

Franklin Methodist Church  
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[www.franklinmethodist.org](http://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

I remember as a young girl being given my first deodorant. This will date me no doubt, but it was called "Tussy". Do not laugh too loud as it is still available on Amazon and Walmart. Now you might think that is a weird thing to ponder. But it was prompted by the ads I keep getting on my phone or hearing on the television for Lume that new deodorant developed by a doctor to be used anywhere on the body where you experience odor. Shortly after that came out, I heard an advertisement from Secret for an all-body spray deodorant they were now selling. Then the creator of Lume came out with Mando deodorant especially for men who want to smell good.

But the truth of the matter is that it doesn't matter what kind of deodorant, perfume, good smelling soap, or freshly washed clothing we are wearing because none of these things will get at the odor that pleases God the most. You see God wants a sweet smelling offering.

The NIV puts it this way. *"For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing."* 2 Corinthians 2:15

If we want to smell good, we must put on Christ, we must accept him as our Lord and Savior and we must be willing to live life as a disciple of Christ ; Ephesians 5:2 says, *"And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."* When we give our life to Christ, we take on his sweet and pleasing aroma. And that kind of smell is a sweet smelling offering to God no matter what deodorant we are wearing. I am just saying....

*O my God Jesus, I am in every way unworthy of you. Yet, like Joseph of Arimathea, I want to offer a space for you. He offered his own tomb, I offer my heart.*

*Enter the darkness of my heart, as your body entered the darkness of Joseph's tomb. And make me worthy to receive you, driving out all sin that I may be filled with your spiritual light.*

*St. Bonaventure  
1221-1274*

*Pastor Polly*



## Summer Schedule

### June

- June 5~Relationship Project
- June 10-14~Youth Camp at Lakeview (No Wednesday night Youth Group)
- June 19~Family Night—Dinner and Bingo
- June 24-25~Local Mission at the Clothes Closet
- June 26~Relationship Project

### July

- July 3~TBD
- July 8-11~Vacation Bible School (No Wednesday night Youth Group)
- July 17~Family Night—Dinner and Bunco
- July 24~Relationship Project
- July 31~Relationship Project

### August

- August 7~Relationship Project
- August 10~Back to School Bash
- August 14~Relationship Project

**Turquoise Table Ladies**  
Meets 1st Thursday every month  
11am



### JUNE 6 NEXT MEETING

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.



## 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,

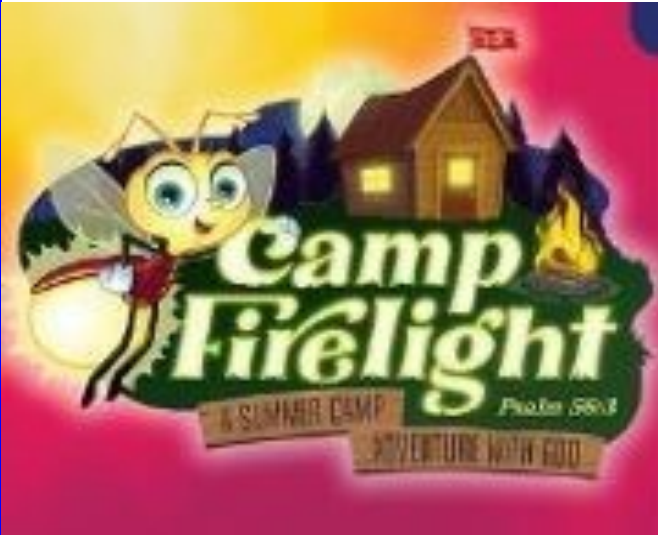
adoption information and financial planning.

- 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.



# SAVE THE DATE~CAMP STARTS ON JULY 8



Join us as Camp, Counselor Sam and Lumen, "Lu," the lightning bug puppet, go on a summer adventure at Camp Firelight. Campers will accompany Counselor Sam and Lu during each assembly session and learn to face their fears while trusting in God. Each day, Campers see Counselor Sam face new challenges, from as simple as leading Campers on a hike to as intimidating as meeting a new and wise nature expert. With the help of Lu, the Lightning Bug, and the Camp Counselor Guidebook, Counselor Sam and the Campers explore timeless Bible stories showing how Old and New Testament Bible figures trusted God, faced their fears, and went on to do great things in God's

name. As the Campers experience the stories through music, drama and storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science, and even snacks, they learn ways to connect with and trust God. And best of all, they understand they can connect with God at VBS, church, home, and every area of their lives. This Vacation Bible School program invites children on an exciting journey where they learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, know God is always with them, and feel confident in sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

Camp Theme Verse: *"Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you."* Psalm 56:3

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.



## Parking Lot Paving Project Still in Need of Donations

PLEDGES FROM CHURCH MEMBERS  
TOTALING **\$27,150** HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. A BIG  
THANK YOU TO THOSE GENEROUS DONORS!

