

Franklin Methodist Church
P.O. Box 556 - 116 W. Decherd St.
Franklin, Texas 77856



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www.franklinmethodist.org

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

Will you be courageous enough to
Dare to Dream with me?

And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on earth.
Joel Chapter 2: 28 -30a

One thing you may not know about me is that I enjoy reading poetry from time to time. One of the poems I read recently comes from a book I was given long ago "The Treasure Chest." I would like to share one of those poems with you.

The Church of My Dreams

This is the church of my dreams;
The church of the warm heart,
Of the open mind,
Of the adventurous spirit;
The church that cares,
That heals hurt lives,
That comforts old people,
That challenges youth;
That knows no divisions of culture or class,
No frontiers, geographical or social;
The church that inquires as well as avers,
That looks forward as well as backward;
The church of the Master,
The church of the people,
High as the ideals of Jesus,
Low as the humblest human;
A working church,
A worshipping church,
A winsome church,
A church that interprets the truth in terms of truth,
That inspires courage for this life and hope for the life to come;
A church of courage
A church of all good men,
A church of the living God.

John Milton Moore

Six months ago we made a big decision to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church and to continue in our long heritage as a Methodist

congregation. We elected to affiliate with the Global Methodist. As a congregation we officially changed our name, filed with the state, created new by-laws, began updating the roles, paid off the sanctuary building and the bus, attended our convening conference, celebrated the ordination of Kelley Sexton, (one of our former members), confirmed our first confirmation class as Global Methodists and began making plans for a gathering of the church which would allow us to Dare to Dream about the church we want to be and to envision those steps toward achieving those goals.

Well, the date has been set. August 5, 2023 9:30 to 3:30. We will have breakfast items available. Childcare for children. And a catered lunch.

Sure, I know Saturdays are filled up with family responsibilities like mowing the yard, running kids to sports events, catching up on laundry and a few moments of rest. But I am going to be bold in asking you to join me and your fellow members as we gather to dare to dream about the future of our church.

Our church is not only for us, we also have a calling in the community to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, help the sick and suffering. We have taken that seriously in the past and so I know that will be an important aspect of our future.

We will have special speakers and musicians to join us and did I mention the catered meal.

This is so important to the life of our church; I trust you will be a part of this church-wide event! So mark your calendar for Saturday, August 5, 2023 9:30-3:30.

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Acts 2:17

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Dare to Dream with me?**

Pastor Polly



Lake Day @ Lake Limestone

June 7th



Mission Camp with First Methodist Church Bryan

June 11th-15th

MISSION TRIP



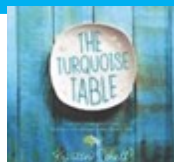
Wednesday, June 21st 6:00-8:00pm

Dinner & Bunco

Wednesday, July 19th 6:00-8:00pm

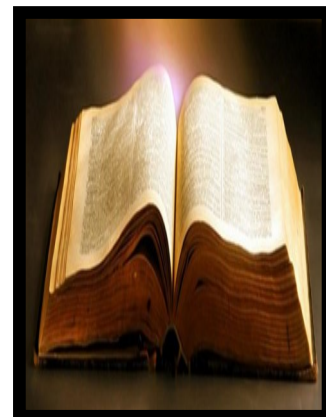
Dinner & Bingo

Turquoise Table Ladies Meets 1st Thursday every month 11am Activity Building



Come share lunch and stay for fun and games!! Bring your own sandwich (the chips, drinks and dessert are provided.) After lunch we will break out the games and you can have your choice from several fun activities. For more information contact Deborah Hicks at 979-255-8333 or Julie Jarrell 979-255-2966.

Bible Study



Tuesday 10:00am
Activity Building

Currently studying the book of Mark.

the Elizabeth House MATERNITY HOME



June Mission of the Month Elizabeth House Maternity Home

The Elizabeth House Maternity Home in Bryan/College Station, Texas provides expectant mothers and their children a safe, enriching and loving home. They are more than just a shelter. The mothers receive emotional, physical, psychological and spiritual support so that they have the tools they need to move forward toward a better life for themselves and their children.

