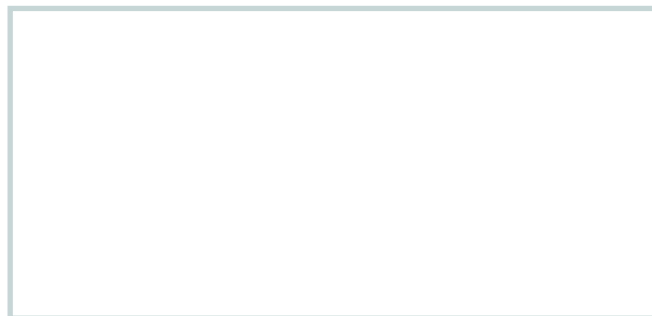


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Purpose Statement

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

Mission:

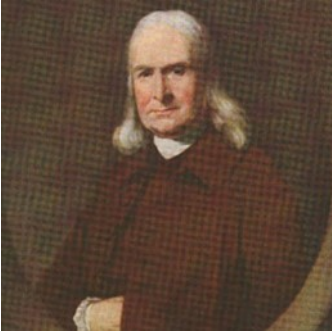
We believe in Jesus Christ whom we follow, serve, and share.

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

Polly's Pondering



This is a picture of the Anglican minister and theologian John Wesley, who was born in 1703 and died in 1791. This man is largely responsible for shaping my faith, even though I never met him...*I am not that old!* LOL

You might be wondering how an Anglican minister would have become so important to a child baptized by immersion, taught, and married in the Baptist faith. That is because I was introduced to his theological understanding of the authoritative nature of the Bible, the mercy of God's justice and the grace of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

John Wesley is credited with the foundation of Methodism so those of you who have grown up in the Methodist faith have also been impacted by this man – even if you don't know it. And many who have come to us from other denominations have discovered the power of his understanding of the grace of God. While we were yet sinners. So glad I don't deserve or have to earn the grace of God. It is a free gift of Jesus Christ.

While we do not have to earn grace in any way, the receipt of God's saving grace certainly does compel us to respond with mercy toward our self and our neighbors. Social justice was important to John Wesley individually and in the formation of Methodism under his leadership. Methodists took the lead on a number of social issues including education, prison reform and the abolition of slavery.

Starting this month, we will be known once again as Franklin Methodist. We will continue in the legacy of a denomination that was unintentionally begun by John Wesley who said: "I want the whole Christ for my Savior, the whole Bible for my book, the whole Church for my fellowship and the whole world for my mission field." As we link with other like-minded Methodists to form a new denomination we never intended to create (but are truly blessed to be a part of,) The Global Methodist, let us continue in the heritage that has always been part of true Methodism and recite these words: "I want the whole Christ for my Savior, the whole Bible for my book, the whole Church for my fellowship and the whole world for my mission field."

I don't know about you but I am excited about a new focus, new opportunities, new visions of ministry and mission that come with a new year. Are you ready? Are you up for the challenge? Let's be prayed up and mission ready!

Pastor Polly



Wednesday, January 4th the Youth will be bringing in the New Year with a God Bless 2023 Party at 6:00pm hosted by Joe a& Laura Corn.

UPCOMING EVENTS



6th-12th grade youth are invited to come be a part of a Winter Weekend camp at Carolina Creek on January 27th-29th 2023. Registration is still open! Contact Mary Kamas for more information.



FOOD PANTRY WORKDAY JANUARY 14

The Franklin Food Pantry gives food to approximately 100 families each month. Area churches are responsible for distributing the food one Saturday morning every 9 weeks. **Our next scheduled work day is January 14.** Please join us from about 8:45 to noon to help distribute food to your neighbors in need. Just in case you do not know, the Food Pantry is located at 201 South Calvert Street here in Franklin. If you have any questions you can contact Laura Corn at 979-204-8593 or call the church office.

