

Franklin Methodist Church
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Franklin, Texas 77856



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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 Methodist Church 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

My recent travels had me singing our Blast Kids' favorite Song *"I Will Build a Boat"* over and over again in my mind. You see I covered 10 states in 8 days and visited the Titanic Museum in Tennessee and The Ark in Kentucky. The song's chorus states:

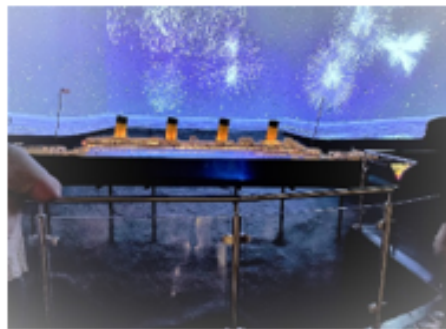
*"I stand up in faith, I'll do anything it takes
With Your wind in my sails, Your love never fails or fades
I'll build a boat in the desert place
And when the flood and the water starts to rise, yeah
I'll ride the storm 'cause I got You by my side
With Your wind in my sails, Your love never fails or fades
I'll build a boat, so let it rain"*

You might not know Brynjar Karl Kirgisson and neither did I a month ago. But I do now, and I think you should too. So here goes. When Brynjar was 10 years old he got inspired to build a boat. He attended Legoland Billund in Denmark where he saw models of all kinds of things created out of Legos. So, when he left, he was inspired to build a real-life scale of something. He decided to build the iconic ship Titanic. His dream will lead him to setting a world record for building the largest replica of the Titanic from Legos.



It required years of research, hours of preparation and planning, and hours of labor once the building actually started 700 hours to be exact. Help from his grandpa—an engineer, his mom an “expert in procurement” (56,000 Lego bricks to be exact.) But most of all it required commitment and perseverance. He is honest about his desire to give up on the project on more than one occasion. After all there were countless obstacles to overcome. Funding, a building site for the 6.33-meter replica (24 feet long and 5 feet tall), buy in by family and friends, and did I say perseverance. You see one of the things that might surprise you about this young man who has dreamed and accomplished so much is that he is autistic. When thinking about the three times he nearly gave up on his dream Brynjar stated: “I became frustrated and wanted to quit. Especially when the stern collapsed not once, but twice, then I seriously made an attempt to just stop this crazy project.” But in the end perseverance and determination won out.

I doubt that Brynjar ever knew what his vision, determination, and persistence would achieve. He traveled the world with the replica and spoke at many different events. A difficult feat in itself for an autistic artist. But along the way he discovered not only his voice but a greater purpose. Now he speaks not only to other autistic people but to all individuals about their abilities to accomplish much more than they can imagine if they only seek to discover what he calls their x-factor. Something that they are good at and passionate about.

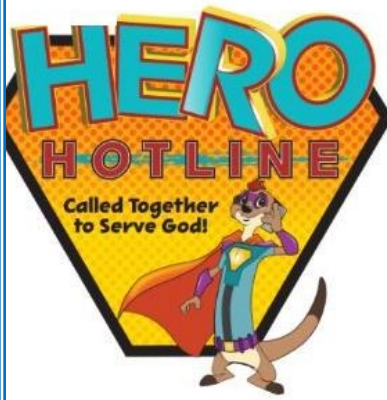


Caden, my grandson, and I sat and watched a short clip about the building of the replica while visiting the Titanic Museum in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Then we walked into the next room to see the permanent resting place of this amazing accomplishment. Caden, not one to stand still long, was mesmerized. I stayed back with him and watched the wonder in his eyes. Almost at a whisper he asked me to take a picture of the ship. My mind knew this would not be the only ship that would fill him with wonder. Or the only story of someone who was persistent and faithful to a vision, a dream, a purpose to build a boat. Just a few days later we would visit The Ark and talk about the man of God who would build a boat over 50 years, many obstacles, under the watchful eye of his Heavenly Father.

Holding a newly acquired stuffed animal to remind him of the animals saved on the Ark I heard Caden whisper into its ear in his awe-filled voice; “did you see how big that boat was? Wasn't that awesome?” I just walked behind him in silence careful not to interrupt the moment when God was speaking to his heart about the great things that can be accomplished when someone has a dream, determination, persistence, and the faith in God to sustain them through all obstacles.

