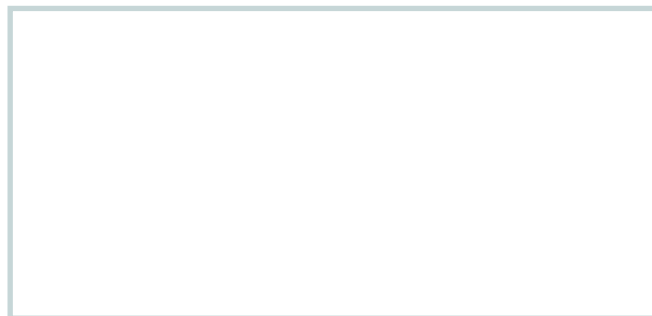


Franklin Methodist Church  
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**September 2023**

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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

*“God called to him...And he said, ‘Here I am.’” Exodus 3:4*

It is funny looking back and trying to remember where it all started. I just remember being a part of a loving church family, participating in the choir, raising small kids, going to Sunday School. I began helping with youth when friends of John and I took on the volunteer roles of Youth Directors. I immediately felt at home.

Maybe it was the way I was welcomed into my youth program as a teen. That is where some pretty important relationships began. Several of us have gone on to ministry either as the pastor or married to one. Was that the reason I began – I am not sure.

Maybe it was the move to Houston and the new church where the need for youth ministry was obvious. Volunteer position, small children, John traveled, no money, so many reasons to say no. But instead, I found myself working with two sets of siblings and one other young man trying to figure out things to do together to grow our faith. This group of kids walked with me through bladder cancer at 29. As the group grew so did the relationships. One young man accompanied me as I put our dying family dog to sleep. He drove so I could hold the dog and cry. Another followed me to my first appointment as Local Pastor, where I lead the youth program. She and I still check in with each other. I officiated the dedication of her children to the Lord. And two of the parents that accompanied me and the youth on mission trips are still very close friends.

I was told that then (about 30 years ago) that the average work span of an individual serving in leadership in youth ministry was about 24 months. I don't mean in one position at one church – I mean in total! So, while I was on the journey of remembrance, I thought I would check out the new statistics. In 2023 Zippia did a demographic study of Youth Pastors in full time ministry. It found that 88 % are male, 68.1% are white, average age is 51.2 (only 5% were in their 20) and the average salary is \$39,712.00. And according to the research the average youth pastor stays at their job for 1-2 years. I was one of the rare ones who continued in that role for nearly 20 years. Call me crazy, but I loved it. Oswald Chambers once said, “The man or woman who is ready for God and His work is the one who receives the prize when the summons comes.” In fact, the only thing that caused me to put that part of ministry aside was God calling me to fulltime ministry as an Ordained Elder. But I digress.

So where did it all start...with a relationship with God and a readiness, a waiting, a willingness to serve God in “the smallest thing or the largest thing – it makes no difference.” (Chambers)

This month we celebrate Mary Kamas' ministry among us as our Youth Director. By now many of you have heard that we have reluctantly received her resignation. Mary has broken the statistic and remained in ministry with our youth for four years. We thank her for her service. We have been truly blessed. And where did it start for Mary – readiness. Four years ago, she walked into my office and revealed that she believed she was being called to youth ministry. Join me in praying thanksgiving over her for her service and wisdom as she seeks to serve God in other ways.

As a church we will begin the task of discovering who God is calling even now to serve in youth ministry in this mission field of Franklin, Texas. Let's join together in praying that their journey with us will start where every journey of calling does...Readiness.

*Pastor Polly*



**Mix faith, friends, and fun together, and join us for FMY on Wednesday nights**

**from 6:00-8:00pm. Supper is provided. All students in 6-12th grade are invited.**



The Worship Committee is meeting soon to plan other upcoming fall and holiday worship events. We very much look forward to sharing these with our church membership.

*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

Do you often feel that nudge to lift others up in prayers? You can use your gift of Intercessory Prayer by serving on the Prayer Committee. We are looking to expand our little committee to broaden our scope of covering our members and community with prayer. You can call the church office or call/text Cathy Reed (979-255-7281).