Everyone is so appreciative of the new surface. And with all of the recent rains we can only imagine what that area would have been like. The basketball court is stripped in, the goal is up and the youth have already started using it. The final payment for the repaving is in process **BUT** the donated funds are still a bit short to cover the total cost of the repaving.

***Can you step up to help us take care of this?*** We are truly blessed to have this ministry that serves so many in the community. And now, with a paved parking area, we can do so even better. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this need that is not only a benefit to the community but to our church and youth ministries.

## THE FUMP CORNER



May was crammed full of awards, graduations, and play-offs for the baseball and softball games. We were supposed to have *Splash Day*, but the weather altered our plans! Instead of playing in water outside, we planned a fun day inside.

Misty and I have already planned training for the 2024-2025 school year, which will be August 27-29. Teaching preschoolers is not easy, but so rewarding. We want to help our teachers by giving them more tools in their toolboxes. Our topics for training will be Early Childhood Development, Classroom Management, Security and Safety Measures, Behavior Management, Safe Sanctuary, and CPR/First Aid. I want to instill in the teachers a passion for teaching, and how to nurture excellence (not perfection) in their classrooms.

Four staff members resigned at the end of the year to pursue different avenues for themselves and families. Even though we were sad to see them go, God has already brought us some very qualified applicants. He never lets the preschool go without anything or anyone needed. Praise be to God!

Please continue praying for the preschool that we reach more children and their families to know the love of God.

*“Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.” Proverbs 16:3*

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

**SEND US YOUR NEWS**

## Katie's Korner

Katie has been home in the US. We enjoyed having her speak last month. She will be off on another missionary adventure soon and we will keep everyone updated on her training and activities.

## FAMILY FUN

**SUMMER GAMES**

Wednesday, June 19 6:00-8:00pm  
Dinner & Bingo  
Wednesday, July 17 6:00-8:00pm  
Dinner & Bunco



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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Dinner & Bingo

Wednesday, July 17 6:00-8:00pm

Dinner & Bunco



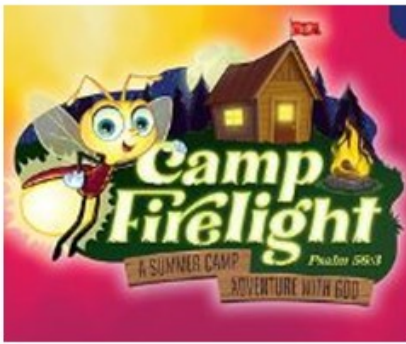
**VBS**

July 8-11

9:00am-Noon

Call the office today to register!

979-828-3355



## 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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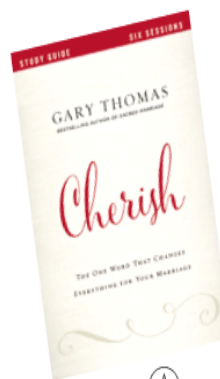
**Click below to see a short video.**

Adulthood looms before you like a mountain. There are so many questions, so many unknowns, and you don't yet know the way. But this is testing ground, a place where God will forge you. You will never go alone. His goodness follows you. Your mountain is calling.

### Your Mountain is Calling

**This is just one of the THOUSANDS of resources available through your FREE RightNow Media account.**

## June MOPS Info!



Starting on June 5 MOPS will be meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Church Activity Building to go through the Gary Thomas study called Cherish. This is a 6-session study on marriage and should be concluded on July 17.

You will find our MOPS group supporting our local community with a booth setup at the Scott Burgess Festival happening Saturday June 1 at 506 Hearne St. Franklin, TX. Feel free to stop by and grab water or say hello to the group members!



## REMEMBER ELECTRONIC GIVING IS AVAILABLE!!

The church has both a Venmo account to receive your electronic giving. Use the link 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.)

**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  
**Wisdom** - 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*

The Choir is on summer break and should return in the fall. They are always looking to add new members so please consider joining them in the fall.

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda



## WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday evening  
in the Sanctuary

6-8 p.m.

Franklin Methodist Church

Wed love for you to join us!



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Pastor Polly as she begins her fourteenth 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 16** – Fathers' Day. There will be "Donuts-for-Dad." Join us as we celebrate the day by honoring the father figures in our lives.

*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      Hudson Swinnea-Leukemia  
 Tony Arnold-Cancer      All those suffering a loss in the family      All Graduates  
 Max Hall & Family-Recovery from surgery



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	Cynthie 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
18th	Maggie Easterly		Tommie Engler
	Kari Smith		
19th	David Kamas		

## 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      Sunday, June 9      After Worship

## Weekly Meetings

Women's Emmaus	Wednesdays	8:00am
Women's Bible Study	Wednesdays	6:00pm
Youth Group	Wednesdays	6:00pm
Men's Emmaus	Thursdays	6:30am-7:30am

## Lay Readers

2nd	Jeff Ripley
9th	Meghan Moran
16th	Meghan Moran
23rd	Mary Kamas
30th	Pam Barger

## Ushers for June

**Todd & Julie Neyland**

## Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	19,968.00
Building Fund	\$	645.00
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$	1,570.00

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