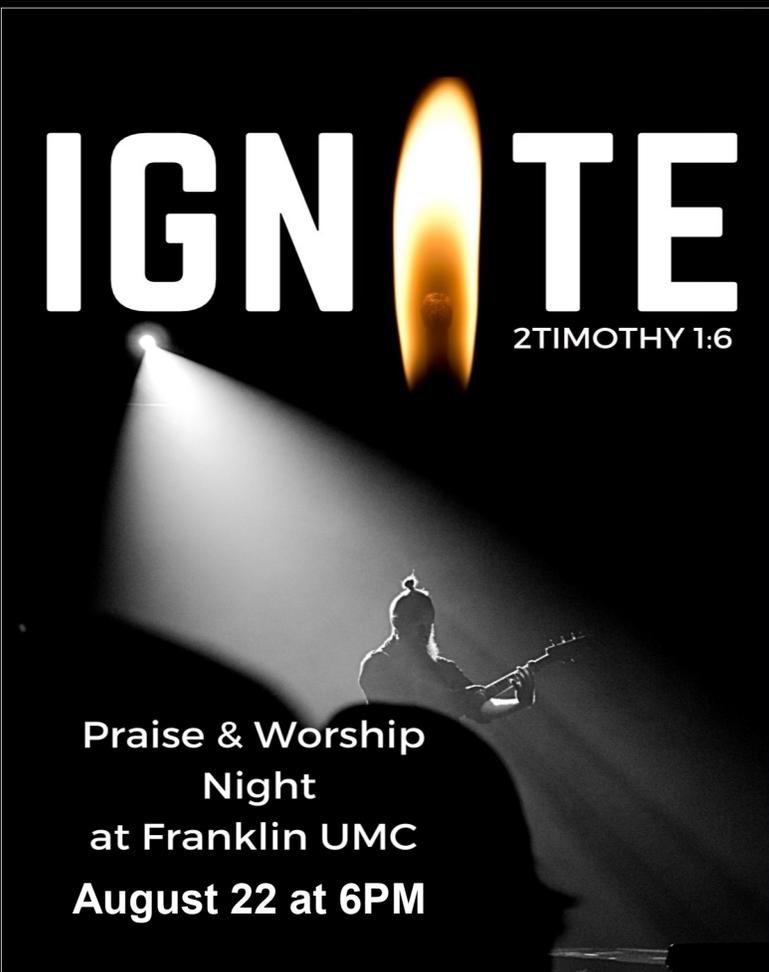
When Jesus was on the Road to Jerusalem during his final days of ministry, people brought their children to him to be blessed. When people brought their children to Jesus, he not only blessed them, he laid hands upon them. Jesus never pronounced a blessing over someone other than person whom he said belonged to the "Kingdom of God." I loved studying about the meaning of a blessing in the Bible.

How many times do we say, "I am blessed?" What does that mean in today's world? It means the same as it did in Biblical days- a divine favor from God. At the preschool, our staff is blessed everyday by the children who walk through our doors. We have the opportunity to minister to them and their families. During the difficult times of our world, I am asking the staff (and myself) to take a deeper walk in our spiritual lives. We will be teaching more lessons throughout the day about the stories in the Bible. Everything we do will be a blessing from God because without Him we can not do it.

We have so many blessings this year and I shout "Hallelujah!" Our enrollment is at capacity, we have a full staff which is six classroom teachers, a full-time aide, a music teacher/part time aide, an assistant director, and myself. Thank you Jesus, we are blessed.

Thank you for your prayers, love, and support.

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan,
Director FUMP

IGNITE

2TIMOTHY 1:6

Praise & Worship Night
at Franklin UMC
August 22 at 6PM

NEW! **IGNITE KIDS**
6:30PM



The Worship Committee will be meeting again in August to begin making plans to enhance the very special worship experiences awaiting us in the Fall and early Winter. Meanwhile, we wish you all lots of summer fun filled with good times while you make memories with your families and friends.

We look forward to seeing our membership return from all the summer vacations and events and joining together once again at Franklin United Methodist Church.

August 29 – Birthday Bash Join us for a celebration of birthday months.

As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions, or would like to participate or volunteer to help the Worship Committee with these special opportunities of worship, please contact the church office and we would be happy to have your input and participation. --Deborah Hicks

ANNUAL ALL CHURCH



Sunday, August 29

(After Worship)

Bring a Covered Dish to Share*

Enjoy "Minute-to-Win-It" Games

*Don't bring dessert~Cake & Ice Cream provided!