You will be blessed by serving.

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



## WHAT A DAY!!!

Thank you to all that came and spent a Saturday looking to the future of this church. MANY great ideas were put forth for discussion. We could not have had a better facilitator than Reverend Carol Bruse. The Holy Spirit was definitely present as she led the group in narrowing the focus and keeping everyone on track.

Watch for more information as we move forward in becoming the church that we ***Dare to Dream*** to be. A special THANK YOU to Gary and Sherry Buchanan for catering the AWESOME LUNCH!!



## Blast kicks off September 6th!

Wednesday Nights beginning September 6th kids  
K-2nd & 3rd-5th are invited to join us from  
6:00-7:30pm for dinner, worship, games, & small  
group time. Blast will meet at the church  
Education Building.

## Our Amazon Wish List

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

### [FMC Amazon Wish List](#)

This Wish List contains various items that might not be a priority in the church and preschool's budgets, but that are needed. *We will be adding many items that will be needed in the renovation of the Wesley House, so please consider this opportunity to be a part of this newest church building.* 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

## Bible Study

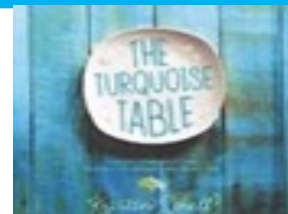
Tuesday 10:00am

Bring your Bible and a notebook and come join us in the activity building.

For more information contact John "Carty" Hicks or the church office.



**Turquoise Table Ladies  
Meets 1st Thursday every month  
11am—Activity Building  
Next meeting is September 7**



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 979-255-8333 or Julie Jarrell 979-255-2966.

## The FUMP CORNER



We are fully staffed and ready for our littles to come September 5. As believers, we know that God's timing and ours may not be the same. He is never late. The Executive Board, Misty, and I were put to the test, as we had to find four new teachers for this school year. To be honest, there were times I found myself wondering when, not if, but when God was going to send us the right individuals for the preschool. After many prayers were lifted up by the board members and the congregation for our staff, God Showed Up! He always does and always will. I want to thank each and every one of you who remembered us in prayer.

Let me introduce our 2023-2024 staff. Our one year olds will be taught by Jenny Cate. I couldn't think of a more loving, creative, kind teacher for the babies. The two-year olds will be taught by two returning teachers, Wendy Key and Teri Wygle. This will be Wendy's fourth year while Teri will enter her second year. The children will be blessed by two very creative, organized, and loving teachers. The 3-4 year olds will be taught by two new teachers Lee Popham and Jan Patton and one returning teacher, Aimee Phillips. Aimee has shown a lot of leadership skills, as she always collaborates and shares resources with the others. Jan has been a stay at home mom for several years and is excited to be able to work with young children. We don't always get individuals with childcare experience; however, Lee comes to us with twenty-seven years. She loves working with children and can't wait to teach them about how much God loves them. Crystal Vann, our amazing aide, wears many hats and she wears them well. Rachel Waller is the music teacher in the mornings and helps Crystal as an aide in the afternoon. Everyone keeps the preschool running like a well oiled machine. The staff attended a five day training and learned many strategies to teach and minister to the children. Now all we need are our littles to come see us.

Continue to pray for us to follow the path that our Lord and Savior has made for us.

*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1John 3:1*

In Christ,

Sherry Buchanan  
Director  
FUMP



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*

The Choir will be back to practicing in September beginning on the 13th. Practice starts at 5:00pm each Wednesday.

**NEW CHOIR MEMBERS  
ARE ALWAYS  
WELCOMED AND WANTED!!  
No previous experience required!!**

So, Come join with us as we "sing to the Lord a joyful song."

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda



## **ELECTRONIC GIVING is EASY!**

Can't get to church and want to save a stamp? You have two **EASY** options for giving online. PayPal and Venmo accounts are set up to receive your electronic giving. Use the information below to search for our accounts and 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.) No more need for writing two checks~just indicate the split (\$100 giving; \$100 building etc.)

