

Franklin Methodist Church
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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

As He was going along the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will have you become fishers of People. At once they left their nets and followed him. Mark 1:16—18 NIV

I remember going fishing with my family when we lived in Minnesota. It required a pretty big boat, with a cabin for sleeping. I would push on the buoy as it hung off the side of the boat to make large sprays of water as we moved further into Lake Superior. When we finally anchored, we would fish for catfish. Just drop the line and wait for a bite.

My parents moved out to Lake Waukomis Missouri, just before John and I married nearly 43 years ago, we fished off the dock and caught Blue Gill. We used fishing reels and bobbers. Yum those were good eating!

John's Grandparents had property out on the Bourbeuse River in Missouri. It has a great bluff that overlooks the river and one spot has moss that softens the rock. It is a great place from which to fish. When we first married and still lived in Independence, Missouri we would go visit his parents in Saint Louis and then head to the property to fish. I usually just used an old cane pole and bobber and fished from the rock with the moss. I still hold the record between John and I for the biggest catfish – It was a six pounder that, believe it or not, was caught with that old cane pole.

When John and I first moved here we went fishing on Lake Limestone, in a kayak. We used rod and reel and trolled along while we maneuvered the kayak through the water.

And by the time you all get this newsletter I will be returning from an Alaskan fishing trip up on Glacier Bay. I am told that there have been 350-pound halibuts caught there. I have no idea what type of equipment I will be using, but I am sure it will not be a cane pole. And frankly I am just hoping that I caught a fish and that in doing so I am able to bring it into the boat instead of it pulling me into the water! I know I love active learning lessons, but I sure don't need to experience the Jonah and the big fish Bible story in such an up close and personal way.

All this is to say that as I have been preparing for this trip, I have been thinking about being a fisherman. My experiences are limited. Four days straight on the boat in cold, most likely rainy weather will give me a whole new appreciation for the work of a fisherman. I am praying I will have new insight about the importance of the way God has called us to be fishers of people.

Already in my reflections I have come to see that each place I have fished required a different type of equipment and different ways of catching the attention of the fish. Most of the time the equipment was provided. It wasn't mine. And there was always someone there with me to teach me the way to use the equipment, to tell me about the location and where to direct my efforts and also what to do once a fish was caught. (I do bait my own hooks but taking the fish off, well that's another story.) And come to think of it fishing for people is no different. The Lord directs our paths, teaches us what we need to do, provides the resources we need for the task, and gives us the location to enter into the process. We are not responsible for the catch itself, just the obedience to the call of fishing.

As we prepare for the **August 5, 2023 - DARE TO DREAM gathering**, I am praying that God will give us new direction for the fishing of men to which He has called us. If you want to see what we might experience if we are faithful to the call to go fishing look up Luke 5:1-11. Nothing is impossible for God and His plans for us are always bigger than we imagine.

Pastor Polly

Check this out →→→→

Dare to Dream

August 5, 2023 9:30 to 3:30
Mark Your Calendar Now

"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

The date is set. The musicians are practicing. The facilitator is preparing to lead us. The menu is planned and will be ready. **Will you be there?**

Our **Dare to Dream** Gathering will start us on the path of identifying the church we want to be and to envision the steps to take to become that church. Time will be spent in worship, looking to the past and envisioning the future of Franklin Methodist Church.

This is so vitally important to the life of our church; we trust you will be a part of this church-wide event! Saturday, August 5, 2023 from 9:30 in the morning until 3:30 in the afternoon the Spirit will be moving to give new life and direction in our church.

You **MUST** be a part of the Dream and vision for our church!

"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." Joel 2:28



ELECTRONIC GIVING

It is so easy!

Can't get to church and want to save a stamp? Use your Venmo or PayPal account for your giving. Use the information below to search for our accounts and send your giving straight to the church's bank account. No more need for writing multiple checks~just indicate the split (\$100 giving; \$100 building.) ***ANY questions do not hesitate to give the church office a call (979-828-3355.)***

VENMO

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

PAYPAL

<http://paypal.me/Franklintxumc>

Children's
MINISTRY

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Birthday
Bash

Sunday, August 27th

@ 11:15am

Join us

for games, food, & fun!

save the date



Blast kicks of f
September 6th!

Believing, Living and Sharing Truth

Katie's Korner

Crazy to believe we are over halfway through this year! Find below a 'vlog' style video as I walk around Tahlee and share some ministry stories and reflections I've been having! Click on the picture for the video or go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGCa_5N67qY to watch.



Praises

- Several young people accepted Jesus at a recent youth camp
- Around 30 campers received a bible for the first time
- I made a snowball IN Australia
- Digging deeply into God's love

Prayer Requests

- Adjusting to moving between Newcastle and Tahlee during the week
- Further opportunities to live out that calling of sharing Jesus' truth with young people
- Lots of changes this year - processing how to walk those out and seek out support :)

The FUMP CORNER

Back
to
School

Philippians 4:8 says, Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Have you ever really thought about this verse? Paul wrote this to the Christian community because he understood the influence of one's thoughts. We must choose, decide, or determine the focus of our mind. Philippians 4:8 will be the theme for our FUMP staff during this school year. Often we cannot control our emotions, but we do have control over our will. I am hopeful that as our staff meditates on this verse, that we develop the mind of Christ. As we grow, we will be able to demonstrate these virtues to our little ones, their families, as well as the community.