August 5, 2023 we are all invited to gather together to **“Dare to Dream”** about the kind of *boat* that God is asking us to build. So that more and more people might launch out into the waters of faith right here in Franklin, Texas. Join me in declaring before our Father *“I stand up in faith, I'll do anything it takes, with Your wind in my sails, Your love never fails or fades I'll build a boat, so let it rain”*

Pastor Polly



The Hero Hotline Headquarters is where everyone's gifts are valued and every hero has a role to play. Each day at the Hero Hotline Headquarters, superheroes of all ages and abilities answer the call and join the Professor and veteran hero, Super Meer the Meerkat, to provide expert assistance and solutions to Hero Teams everywhere. When Heroes in the field call in, the Professor, Super Meer, and our team of heroes will spring into action and explore the ultimate Hero Handbook-the Bible-to discover how all Heroes can follow the examples set by a cast of supporting Bible Heroes in stories from the Old and New Testaments, who work together to bring peace, build each other up, and share the great story of God's love for us where

they are and with the whole world. **Vacation Bible School will be July 10-14 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. We welcome ages 3 years—5th grade. Registration forms are available in the church office. For questions call 979-828-3355.**





UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, July 19th
6:00-8:00pm
Dinner & Bingo

Sunday, August 27th @ 11:15am
Birthday Bash



July 26th—Day Trip—
Contact Mary Kamas
or the church office
for more
information



NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS




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Birthday Bash



VBS
July 10th-14th
9:00am-Noon
Call the office today to
register!
979-828-3355





save the date



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September 6th!**

Believing, Living and Sharing Truth



FOOD PANTRY WORKDAY JULY 15

The Franklin Food Pantry gives food to more than 100 families each month. Nearly 200 families qualify for food assistance. Area churches are responsible for distributing the food one Saturday morning every 9 weeks.

Our next scheduled work day is July 15.

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 the church office or Laura Corn at 979-204-8593.

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.

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| Denver Richard-Health Issues | Families in distress | Terrie Folterman-Health Issues |
| Continued Revival in the Church | Safety in our gatherings | Peace in the World |
| All those suffering a loss in the family | Audrey Miller-Health Issues | Andy Herring-Health Issues |



Lay Readers

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| 2nd | Olivia Campbell |
| 9th | Mary Kamas |
| 16th | Jenny Cate |
| 23rd | John "Carty" Hicks |
| 30th | Pam Barger |

Ushers for July

**Jerry Rawson
&
Kevin Rawson**

Giving for Last Month

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| General Offering | \$ | 22,944.75 |
| Building Fund | \$ | 675.00 |
| Memorial-Designated~Other | \$ | 4,720.00 |

We appreciate and need your continued faithful giving.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|------|---------------------|------|-------------------|
| 1st | Cadie Martin | 14th | Cynthia Hobart |
| | James Buckner | | Evelyn Huggins |
| 2nd | Natalie Garrett | 15th | Louise Cates |
| 4th | Hanna Westerman | | Lee Ann Scasta |
| 5th | Elizabeth Reinhardt | 16th | Rylie McKinney |
| | Frank Cates | | Mason Corn |
| | Justin Frieda | 17th | Cade Rue |
| | Tessa Frieda | 20th | Carlee Thompson |
| | Derik Stevens | 22nd | John Harris |
| 7th | Kevin Foltermann | | Maloree Neichoy |
| | David Bailey | 23rd | Toni Baxter |
| 8th | Jill Foltermann | 24th | Molly Dean |
| | Keith Kamas | 27th | Kylie Caubarreaux |
| | Sissy Rawson | 28th | Sadie Buckner |
| | Lloyd Scasta | 29th | Hap Campbell |
| 9th | Melvin Bailey | | Karlie Kissinger |
| | Thad Allen | | Addie Nelson |
| | Andrew Moran | | Drew Neyland |
| 10th | Bo Campbell | | Marie Stem |
| | Aaron Huggins | 30th | Brenda Davis |
| 11th | Teri Wygle | | |

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

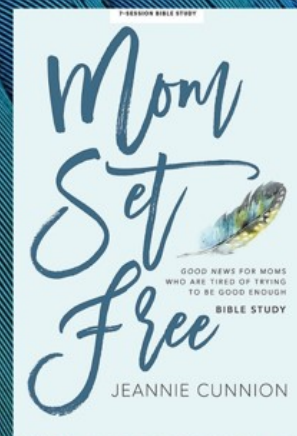
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| 5th | Scott & Amy Huggins |
| 6th | Howard & Sandra Hoegemeyer |
| 28th | Roye & Meghan Moran |



MOMS SUMMER BIBLE STUDY BEGINS ON JULY 17

MOMS SUMMER BIBLE STUDY
@FMC Activity building
Mondays 10-12

Bring snacks and come enjoy some time together to discuss this important topic of getting rid of guilt and pressure and handing it over to our redeemer



For more info
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