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

**PAYPAL**

<http://paypal.me/Franklintxumc>

**VENMO**

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

## **NOW AVAILABLE**

Franklin Methodist Church  
Directory Addendum





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

**NEW CLASSES START ON  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

**ARK** - Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten

**Kingdom Kids** - Grades 1 thru 4

**Encounter** - Grades 5 thru 8

**Fusion** - Grades 9 thru 12 (starts 9/10)

**Home Builders** - Adult

**Wisdom** - Adult

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High Schoolers are you needing a blueprint to help navigate your high school years? Plan to join us beginning on Sunday, September 10 at 9:00am as we begin this NEW STUDY. We will meet in the high school room of the church's Activity Building. Questions?? Contact Julie Neyland (979-814-0055), Julie Jarrell (979-255-2966) or the church office.

## Mission of the Month A.S.K.

(After School Knowledge)

The tutoring sessions for "at-risk" first and second graders will begin again soon. Supplies and manipulatives for those sessions will need to be replenished. Also snacks will need to be stocked up on. Please consider supporting this ministry of the church. Additional mentors are also needed!! Would you consider being one of the mentors for this? **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.** For questions contact Beth Vickers at 979-255-1406 or call the church office.

## Katie's Korner

The staff team for the Sydney camp -- many of these individuals take a week off of work to spend time loving on young people and sharing about Jesus!



Face painting and good conversations at our weekly park outreach in Windale.

Just a couple of the things that Katie is involved with during her time on mission in Australia with YWAM.



# Mops/MOM&Next

*Belonging  
Inspiring  
Growing  
together in Christ*

*Join us:  
Every other Weds.  
10am-12pm @  
Franklin Methodist  
Church*

**2023:**  
**Sept 13th & 27th**  
**Oct 11th & 25th**  
**Nov 8th & 22nd**  
**Dec 6th**

**2024:**  
**Jan 10th & 24th**  
**Feb 7th & 21st**  
**Mar 6th & 20th**  
**Apr 3rd & 17th**  
**May 1st**

*Childcare provided*

*For more info text*

**979-412-1467**

# 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    Terrie Folterman-Health Issues    James Stevens-Issues  
 Fred Eden-Health Issues    Tyler Putnam-Issues    Sara Davis-Health Issues



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

## September Meetings

Turquoise Table Ladies	Thursday, September 7	11:00am
Finance/Trustees	Sunday, September 10	After Worship
Admin Council	Sunday, September 24	After Worship

## Weekly Meetings

Bible Study	Tuesday	10:00am
Women's Emmaus	Wednesday	8:00am-9:00am
Choir	Wednesdays	5:00pm
Youth Group	Wednesdays	6:00pm
BLAST Kids Ministry	Wednesday	6:00pm
Men's Emmaus	Thursdays	6:30am-7:30am

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Sherry Buchanan	18th Bob Otto
Peyton Drake	19th Addy Miller
4th Jerry Briggs	21st Christan Rawson
Noah Smith	Bill Wygle
Diana Richardson	23rd Jobe Law
Betty Randermann	Barry Black
5th Bryce McKinney	Janet Zamzow
6th Kenadi Janacek	John Standing
Sofia Zahn	26th Jeren Hanks
8th Charlie Harper	Jenny Cate
9th Nella Perez	27th Kelley Sexton
12th Allie Herring	28th Chris Huggins
14th Terrie Foltermann	Chelsea Currie
Cathy Hayes	Will Neyland
16th Zachary Kissinger	Chip Zahn
17th Robert Hailey	29th Emily Cloat
Deborah Hicks	30th Mark Hailey
Matthew Kamas	Richie Black



## Lay Readers

3rd	Kip Kissinger
10th	Joe Corn
17th	Jeff Ripley
24th	Julie Neyland

## Ushers for September

Stacy Reeves &  
 Jody Smith

## Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	18,745.30
Building Fund	\$	645.00
Memorial-Designated-Other	\$	980.00

## 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



**We appreciate and need your continued faithful giving.**