Katie's Korner

In January I'll be co-leading the DTS team for a 9 week outreach. We'll be heading to 3 spots here in Australia as well as serving for a month in Poland. I have created **prayer cards** for any of you who would like these for your fridge or as a bookmark. I'd be so blessed by your prayers over these next 3 months. If you would like a physical prayer card, let me know as I would love to mail one to you or contact the church office. My fundraising for outreach is coming down to the last minute so I'm still needing to raise funds to go towards the cost of the trip as well as a few purchases I need to make to be ready for the cold climate of Poland. If you would be interested in giving towards this trip you can contribute through the church and just designate it for "Special Kamas Mission." *(edited for clarity)*

The FUMP CORNER *HAPPY NEW YEAR*

Our first day back to school will be January 5, 2023! I'm practicing early to get in the habit of writing a new year. It is a blessing to be able to ring in a new year with good health, food upon my table, a precious family, and to work at the preschool. The preschool finished the Fall Semester with a healthy amount in our bank account, as well as, enrollment full to capacity. We serve an awesome, almighty God.

Our first day back is pajama day- a much loved day among the children and staff. I will be honest; it is not my favorite but I will play the part. The kids love to see us in our pj's, too.

Our monthly curriculum will focus on bravery and being faithful by telling the stories Queen Esther and Daniel in the Lion's Den. The familiar stories of Daniel offer us unique lessons in God's mercy and justice. We need to focus on God no matter what the world tells us. God will always reward our faith-fulness and bravery.

January is National Pharmacist Month and we will deliver a certificate of thanks to Leah Allen. She has been a faithful supporter of our Daddy Daughter Dance for the past 3-4 years. During the month of January, try to stop by Duffey Drug to thank Leah and her friendly staff for the service to our community.

Winter weather is always challenging to teach in Texas, but I wouldn't live anywhere else. Even though we don't experience much snow the kiddos will learn that we are created unique, just as a snowflake is unique and different from each other snowflake that falls.

Our Christmas Program on December 13 went on without a hitch. The staff and children worked so hard and it was evident in their performance. Many thanks to our staff, Pastor Polly, and John Standing who all had a part in our celebration of the Messiah's birth.

We look forward to the upcoming new year of learning, fun, and all the excitement that the year will hold. We appreciate all your prayers for the preschool as we minister to these precious families.

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan,
Director FUMP





Children's MINISTRY

Blast

Wednesday Nights January 11th, 18th, & 25th kids K-2nd & 3rd-5th are invited to join us from 6:00-8:00pm for dinner, worship, games, & small group time. Blast will meet at the church parsonage @ 503N Glass Street.

For more information or to volunteer to serve call the church office.

Believing, Living and Sharing Truth

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.

All those suffering during the pandemic Tonya Boyette~Continued Healing
Denver Richard~Health Concerns

FELLOWSHIP+CHILDCARE+COFFEE=

FRIENDSHIP

MOPS/MOMS NEXT @ FMC
EVERY OTHER WEDS 10-12



TEXT 979-412-1467 FOR MORE INFO

Happy New Year

JESUS SHOW US THE WAY
beginning a new year
with a good guide on our side
the star of Jesus
which shows us safe roads
fills our hearts with his grace
best wishes for the new year

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|------|------------------|------|-------------------|
| 3rd | Andy Reed | 22nd | Mary Beth Taylor |
| 7th | Kyle Hoegemeyer | 24th | Ben Zamzow |
| 9th | Austin Ray Corn | 25th | Caitlyn Martin |
| 10th | Landon Vickers | 26th | Tabitha Cloat |
| 11th | John Kamas | 28th | Amy Neichoy |
| 12th | Mackenzie Marak | 30th | Stephanie Broadus |
| 15th | Sebie Harris | 31st | Jim Hanks |
| | Cooper Huggins | | Samantha Harris |
| 18th | Jennifer Garrett | | |
| | Kimberly Perez | | |
| 19th | Maddie Nelson | | |
| 21st | Keith Zamzow | | |
| | Jan Westerman | | |
| | Raheem Green | | |
| | Meghan Moran | | |
| | Caden Perez | | |



| Giving for Last Month | | |
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| General Offering | \$ | 26,157.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ | 5,900.00 |
| Memorial-Designated~Other | \$ | 2,500.00 |
| Cookie Walk | \$ | 5,684.57 |
| Salsa Youth Fundraiser | \$ | 2,525.00 |

We appreciate and need your continued faithful giving.

Ushers for January

Jerry Rawson and Kevin Rawson

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



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|------|----------------------|------|---------------------------|
| 14th | Todd & Julie Neyland | 26th | Lewis Conner & Molly Dean |
| 20th | Bill & Terri Wygle | 30th | Frank & Louise Cates |
| 24th | John & Deborah Hicks | | |