Prayer Committee

Lifting Up our Youth

As the school year approaches, each of our Youth Group members will be facing a new year of challenges and hurdles.

Wouldn't it be great if they had someone in their "corner" encouraging and lifting them up?! You could be that person. We are hoping each of our youth will have an individual Prayer Partner and the details of exactly what this would look like are coming. So please consider being a partner to one of our awesome youth.

Questions or volunteering? Contact Cathy Reed (979-255-7281)

Prayer Committee

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Mark 11:24



Want a "retired" pew from the "old" sanctuary?

Sissy Rawson has one she is wanting to get rid of. You can contact her at 409-382-3465 if you are interested.

Mission of the Month

After School Knowledge

The Connections Committee is beginning a new ministry that will focus on helping elementary school children (Kindergarten through second grade) after school with their math and reading skills. There will be some manipulatives needed to get this ministry off the ground so the **Monthly Mission for August** will be to collect funds to help offset the costs of these manipulatives and other start-up costs.

More information will be forth coming on other ways to assist in this new ministry.



Sunday Small Groups at 9:00 am

ARK - Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten

Kingdom Kids - 1st thru 4th grades

Encounter - 5th thru 8th grades

Fusion - 9th thru 12th grades

Home Builders - Adult

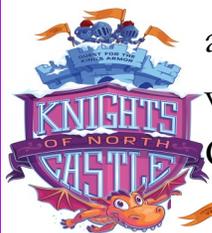
Wisdom - Adult



Baby Bottle CAMPAIGN

What a week!!!

🚩 114 average daily attendance of Kiddo's who put on the armor of God!



🚩 50+ Volunteers!

🚩 Over \$1,000.00 raised for HOPE Mission!

Get Ready~2022 will be even bigger and better!!

THANK YOU TO ALL THE AWESOME VBS VOLUNTEERS!!

- Director:* Kim Perez
- Co-Director:* Beth Vickers
- Opening/Closing Assembly Leaders:* Christina Martin & Kim Perez
- Opening/Closing Assembly Puppet:* Cade Rue
- Opening/Closing Assembly Youth Music Team:* Reese Rawson, Luke Moran, Cade Rue, Amy Burgess
- Media:* Caitlyn Martin
- Recreation Leader:* David Blajeski
- Recreation Youth Assts:* Noah Smith, Cooper Huggins, Austin Corn
- Science & Crafts Leaders:* Meghan Moran, Julie Neyland, and Kristie Kissinger
- Science & Crafts Youth Assts:* Cadie Martin, Ian Cross
- Storytelling Leader:* Mary Kamas
- Storytelling Youth Assts:* Cade Rue, Amy Burgess
- Music Leaders:* Rhonda Miller & Terrie Foltermann
- Music Youth Assts:* Reese Rawson, Luke Moran, Caitlyn Martin
- Snack Leaders:* Elizabeth Reinhardt & Deborah Hicks
- Snack Assts:* Cathy Reed, Eileen Cross, Mary Kubala, Sissy Rawson, Birgette Bly
- Preschool Castle Leader Guides:* Audrey Didsbury, Maria Cottrell, Patricia Martinez, Laura Cate
- Preschool Castle Youth Guides:* Hudsyn Huggins, Jaycee Smith, Lilly Harris, Natalie Garrett
- Kinder Castle Leader Guide:* Andy Harris
- Kinder Castle Youth Guides:* Evelyn Huggins, Keanan Hicks
- 1st Castle Leader Guide:* Felicia Smith
- 1st Castle Youth Guide:* Reagan Corn, Levi Golden
- 2nd Castle Leader Guides:* Jenny Cate & Pam Darnell
- 3rd Castle Leader Guides:* Teri Wygle & Andy Reed
- 4th Castle Leader Guide:* Pastor Polly Standing
- 5th Castle Leader Guide:* Julie Jarrell
- Transportation Team:* Andy Reed, John Standing, Pam Darnell, Pastor Polly Standing



Click below to see a short video.

Everyone makes choices throughout the day, to work or cheat, to interact or ignore, to respect or demean. As Christians, we have a different perspective, and a different calling, regarding every choice we make. This dramatic illustration asks us to choose daily to put aside the self and choose Christ over all.

Choose Daily

This is just one of the THOUSANDS of resources available through your FREE RightNow Media account.



Music Note:



"Praise to the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious and a song of praise is fitting." Psalm 147:1

Since requests for the Ukulele band to perform are starting to increase practice will resume in August. **The Ukulele band will practice on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month beginning at 5:00pm. Choir practice will be on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month also beginning at 5:00pm.** If there is a 5th Wednesday then that will be practice for solo's and ensembles.

