

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.

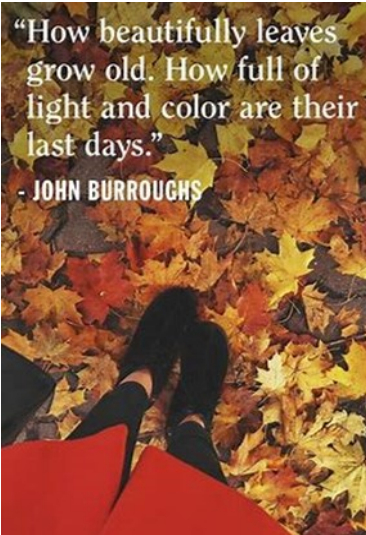
Mission:

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



I think the fall season has always been linked to the idea of aging. I have heard individuals talk about being in the fall of their lives. Some might even say I am in the fall season of my life.

My early childhood was spent way up north in Minnesota. It was known for very few days of spring and summer and a quick day or two of fall before moving to winter. And winter came in quick and lasted forever! I truly don't miss those winters.

I do miss the changing seasons of my pre-teen and teen years in Missouri. The seasons were all experienced and none was longer than the others. Of course, the winters were still quite cold, but bearable and more hopeful since you knew spring was never too far away.

While Texas was my birth state. I didn't get too acquainted with it since my parents went to the other extreme moving us almost immediately after my birth to the Northern parts of Wisconsin and Missouri. But I was happy to return to Texas with my husband and three Oakie's in tow. As I look back a smile creeps up on me and I hear a bit of a giggle cross my lips. The truth is I sure didn't know much about life, didn't have a clue where it would take me, and I realized that my parenting skills were sometimes nothing more than trial and error. But what I did know, was that I trusted John and I totally trusted the God we both loved.

So maybe I am in the fall of my life. But I don't fear it. God's word has some remarkable things to say about this time in my life. Let me share a few of them with you.

"He (God), shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age." Ruth 4:15

"Wisdom is with the aged and understanding in length of days." Job 12:12

"Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life." Proverbs 16:31

"I said, 'Let days speak, and many years teach wisdom.' But it is the Spirit in man, the breath of the Almighty, that makes him understand." Job 32:7-8

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but the splendor of old men is their gray hair." Proverbs 20:29 (This applies to women too!)

"The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like the cedars of Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, to declare that the Lord is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him." Psalm 92:12-15

"So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim Your might to another generation, Your power to all those to come. Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?" Psalm 71:18-19

No matter which season of life you find yourself in, remember this...

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" John 16:33

Pastor Polly



January 26 – 28, 2024

Last January our youth group attended this fun & spiritually beneficial retreat, and we are planning to go again!

The Winter Weekends are designed for students to encounter Christ and have the opportunity to take one step closer to Him. Students will participate in exciting and purposeful activities, authentic worship experiences, insightful and challenging messages, all within the context of the relationships of their churches and small groups. Students will be inspired and re-energized for the start of the new year. All youth in 6th –12th grade are welcome to join in.



The cost of the weekend is \$149 per youth. Partial scholarships are available, so please don't let the cost deter your youth from attending.

In addition to the activities mentioned above, the fee includes: 2 night stay, a light snack on Friday night, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Please RSVP Mary (979-777-1038) for your youth by Oct. 18th.



Prayer Committee

Remember there are Prayer Request cards in the Prayer Box toward the back of the Sanctuary. Using these cards helps to get all the prayer request information correct. You can make these requests as confidential as you want, We always want to be in prayer for all needs by either using these cards or by calling the church office. It is our privilege to lift you up in prayer.

We are wanting to add members to our prayer committee~Do you feel the calling to lift others up in prayer? Questions or want to join the committee please contact Cathy Reed (979-255-7281)

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

Mark 11:24

News from the Pews~Do you have news that you would like to share with your church family? Did your son or daughter make the Dean's List or loose a tooth? Has your spouse received a promotion or achieved a new personal goal? Do you have a new family member (pets included?) We want to celebrate with you by having a section in the newsletter with all this good news. Please email or call the church office with your good news items.



SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29
Here on Church Grounds
4:30PM

PRAY
together

The FUMP CORNER



We have one month under our belts and it has been such a great start. The kids are settling in learning the routines and classroom rules. Our teachers are so supportive of one another as they collaborate and share ideas.