Some of the vital service the residents receive are:

- Education in planning their own meals, maintaining a home, and basic child care skills.
- Counseling, childbirth, child-care and parenthood classes while in residence,

adoption information and financial planning.

- Assistance in navigating the local housing market and securing future housing.
- Support in obtaining their GED as well as earning college credits.
- Mentoring and tutoring services.

Please visit their website at <https://elizabethhousematernityhome.com/> for even more information about this special place.

Get Your Change Ready!



Baby Bottle CAMPAIGN

SAVE THE DATE~HERO HEADQUARTERS OPENS ON JULY 10



In the depths of a colorful underground cave, is the beating heart of the hero community, the Hero Hotline Headquarters 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.

Contact the church office for more information. You can also click → [REGISTRATION FORM](#) for your

registration form. If you also need a Transportation form contact the church office at 979-828-3355.

Dare to Dream

August 5, 2023 9:30 to 3:30

Join your fellow members as we gather to Dare to Dream about the future of our church, about the church we want to be and to envision the steps toward achieving those goals.

We will have breakfast items, a catered lunch, special speakers and musicians and childcare for children.

WATCH YOUR EMAIL for more detailed information on this gathering that is vital to the future of our church.

Behold New Things Have Come



God has gifted our oldest grandson with amazing artistic ability. His mind is constantly coming up with creative ways to transform what some may consider junk into a work of art. He wastes nothing. His project for the fair this spring was made from Amazon boxes, used canning jar rings, old wreath frames, ping pong balls and masking tape. He can turn trash into treasure. That's just what God wants to do for us. He can take the "junk" in our lives and turn it into something beautiful. "Junk" decisions..."junk"

experiences..."junk" thoughts. He will turn us into something useful and beautiful in His kingdom if only we will let Him. What do we need to turn over to our Lord today?

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."
2 Corinthians 5:17

Martha Barnett
Resident of Franklin, TX

THE FUMP CORNER

The Blessing of Time

In the blink of an eye, this year has come and gone! May was a short month but it was jam packed with loads of fun. We had to say goodbye to some of our littles, as they will enter BIG SCHOOL in the fall 2023. The graduation program was amazing, and the kids sang so loud that I'm not sure we truly needed the microphones. A huge shout out of thanks to John Standing for always running our sound system and slide show presentation. I would also like to thank Pastor Polly for her unwavering love and support for our preschool.

The last day of school always ends with fun outside activities playing in the water—This year was no different—Splash Day is one of the kids favorite days. Our amazing Executive Board surprised our staff with Market 79 Teas. What a treat for everyone. We have the best board who helps guide and support the staff and me.

Misty and I have dates on the calendar for staff training for the 2023-2024 school year. We will be meeting throughout the summer planning for ministering to our littles. Please keep us in your prayers that we make decisions that God wants for our staff and children. Several teachers have resigned as they are growing their families; we couldn't be happier for them. We are now taking applications for more teachers. Please add this to your prayer list.

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan
Director, FUMP



SEND US YOUR NEWS

Has your child, grandchild, niece, nephew graduated from preschool, high school, college? Did they make the Dean's List at college? The Honor Society at high school? The A-List in Elementary? We want to celebrate those accomplishments with you and them~

**SEND US
YOUR
NEWS**

Did the family get a new pet? Are you coming back from an awesome vacation?

**SEND US
YOUR
NEWS**

We want to start a new section in the newsletter called "News from the Pews" BUT we can't do that without you submitting your family's news. Pictures are gladly accepted to go along with your news just please

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Katie's Korner

Katie has been home in the US. We enjoyed having her give an update on her mission to Europe. She is now headed back to Australia, please keep her in your prayers.

FAMILY FUN



SUMMER GAMES

Wednesday, June 21st 6:00-8:00pm

Dinner & Bunco

Wednesday, July 19th 6:00-8:00pm

Dinner & Bingo



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 21st 6:00-8:00pm
Dinner & Bunco

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



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



COKEBURY'S
HERO HOTLINE
Called Together to Serve God!