**WANTED: CHOIR MEMBERS!
No previous experience required!!**

So, Come join with us as we "sing to the Lord a joyful song."

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda



NEW TEACHERS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, August 4 at 11:30am Franklin High School

The church will once again provide a welcome lunch for the incoming New Teachers of Franklin ISD on Orientation Day, Wednesday, August 4, around 11:30. Please let me know if you will be able to help with any food, and if so, please indicate what you will be bringing up to the church by Wednesday morning. If you are able and willing to help us serve lunch on the 4th, please let me know.

Welcome Caddies:

- Hand sanitizers - Deborah Hicks
- Skinny Popcorn- Teri Wygle
- Markers - Sandra Hoegemeyer
- Highlighters - Amy Huggins
- Lip Balms - Laura Corn
- Gel Pens - Dianna Hutchison
- Notepads - Julie Jarrell
- Individual drink adds - Julie Neyland & Christan Rawson
- Individual Popcorns - Christan Rawson
- Gum/Mints - Sissy Rawson
- Mini- Lint rollers - Amy Huggins
- Shout Wipe & Go - Meghan Moran
- Post It Notes - Sara Davis & Dianna Hutchison
- Chocolate candy bags- Kristie Kissinger
- Large Tissue Boxes - Anne Perry
- Bookmarks - Deborah Hicks
- Toothbrush kits & Tissues - Kim Perez
- Clorox Wipes - Dianna Hutchison



Food:

- Pasta Salads - Julie Jarrell and Ken/Robbie Reinhardt
- Ham & Cheese Sliders - Kristie Kissinger
- Taco Salad - Teri Wygle
- Green Salad - Sissy Rawson
- Chicken Salad Sandwiches - Beth Vickers
- Broccoli Salad - Meghan Moran
- Fruit Salad - Sandra Hoegemeyer
- Two Varieties Cookies - Sara Davis
- Tea - Laura Corn
- Plates, Cups, Utensils, Napkins - Beth Vickers

There are 13 new employees and we expect to serve around 20 people at lunch. Please give **Beth Vickers** a call at **979-255-1406** for more information or if you can help with providing food, caddie items or want to help serve at the luncheon on August 4.

PRAYER requests

To keep the prayer list as up-to-date as possible, please contact the church office with any changes to the specific need for each one on the list.

Furman Richard

All those suffering during the pandemic

Tonya Boyette

Reverend Mike Munn Family

Teachers and Students as they start a new year



Eric Michael (Air Force)
Benjamin Standing (National Guard)
PFC Joseph Pawley (Army)

August Meetings

Finance/Trustees
Worship Committee

Sunday, August 8
Wednesday, August 11

After Worship
10:00am

Weekly Meetings

Women's Emmaus
Choir
Youth Group
Praise Band
Ukulele Band
Men's Emmaus

Wednesdays 7:00am-8:00am
1st & 3rd Wednesdays 5:00pm-6:00pm
Wednesdays 6:00pm
Wednesdays 6:30pm
2nd & 4th Wednesdays 5:00pm-6:00pm
Thursdays 6:30am-7:30am

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Melanie Comer	15th	Wayburn Harris
4th	Kyla Drake	16th	Cole Herring
	Mary Lou Green		Sydney Herring
	Hannah Buckner	18th	Nathan Fachorn
5th	Kerri Black	19th	Pamela Clout
6th	Calvin Scasta		Ruby Edwards
12th	Josh Hanks	25th	Olivia Campbell
	Ferman Richard		Chris Hoegemeyer
13th	Maegen Law	26th	E. W. Bridwell



Lay Readers

1st	Olivia Campbell
8th	Carty Hicks
15th	Julie Jarrell
22nd	Ken Reinhardt
29th	Sandra Hoegemeyer

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

2nd	John & Polly Standing
7th	Warren & Kay Kastner
9th	David & Adrienne Bailey
10th	Jerry & Sissy Rawson
16th	Finley & Kaye Poe
18th	Jim & Cynthia Hanks
20th	Keith & Mary Kamas
	Lloyd & Katherine Scasta
22nd	Bob & Donna Otto
30th	Jim & Rhonda Miller



Ushers for August

Jody Smith
Greg Stem

Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	28,470.00
Building Fund	\$	6,465.00
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$	1,294.00
VBS Mission	\$	1,018.90
Baby Bottle Campaign	#	461.35

We appreciate and need your continued faithful giving.