Currently our enrollment this year is 52; however, we anticipate two more starting in October. Our littles will be learning about two Old Testament stories and one found in the New Testament. The first story highlights the importance and power that faith has in our lives as told in the Bible character, Rebekah. Next the children will be told the story of Noah's Ark and how God rewarded him for his righteousness and obedience, saving both him and his family from destruction. The story of the flood demonstrates God's justice and the promise of His salvation. Lastly, the Fishers of Men story will relate how God wants us to love others and tell them about Jesus.

October is National Fire Prevention & Safety month, which means the Firemen will bring their fire trucks for the kiddos to view and sit inside, if they choose. A huge shout out of thanks for our Fire Department for educating us about emergency procedures and safety in case of a fire.

October 26 will be our FUMPkin Fest filled with all things pumpkins. It is a day filled with fun activities and stories for the children's enjoyment.

"Faith is trusting in advance what will only make sense in reverse." Phillip Yancey

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan
Director FUMP



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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 and UKULELE BAND MEMBERS!

No previous experience required!!

The choir is growing, BUT there are still plenty of seats available. So...Come join with us as we "sing to the Lord a joyful song."

Want to join the SonShine Strummers Ukulele Band? There are also open seats in the band.

Wednesdays are practice days with the Ukulele Band practice starting at 4:00pm and then the Choir practice is at 5:00pm.

Contact Rhonda Miller for more info on joining either the choir or the ukulele band.

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda



Cookie Walk

**December 9
9:00am to Noon**

Leaves are turning fall colors and hopefully soon we will be feeling cooler weather. The Cookie Walk will be here before we know it and we are making plans already for another spectacular Christmas display and some yummy cookies. We need to retire some of the Christmas trees that were lovingly donated in the first few years of Cookie Walk. If you have a gently used pre-lit tree and would like to donate, or make a contribution for the purchase of new trees, please contact Katherine Scasta at 979-229-0253 or email at kascasta@gmail.com. More updates will come in the November newsletter.



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

Date: Sunday, October 29

Time: 4:30pm

Location: Franklin Methodist Church Campus

Details: Come for hamburgers, hot dogs, & fixings. Enjoy games, music, a bounce house, and lots of fun.

Bring the whole family!

Our Amazon Wish List

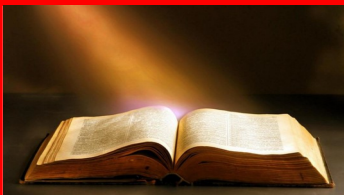
has been updated with some new items that the church and preschool can use, please check it out at the following link.

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.



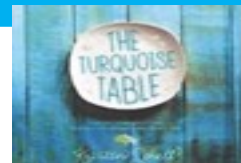
Bible Study

This study is open to all—men, women, young and “seasoned” are encouraged to come. If you cannot make it one day, don't worry you can join us any time.

Bring your Bible and a notebook and come join us in the kitchen of the activity building as we continue our study of the book of James.

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 October 5



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 at 979-255-2966.



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

Wisdom - Adult

October Mission of the Month



We will again be collecting new & gently used kids jackets and hoodies to give to those in need this winter!

Please bring your donation by the Church office and we will distribute them later in the Fall.

Katie's Korner



Sydney, Australia

Earlier in the year Katie spent 2 weeks partnering with a local YWAM base and doing evangelism in the city. One of the local ministries is a weekly food relief programme. Her team performed a skit about the

Gospel, shared a few testimonies and were able to pray with about 20 or so individuals who came along that week. A few of the people responded to what was shared and wanted to receive Jesus into their lives! She personally connected and prayed with a man who wanted prayer for his son who had recently been remarried. They had a good conversation and shared about their different beliefs as he followed the Hindu faith. It was a beautiful day of connection!



Food Pantry Workday October 14

The Franklin Food Pantry gives food to approximately 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 October 14.

****Please note that all volunteers are now required to view an informative video about volunteering at the pantry. Please plan to come at 8:00am to view the video on the 14th or on your first time to volunteer.**

Please join us on the 14th until around noon as we help distribute food to your neighbors in need.

There is always a special need for male volunteers to help with some of the "heavy lifting."

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 LauraHCorn@gmail.com



ELECTRONIC GIVING~ IS SO EASY!!

