

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

In Liberty Missouri seventh grade was at the middle school. I was in that awkward stage. I was short, somewhere under 4ft. 11 inches. But my hair was long, below the waist, and my legs were longer. Christianity was new to me. I had given my life to Christ in sixth grade and was active in Sunday school and Youth Programming, yet still, I was a newbie to the faith.

My Dad traveled a lot! Heading out on the airplane almost every week. Sometimes he would bring us peanuts from the plane. Little did I know they were given away free to passengers. Following one particular trip my Dad brought me a Bible. It had a special cover denoting its previous owner as the airline he flew. It was *a Good News for Modern Man* Translation.

I wonder now as I look back over that gift, if he knew I was growing in my faith and the Bible would be a great help, or if giving me the Bible is what led to my growing in faith. During Sunday's service, we heard three testimonies by individuals whose lives were transformed by a Gideon's Bible. And in listening to those powerful testimonies, I was reminded once more of the power of the printed Word of God. Today I have so many Bibles I have lost count. Some were required for seminary course work, some are written in Hebrew and/or Greek, and some are specialty Bibles, in picture, cartoons, or audio versions. Some I use for sermon prep. Some I hold on to because they have been passed down through the generations. None of them are the Bible my Dad gave me, sadly that has been lost in the numerous moves we have made. But what has stayed with me are the stories, and the verses that I have come to know through the reading the Bible. Two verses I love for their power to both console and comfort are "Jesus Wept." John 11:35 and "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" Mark 9:24

Today these words from 2 Timothy 3:14-17 are in my thoughts: "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from which you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." I am convinced that to continue growing in faith I must embark on a fresh reading of this book that transforms lives, families, and communities. And I am inviting each of you to grow in faith alongside me.

Starting this Sunday, I will be distributing a schedule that will enable us to read through the New Testament, the Psalms, and the Proverbs in one year. This is timed so next year when we celebrate Bible Sunday in August of 2022, we will be able to declare together that we have gotten into the Word and have read the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs from start to finish. This will be done on an honor system. Each person that completes the task will be given a special recognition of the accomplishment. But the more important gift will be the increased faith, the power of the Word of God being put into hearts, and the equipping of our hearts for the days ahead.

On page 6 you will find a link to an important message on Right Now Media and on page 7 you will see the start of the reading schedule. The full reading schedule will be available in worship Sunday or through the church office. Let the reading begin!!!!

Pastor Polly



HELLO
September
2021



**YOUTH
IS BACK**

Beginning

Wednesday, September 1st
for all 6th-12th graders



Immediately following Youth
on Wednesday, September
8th at 8:00pm

Fall is just around the corner, the students have returned to school and the Worship Committee is working on ways to make the Fall worship services especially meaningful for all of the members of Franklin United Methodist Church.

The Fall plans are currently a work in progress given the challenges we see. Stay tuned for announcements of worship activities and opportunities.



Youth Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 1st
@ 5:00pm



Youth Lake Day

Saturday, September 11th we will meet at the church at 9:00am and head to the Vickers' lake house for a day of fun!

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



Prayer Committee

Lifting Up our Youth

As the school year begins, 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

The FUMP CORNER

Great things are happening at the preschool. When I wrote those words it reminded me of the hymn, "*To God Be the Glory*" by Fanny Crosby.

*To God be the glory, great things He hath 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.*

The chorus goes on to say, Praise the Lord! This is exactly what I have been saying since we were able to fill all our staff positions, as well as every classroom filled to capacity. I am continually awed by God's provisions for His people.

I want to personally thank all the members of the Wisdom Class for moving from their Sunday School room to provide the preschool more space. In addition, a huge shout of thanks to Pastor Polly, Jenny and Laura Cate for helping to make the needed adjustments to make this happen.

As we plan to tell the Good News of God's love, please be in prayer for:

the staff as they minister to the children and their families,
Misty and myself for wisdom as we lead the staff.

In Christ,

Sherry Buchanan
Director FUMP



A.S.K.

(After School Knowledge)

We are seeking loving church and community volunteers to join this program. Of course, those with teaching experience are awesome, but no such experience is required to listen to a child read and encourage them to succeed. Each volunteer will be assigned one student to love, encourage, and tutor throughout the entire year. Our hope is that by building a special relationship with this one child, becoming their "cheerleader" and personal tutor one day a week, we can (through God's help) make a real difference in the life of each child. The number of children invited to participate in this program will be limited to the number of committed volunteers from throughout the community. So please prayerfully consider joining A.S.K.

A.S.K. will be a year-long, after-school enrichment program for First and Second grade students. Students will be recommended by the principal, counselor, and teachers for participation. The program will involve individual help with emphasis on reading and math and encouragement to succeed. Our goal is to assist children who need a little extra help to achieve at their best. Beginning the first Tuesday in October, the group will meet every Tuesday through April (except on school holidays), from 3:15pm until 5:00pm. Transportation from the elementary school to the Methodist Church will be provided. Parents will pick up their child/children at 5:00pm outside the activity building on the Methodist Church campus.

