

Franklin Methodist Church
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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.

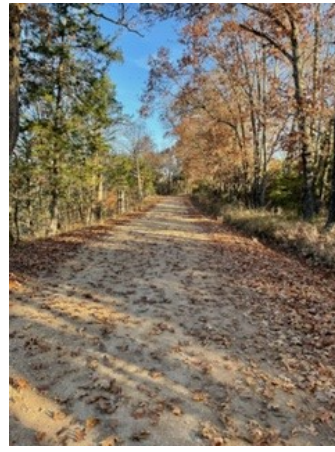
Mission:

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



The pictures you see above are of one of John and my favorite places in the world. It is not a foreign land. In fact, it is only a day's drive away. It has been like a second home to John. He spent many hours there visiting his grandparents and exploring every inch of the land. Looking for lizards, turtles, and salamanders. He might have even caught some of the frogs that his grandma cooked up in the skillet. A tradition I had no desire to continue. This is the same land on which his mother and her brother caught a 33lb catfish when they were little bitty and together, they drug it up the bank to the farmhouse for dinner. Picture number one shows the very rocked bluff on which I caught a six lb. catfish with a cane pole. And the second picture shows the view from which I have spent many hours watching John fish. Just recently his new method is with a fly-fishing rod.

But over the years there have been changes. The river has changed its course slightly as the trees on the banks grow or fall. The amount of rain affects the depth of the river and how much of the lower bluff is covered. I have noticed that the moss on the rocks is spreading. And the undergrowth on the hill is thicker. And while the slope of the hill that leads down to this treasured place seems to be steeper and more hazardous, I know it is really my age and inability to do the things that I used to do that makes it seem unfamiliar and difficult to manage.

Yet when I look at these pictures, I have precious memories that come to mind. Walking the Wandersee Road (The third picture) with my Mother-in-law; looking for arrowheads shortly after John and I were married; and racing down Wandersee Road to a vet's office to get help removing a hook from two-year-old Jennifer's ear when her sister lost control of the line casting off. (No hospital or ER is nearby). I remember serving communion to a group of youth on the bluff during one of our mission trips. (It was a hotdog bun and a can of Welch's grape juice); and there was the rock they found with a cross shape on it - so we placed it in the brush just above the bluff to mark the place we had encountered God. There is a cave nearby that we have taken each of our grandkids to see. And the last picture is of Cadie's last solo trip with John.

I guess what I remember most is the love I have experienced there, the love of family and friends, the love of nature and the One who created it, the love of the journey of faith and the Christ whom I follow. And those changes, well I don't really mind them, they remind me that while all things change there is one constant that holds everything together. *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever."* Hebrew 13:8. I pray that you not only join me as we continue to embrace the changes along life's journey of faith but also as we continue to celebrate and praise our God Who was, and is, and will forever be unchanging. Amen and Amen

Pastor Polly



Summer Schedule

August

- August 7~Relationship Project
- August 10~Back to School Bash at the Vickers' Lake House
- August 11~Parent and Volunteer meeting
- August 14~Relationship Project
- August 18~Parent and Volunteer meeting
- August 21~Relationship Project
- August 28~Silent Disco Party



August 28

Come Join in the FUN as we dance the night away in our own private Disco Club. It will be an experience you won't forget!!

Our Amazon Wish List

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

FMC Amazon Wish List

This Wish List contains various items that might not be a priority in the church and preschool's budget, but that are needed. 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.



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!!

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

Choir practice will begin again on Wednesday, September 4 at 5:00pm. Please consider joining us in this special way of praising the Lord. We sing both traditional and contemporary music, so there is room for everyone. Think you can't sing? Just come to ONE rehearsal and find out that your voice is a blessing to the Lord, no matter what you think. We are especially wanting to add more male voices to our choir, so come and join us.

The SonShine Strummers Ukulele band will also start practice again on September 4. Ukulele practice starts at 4:00pm. .

If you have any questions about either group please feel free to contact the church office or Rhonda Miller.



"Sing"cerely, Rhonda





Believing, Living and Sharing Truth

**BACK ON WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11.
Watch for more
information soon.**

Katie's Korner

Happy summer [or winter!] to you all! I was soaking up all the sun and heat I can get in Texas before I headed back to winter in Australia. The last few months have been so special, and all along them I've been gifted such sweet moments and a more restful pace before launching into the next adventure. But after a 4-month silence, I'm here to catch you up on what's happening next.

What's Next

I'll start with the 'future' first and then skip back in the next section. As you may know from my last couple of updates, I've been working toward joining a YWAM course called 'Foundations of Counseling Ministry.' After a few false starts and cancelled schools, it's confirmed that I'll be completing this course at YWAM Wollongong in Australia starting July 7. This timing and location wasn't in the original plan but after all of the initial confusion, I can see so many gifts God had for me in the months of waiting and resting in Texas AND I'm so excited to be at this YWAM center and in Australia once again. But for now, a bit more about this course. The course is 6-months long; 3 months of lectures/workshop/YWAM community living in Wollongong and then 3 months of an international outreach. Through the generosity of my community [and God's wisdom of saving], I've been able to fully raise the cost of the lecture phase of the course. I still will need to raise funds for the outreach phase [location/cost to be confirmed.]

Praises

- All my lecture fees are covered!
- Attending my dear friend's wedding and having a mini-YWAM reunion
- Lots of quality time with my niece and nephew
- Celebrating my best friend's baby girl on the way!
- Road trip with Mama Kamas - getting to visit 3 national parks AND see two of my siblings!