One click is basically all it takes. The church has both a PayPal account and a Venmo account for convenient electronic giving. **ANY questions do not hesitate to give the church office a call at (979-828-3355.)**

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Worship
Committee

The Worship Committee is busy planning for the Fall season and introducing a couple of new procedures to enhance the worship experience. You will notice that the ushers will be ringing the church bell at 10:13 to signal the beginning of the service. This will let the congregation know that the service will begin in two minutes and allow time to get to their seats. Also,

the words to the offertory hymns will be shown on the screens so that the congregation can sing along from their seats.

Pastor Polly begins a new series *Living With Purpose* which will run up to the Advent Season:

October 1–3 *Greatest Questions Every Christ Follower Should Ask*

October 8—*Created to Worship*

October 15—*Finding Purpose in Fellowship*

October 22—Laity Sunday - Guest Preacher Todd Sullivan—*Finding Purpose in Discipleship*

October 29—*Finding Purpose in Ministry*

Hymn Sing for the worship service

October 29—**Fall Festival 4:30** Burgers, hot dogs, bounce house, board games and other fun activities. Fun and fellowship for the whole family.

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

**HEY MOMS!
YOU WON'T WANNA MISS IT:**

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*Belonging
Inspiring
Growing
together in Christ*

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

Childcare provided

For more info text
979-412-1467

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

**JOIN THE MOPS/
MOMSNEXT GROUP FOR A
PUMPKIN PATCH MEETUP**

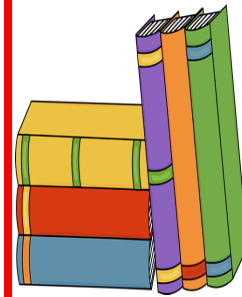
When: Sat., Oct 7th

**Where: Let's meet at Farmers to
Market Coffee Co. in Calvert then
head over to the pumpkin patch**

What time: 10am-nap time

FALL CHECKLIST:

- ✓ GET THE KIDS OUTSIDE
- ✓ MOM/KID SOCIAL TIME
- ✓ FALL PICS WITH PUMPKINS



Lending Library

Be sure to check out the Lending Library located in the Narthex.

There are many Christian and motivational books available to borrow! Take a minute or two and browse to find that special something that speaks to you! Have a book or DVD that you have found helpful or encouraging, we would love your help in growing our library!

**SEVERAL NEW BOOKS
HAVE BEEN ADDED
TO THE LIBRARY.**



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.

Terrie Foltermann-Health Concerns Denver Richard,~Health concerns

All those suffering from undiagnosed health issues



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

October Meetings

Turquoise Table Ladies	Thursday, October 5	11:00am
Finance (Budget Workshop)	Monday, October 9	6:00pm
Worship Committee	Thursday, October 26	4:00pm

Weekly Meetings

Bible Study	Tuesdays	10:00am
A.S.K. Tutoring	Tuesdays (beginning Oct. 10)	3:15-5:00pm
Women's Emmaus	Wednesdays	8:00am-9:00am
MOPS	Wednesday the 11th & 25th	10:00am-Noon
Ukulele Band Practice	Wednesdays	4:00pm
Choir	Wednesdays	5:00pm
Youth Group	Wednesdays	6:00pm
BLAST	Wednesdays	6:00pm
Men's Emmaus	Thursdays	6:30am-7:30am

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Billy Davis	13th David Homann
Cooper Harper	16th Cindy Caubarreaux
Andy Harris	17th Laura Corn
Rachel Knight	Joe Callaway
2nd LeAnn Lennie Bachmeyer	20th Rev. Polly Standing
6th Jacob Janacek	23rd Paul Schultz
Preston Thompson	27th Drew Reed
8th Brandon Kellum	29th Bowen Campbell
12th Teressa Callaway	Hunter Rawson
Cindy Briggs	



Lay Readers

1st	Olivia Campbell
8th	Ken Reinhardt
15th	Andy Harris
22nd	Teri Wygle
29th	Emily Harris

Ushers for October

Kip & Kristie
Kissinger

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

4th	Kevin & Christan Rawson
15th	Rex & Beth Vickers
22nd	Shane & Stephanie Broadus
24th	James & Lacey Buckner



Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	29,039.00
Building Fund	\$	775.00
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$	2,495.00

We appreciate and need your continued faithful giving.