Our Preschool is blessed in so many ways and has been for many years. Here are a few blessings that we can share with you:

*A very supportive Executive Board
Pastor Polly's leadership, love, and friendship
The committee members Carty Hicks, Barry
and Jenny Cate for their expedient
repairs and maintenance of the
preschool*

A dedicated staff

*Capacity enrollment every year, which means
an amazing ministry*

*Successful fundraising events enabling us to
continue making improvements to our
program.*

As an old song says, "Count your blessings, name them one by one," we truly see how very blessed we are. As we approach the beginning of a new school year, we have encountered a few bumps in the road. We are still in need of two teachers but we have faith that God will bring the individuals that will be a perfect fit. We appreciate your love, support, and prayers.

*In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan, Director
FUMP*





KEEP CALM

AND

JOIN OUR

YOUTH GROUP!

All incoming
6th graders are invited
to join the youth
Wednesday nights
from 6:00-8:00pm
beginning August 16th



The Worship Committee will be meeting again soon to begin making plans to enhance the worship experiences awaiting us in the Fall and early Winter. Meanwhile, we wish you 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 Methodist Church.

August 27 – 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 27

(After Worship)

Bring a Covered Dish to Share*

Enjoy "Minute-to-Win-It" Games

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

August Monthly Mission



The Gideons International





Sunday Small Groups at 9:00 am

ARK - Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten
Kingdom Kids - 1st thru 4th grades
Encounter - 5th thru 8th grades
Home Builders - Adult
Wisdom - Adult



The Hero Hotline was busy at this year's VBS!!!

110 average Kiddo's answered the daily call.
50+ Volunteers!
Lots of Food donated for our local neighbors
Over \$500.00 raised for HOPE Mission!

Get Ready~2024 is already being planned.

Thank you to volunteers and staff who were true HEROES all week.

Director: Kim Perez

Co-Director: Beth Vickers

Opening/Closing Assembly Leaders: Christina Martin & Kim Perez

Opening/Closing Assembly Puppet: Darcey Lorenz

Opening/Closing Assembly Youth Music Team: Reese Rawson, Aiden Peterson, Natalie Garrett

Media: Caitlyn Martin

Recreation Leader: Andy Harris

Recreation Youth Assts: Noah Smith, Jake Palcer

Science & Crafts Leaders: Kristie Kissinger, Julie Neyland, Robbie Reinhardt, Sandra Hoegemeyer

Science & Crafts Youth Assts: Cadie Martin, Levi Golden

Storytelling Leader: Mary Kamas

Storytelling Youth Assts: Darcey Lorenz (puppet), Natalie Garrett

Music Leader: Teri Wygle

Music Youth Assts: Reese Rawson, Aiden Peterson

Snack Leaders: Elizabeth Reinhardt & Deborah Hicks

Snack Assts: Cathy Reed, Eileen Cross, Birgitte Bly

Preschool Leader Guides: Sherry Buchanan, Destiny Havard, Pam Cloat

Preschool Youth Guides: Michael Golden, Angela Golden, Emily Harris, Charlie Harris, Lillie Taff, Georgia Collier

Kinder Leader Guide: Rachel Golden

Kinder Youth Guide: Lilly Harris

1st Leader Guides: Kate Barnett, Claire Lierman

1st Youth Guide: Mason Corn

2nd Leader Guide: Jeannie Reed

2nd Youth Guide: Bless Cloat

3rd Leader Guide: Dianna Hutchison

3rd Youth Guide: Reagan Corn

4th Leader Guide: Julie Jarrell

5th Leader Guide: John Standing

Transportation Team: Andy Reed, Rex Vickers, Pam Cloat

Registration Team: Beth Vickers, Eileen Cross, Christan Rawson, Kim Herring, Sandra Hoegemeyer



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

Chori practice is on "summer break" but will resume soon. Same for the Ukulele band. See you when the weather cools down a bit. BUT we can always add members to both of these ministries. If you are interested in becoming a part of these fun groups just come on to practice when it starts back up.

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 2

11:30am at 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 2, around 11:30. Please let us 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 2ndd, please let us know.



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 2.



Prayer Committee

Are you getting the weekly email of Prayer Requests from Your Church Family? If you are not, please call the church office to confirm your email address. Remember there are Prayer Requests cards in the Prayer Box in the Sanctuary. Fill those out on Sunday to insure that your prayer requests are accurately voiced. Also, always check the Prayer Request section in this newsletter for others in need of prayer.

Be joyful; pray continually! 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

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 James Stevens—Health Issues
 Terrie Foltermann—Health Issues Teachers & Students as they start a new year



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

August Meetings

Turquoise Table Ladies Thursday, August 3 11:00am
 Finance/Trustees Sunday, August 13 After Worship

Weekly Meetings

MOMS Bible Study Monday 10:00am—Noon
 Bible Study Tuesday 10:00am—Noon
 Women's Emmaus Wednesdays 8:00am-9:00am
 Youth Group Wednesdays 6:00pm
 Men's Emmaus Thursdays 6:30am-7:30am

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Melanie Coomer	18th	Nathan Fachorn
4th	Kyla Drake	19th	Pamela Cloat
	Mary Lou Green		Ruby Edwards
	Hannah Buckner	20th	Jolie LeGarce
5th	Kerri Black	25th	Olivia Campbell
6th	Calvin Scasta		Chris Hoegemeyer
12th	Josh Hanks	26th	E. W. Bridwell
13th	Maegen Law	29th	Jeannie Reed
15th	Wayburn Harris		
16th	Cole Herring		
	Sydney Herring		



6th Jeff Ripley
 13th Julie Jarrell
 20th Eileen Cross
 27th Grady Harris

Ushers for August

Jeff & Tina Ripley

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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



Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	23,596.00
Building Fund	\$	1,145.00,
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$	2,550.00
VBS/Monthly Mission	\$	705.00
Baby Bottle Campaign	\$	530.00
Wesley House	\$	300.00

We appreciate and need your continued faithful giving.