Prayer Requests

- Connections within a new community, an open heart of what God wants to do in me these next few months of the course
- For outreach finances to come through at the right time

The FUMP CORNER



Here we go! As August arrives, it is that time again to welcome everyone back. There is excitement at the preschool in anticipation of what God has in store for us.

As we had to say good-bye to some of our staff members at the end of last school year, God brought us some great ladies to help us minister to the children. We can't wait to see who we consider the "Cream of the Crop" and what they will offer our littles and their families.

Three sessions of Parent Orientation have been scheduled for August 12 and 13. This is a time for the families to learn about our policies, procedures, curriculum, and as much as they can about our amazing preschool. We want our families to feel very comfortable about leaving their prized possessions with us.

Staff training is scheduled for August 26 through 29 to present our expectations for working with and teaching the children. Meet the Teacher night will be August 29 at 6:00 PM. The preschool doors will open on September 3 to start off our 2024-2025 school year. We will welcome fifty-seven little ones on day one.

Please be in prayer for the children, their families, and our staff as we as teach the littles how to play, pray, and love as defined by God.

"Let all that you do be done in love."
1 Corinthians 16:14

Sherry Buchanan,
Director FUMP





THE MOMCO

August MomCo Update!

- Our final Gary Thomas Cherish Study meeting will be held in the Church Activity Building on Wednesday, July 31st from 10:00 am- 12:00 pm
- We are looking for two volunteers for childcare in our upcoming MomCo year, please reach out to Christin at 979-595-8079 if you think you may be able to help!
- Stay tuned for the MomCo 2024-2025 meeting dates to be released in the September Newsletter 😊

ELECTRONIC GIVING **It is so easy!**

Can't get to church and want to save a stamp? Use your Venmo 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~you can just indicate the split (\$100 giving; \$100 building, etc.)

If you have ANY questions do not hesitate to give the church office a call at (979-828-3355.) or send a quick email.

VENMO

[http://www.venmo.com/
FranklinTXMethodist-Church](http://www.venmo.com/FranklinTXMethodist-Church)



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 25 – Birthday Bash Join us for the celebration!! It will be a Potluck lunch with your dessert (cake and ice cream) being provided.

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 25

(After Worship)

Bring a Covered Dish to Share*

NEW FUN FORMAT!!!

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

August Monthly Mission



The Gideons International



The Campground was packed at this year's VBS!!!

130 average Kiddo's answered the daily call.
50+ Volunteers!
Lots of Food donated for our local neighbors.

2025 is already being planned~stay tuned!



Thank you to volunteers and staff who made camp such a success.

Director: Kim Perez

Co-Director: Beth Vickers

Opening/Closing Assembly Leaders: Christina Martin & Kim Perez

Opening/Closing Assembly Youth Music Team: Reese Rawson, Luke Moran,

Natalie Garrett, Angela Golden, Aiden Peterson

Media: Caitlyn Martin

Recreation Leader: Andy Harris

Recreation Youth Asst: Caleb Moran, Jaycee Smith

Science & Crafts Leaders: Meghan Moran, Amy Thompson, Julie Jarrell

Science & Crafts Youth Assts: Cadie Martin, Levi Golden

Storytelling Leader: Mary Kamas, Brandi Pearce

Storytelling Youth Assts: Darcey Lorenz (puppet)

Music Leaders: Reese Rawson & Jenny Cate

Music Youth Assts: Luke Moran, Angela Golden, Aiden Peterson, Chris Witherspoon

Snack Leaders: Deborah Hicks

Snack Assts: Eileen Cross, Birgitte Bly

Snack Youth Assistance: Michael Gradbury, Demarion Leday, JaCole Brown

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

Preschool Youth Guides: Michael Golden, Mason Corn, Brooke Broadus, Lillie Taff, Annie Cobb,

Allison Waller, Autumn Cloat, Hannah Morgan

Kinder Leader Guide: Rachel Golden

Kinder Youth Guides: Emily Harris, Natalie Garrett

1st Leader Guide: Kate Barnett

1st Youth Guide: Lilly Harris, Charlie Harris

2nd Leader Guides: Cynthia Hanks

2nd Youth Guide: Bless Cloat, Carlee Thompson

3rd Leader Guides: Dianna Hutchison, Pastor Polly Standing

3rd Youth Guide: Reagan Corn

4th Leader Guide: Larry Barger

4th Youth Assistant: Cooper Huggins, Austin Corn

5th Leader Guide: John Standing

5th Youth Assistant: Abigail Gradbury

Rover Extraordinaire: Pam Barger

Transportation Team: Andy Reed, Cathy Reed, John Standing

Registration Team: Beth Vickers, Eileen Cross, Tanja Peterson, Olivia Campbell



Sunday Small Groups at 9:00 am

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

THANK
YOU!

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Baby Bottle CAMPAIGN



NEW TEACHERS LUNCHEON

Thursday, August 1

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, Thursday, August 1, 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 1st, 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 1.



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 Hudson Swinnea-Leukemia
 Kay Baker -Health Issues Teachers & Students as they start a new year



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

August Meetings

Trustees	Sunday, August 4	After Worship
Turquoise Table Ladies	Thursday, August 1	11:00am
Finance	Sunday, August 11	After Worship

Weekly Meetings

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		



4th	Jeff Ripley
11th	Meghan Moran
18th	John "Carty" Hicks
25th	Kip Kissinger

Ushers for August

Kip & Kristi Kissinger

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	\$	21,563.00
Building Fund	\$	1,170.00,
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$	396.00
Baby Bottle Campaign	\$	539.20
Parking Lot	\$	1,300.00

We appreciate and need your continued faithful giving.