The afternoon schedule will consist of transportation from the school to the church followed by a light snack, short devotional, study period with personal tutor/mentor, and finally play time. All students are to be picked up at the church at 5:00pm. (The devotional message will center on the importance of following The Golden Rule.)

If you would be willing to participate in this program or have further questions, please contact one of the following A.S.K. program leaders.

Sandra Hoegemeyer (979) 777-4318
Beth Vickers (979) 255-1406

FREE!!!!



Sissy Rawson has one of the retired pews from the old sanctuary that she is wanting to get rid of. You can contact her at 409-382-3465 if you are interested.

IGNITE

2TIMOTHY 1:6

Praise & Worship
Night

September 26 at 6pm

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



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

Unfortunately the Ukulele Band practices have had to be put on hold for the time being. Choir practice will continue on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. 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



Hello
SEPTEMBER

Upcoming
EVENTS



Ignite will meet again on.....
Sunday, September 26th.....
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! ¶



We will be showing *Monsters Inc.* on
Friday, October 29th from 6:30-
8:30pm in the Activity Building.
Bring your lawn chairs, blanket, and
a picnic dinner for your family to
enjoy. Come dressed as your favorite
Pixar Character. Root beer floats
and popcorn provided! ¶

**IGNITE
KIDS**

**Our Amazon
Wish List**

has been updated with some new items that the church can use, please check it out at this link.

[FUMC
Amazon Wish
List](#)

This Wish List contains various items that might not be a priority in the church's budget, but that are needed. You can purchase items and they will be delivered right to the church. Of course, we want to acknowledge all the gifts, so be sure to fill out the gift receipt. You can access the wish list by following the link above or searching in Amazon by the church's name or email address.



**Sunday Small Groups
at 9:00 am**

**NEW CLASSES START ON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

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



Click below to see a short video.

Is our relationship with God dependent on reading the Bible? Hip-Hop artist Odd Thomas discusses the pivotal role the Bible plays in actually knowing God.

Why Read the Bible?

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

Katie Kamas

**Update on her YWAM
(Youth With A Mission)
experience in Australia**



Please be sure to be with us at worship on **Sunday, September 12**. There will be a special presentation from our very own **Katie Kamas** on what has been happening and what the future looks like for her in her mission to the youth in Australia.



Mission of the Month



Hopefully you were able to see the testimonies of individuals impacted by the Gideon's distribution of bibles that was shown at worship on August 29. Or you heard Gideon Glenn Downing speak about his own experience in helping to distribute the Word of God. And hopefully you heard that those bibles cost only \$5.00 each. Please consider helping the Gideons reach even more by supporting the **September Monthly Mission** with a donation to cover the costs of more bibles.

Church Member Update

★ Lou Whatley has moved to The Sodalis in College Station. She is now neighbors (again) with the Eller's.

★ Shirley Creel is sticking close to home these days. All is well, just being a homebody.

PLEASE let us know how you are doing. Have you made a move? Are you needing something from the church or a church member? We **WANT** to know how you are doing and we are here to minister to you in any way that we can~just let us know. Call the office at 979-828-3355 and tell us.

One Year Bible Reading Plan

New Testament, Psalms & Proverbs

September through December

(Full year available, just ask)