Prayer Committee




A large part of our purpose is to cover those in prayer who have requested it, whether in Sunday service or through the church office. Also, we would love to encourage your own prayer life. For that reason, we send you a list of those lifted up on Sunday mornings by email on Monday, in case you could not attend or need a reminder. Are you getting that weekly email of Prayer Request from Your Church Family? If you are not, please call the church office to confirm your email address.

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24

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MOPS/MOMSNext is out for summer to enjoy more time with our littles! We will be hosting a Bible study starting in July



Text 979-412-1467 for more info

REMEMBER ELECTRONIC GIVING IS AVAILABLE!!

The church has both a PayPal and a Venmo account to receive your electronic giving. Use the links below to send your giving straight to the church's bank account. You can even indicate how to apply the amount you are sending (Giving; Building; Mission, etc.)

PAYPAL

<http://paypal.me/Franklintxumc>

VENMO

<http://www.venmo.com/FranklinTXMethodist-Church>

ANY questions do not hesitate to give the church office a call (979)-828-3355.



Sunday Small Groups at 9:00 am

- ARK** - Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten
- Kingdom Kids** - 1st thru 4th grade
- Encounter** - 5th thru 8th grade
- Fusion** - 9th thru 12th grade
- Home Builders** - Adult



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*

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

Choir practice is every Wednesday at 5:00pm. Come join with us as we "sing to the Lord a joyful song."

The ukulele band~**The Sonshine Strummers** also practice every Wednesday but begin at 4:00pm. There will be a performance this month on June 13 at the Isle at Watercrest in Bryan beginning at 4pm. Come be a part of this fun ministry!
"Sing"cerely, Rhonda



CONGRATULATIONS to Pastor Polly as she begins her thirteenth year at this church.



Summer is here and beginning with this month of June, we look forward to new and meaningful times of worship.

June 11 – We will have a special testimonial from Brandi Pearce on miracles that God has worked in her life.

June 18 – Fathers' Day. The children of the church will present the Fathers in the congregation with a special gift. Join us as we celebrate the day by honoring our fathers.

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 will be happy to have your input and participation. Deborah Hicks

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.

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	All Graduates



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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1st Darron Davis	21st Lilah Lennie
4th Harry Gilland	22nd Rebecca Vickers
5th Benjamin Cate	23rd Josh Smith
6th Cynthia Hanks	24th Chelsea Janacek
7th Debbie Black	Charlie Harris
9th Clark Westerman	Emily Harris
Reese Rawson	Mila Peterson
11th Heather Frieda	26th Shirley Creel
12th Christina Martin	Tessa Frieda
13th Bryan Reed	K.C. McCormick Sr.
14th Jaycee Smith	K.C. McCormick Jr.
16th James Eller	27th Ethan Sexton
Destiny Havard	28th Sara Huggins
Douglas Hicks	29th Chris Caubarreaux
19th David Kamas	Tommie Engler
18th Maggie Easterly	
Kari Smith	

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

5th	Chris & Teresa Callaway
17th	Jerry & Cindy Briggs
	Keith & Janet Zamzow
21st	Charlie & Gwen Harper
25th	Wayne & Sara Huggins
27th	Ken & Robbie Reinhardt



June Meetings

Finance/Trustees Sunday, June 11 After Worship

Weekly Meetings

Bible Study	Tuesdays	10:00am
Women's Emmaus	Wednesdays	9:00am
Ukulele	Wednesdays	4:00pm
Choir	Wednesdays	5:00pm
Youth Group	Wednesdays	6:00pm
Men's Emmaus	Thursdays	6:30am-7:30am



Lay Readers

4th	Eileen Cross
11th	Jeff Ripley
18th	Julie Jarrell
25th	Julie Neyland

Ushers for June

Jody Smith & Greg Stem

Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	24,340.87
Building Fund	\$	995.00
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$	1,120.00

We appreciate and need your continued faithful giving.