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|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|
| 7-Sep | Psalms 1-2 | 16-Oct | Acts 6 | 24-Nov | 2 Timothy 2 |
| 8-Sep | Luke 1 | 17-Oct | Acts 7 | 25-Nov | 2 Timothy 3 |
| 9-Sep | Luke 2 | 18-Oct | Acts 8 | 26-Nov | 2 Timothy 4. |
| 10-Sep | Luke 3 | 19-Oct | Psalms 19-20 | 27-Nov | Psalms 30-31 |
| 11-Sep | Luke 4 | 20-Oct | Acts 9 | 28-Nov | Proverbs 7 |
| 12-Sep | Proverbs 1 | 21-Oct | Acts 10 | 29-Nov | Titus 1-3 |
| 13-Sep | Psalms 3-5 | 22-Oct | Acts 11 | 30-Nov | Psalms 32-33 |
| 14-Sep | Luke 5 | 23-Oct | Proverbs 4 | 1-Dec | Proverbs 8 |
| 15-Sep | Luke 6 | 24-Oct | Acts 12 | 2-Dec | Philemon 1 |
| 16-Sep | Luke 7 | 25-Oct | Acts 13 | 3-Dec | Psalms 34-35 |
| 17-Sep | Luke 8 | 26-Oct | Acts 14 | 4-Dec | Marl 1 |
| 18-Sep | Luke 9 | 27-Oct | Psalms 21-22 | 5-Dec | Mark 2 |
| 19-Sep | Psalms 6-7 | 28-Oct | Acts 15 | 6-Dec | Mark 3 |
| 20-Sep | Luke 10 | 29-Oct | Acts 16 | 7-Dec | Mark 4 |
| 21-Sep | Luke 11 | 30-Oct | Proverbs 5 | 8-Dec | Mark 5 |
| 22-Sep | Luke 12 | 31-Oct | Acts 17 | 9-Dec | Mark 6 |
| 23-Sep | Proverbs 2 | 1-Nov | Acts 18 | 10-Dec | Proverbs 9 |
| 24-Sep | Luke 13 | 2-Nov | Acts 19 | 11-Dec | Mark 7 |
| 25-Sep | Luke 14 | 3-Nov | Acts 20 | 12-Dec | Mark 8 |
| 26-Sep | Psalms 8-9 | 4-Nov | Psalms 23-24 | 13-Dec | Mark 9 |
| 27-Sep | Luke 15 | 5-Nov | Acts 21 | 14-Dec | Mark 10 |
| 28-Sep | Luke 16 | 6-Nov | Acts 22 | 15-Dec | Psalms 36 |
| 29-Sep | Luke 17 | 7-Nov | Acts 23 | 16-Dec | Mark 11 |
| 30-Sep | Luke 18 | 8-Nov | Psalms 13-15 | 17-Dec | Mark 12 |
| 1-Oct | Psalms 10-12 | 9-Nov | Acts 24 | 18-Dec | Mark 13 |
| 2-Oct | Luke 19 | 10-Nov | Acts 25 | 19-Dec | Mark 14 |
| 3-Oct | Luke 20 | 11-Nov | Acts 26 | 20-Dec | Mark 15 |
| 4-Oct | Luke 21 | 12-Nov | Acts 27 | 21-Dec | Mark 16 |
| 5-Oct | Luke 22 | 13-Nov | Acts 28 | 22-Dec | Psalms 37 |
| 6-Oct | Luke 23 | 14-Nov | Proverbs 6 | 23-Dec | 1 Peter 1 |
| 7-Oct | Luke 24 | 15-Nov | Psalms 25-26 | 24-Dec | 1 Peter 2 |
| 8-Oct | Psalms 16-17 | 16-Nov | 1 Timothy 1 | 25-Dec | 1 Peter 3 |
| 9-Oct | Proverbs 3 | 17-Nov | 1 Timothy 2 | 26-Dec | 1 Peter 3 |
| 10-Oct | Acts 1 | 18-Nov | 1 Timothy 3 | 27-Dec | 1 Peter 4 |
| 11-Oct | Acts 2 | 19-Nov | 1 Timothy 4 | 28-Dec | 1 Peter 5 |
| 12-Oct | Acts 3 | 20-Nov | 1 Timothy 5 | 29-Dec | Psalms 38 |
| 13-Oct | Acts 4 | 21-Nov | 1 Timothy 6 | 30-Dec | 2 Peter 1 |
| 14-Oct | Acts 5 | 22-Nov | Psalms 27-29 | 31-Dec | 2 Peter 2 |
| 15-Oct | Psalms 18 | 23-Nov | 2 Timothy 1 | | |

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
Reverend Mike Munn Family

All those suffering during the pandemic
Teachers and Students as they start a new year

Tonya Boyette
Audrey Miller



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

September Meetings

Finance/Trustees
Admin Council

Sunday, September 12
Sunday, September 26

After Worship
After Worship

Weekly Meetings

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

Wednesdays 8:00am-9:00am
1st & 3rd Wednesdays 5:00pm-6:00pm
Wednesdays 6:00pm
Wednesdays 6:30pm
Thursdays 6:30am-7:30am

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

| | | | |
|------|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 1st | Peyton Drake | 21st | Christan Rawson |
| 4th | Jerry Briggs | | Bill Wygle |
| | Noah Smith | 23rd | Jobe Law |
| | Diana Richardson | | Janet Zamzow |
| 5th | Bryce McKinney | | John Standing |
| 6th | Kenadi Janacek | 26th | Jeren Hanks |
| | Sofia Zahn | | Jenny Cate |
| 12th | Allie Herring | 27th | Kelley Sexton |
| 14th | Terri Foltermann | 28th | Chris Huggins |
| | Cathy Hayes | | Chelsea Currie |
| 16th | Zachary Kissinger | | Will Neyland |
| 17th | Robert Hailey | | Chip Zahn |
| | Deborah Hicks | 29th | Emily Cloat |
| | Matthew Kamas | 30th | Mark Hailey |
| 18th | Bob Otto | | Richie Black |
| 19th | Addy Miller | | |

Lay Readers

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|------|-----------------|
| 5th | Olivia Campbell |
| 12th | Julie Neyland |
| 19th | Julie Jarrell |
| 26th | |

Ushers for September

Jeff & Tina Ripley

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|------|---------------------------|
| 12th | Jack & Dianna Hutchison |
| 18th | Justin & Heather Frieda |
| 19th | Thad & Dorothea Allen |
| 21st | Charles & Jan Westerman |
| 22nd | Barry & Debbie Black |
| 30th | Douglas & Olivia Campbell |



Giving for Last Month

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|---------------------------|----|-----------|
| General Offering | \$ | 23,925.40 |
| Building Fund | \$ | 960.00 |
| Memorial-Designated~Other | \$ | 2,079.75 |
| HOPE Mission | \$ | 2,000.00 |
| Elizabeth House | \$ | 500.00 |
| A.S.K. | \$ | 500.00 |

We appreciate and need your continued faithful giving.