

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 have been watching online at the devastation that the recent storms have inflicted on the people in our southern states. It is the worst destruction that has been seen in years. Lives lost, devastated, turned upside down, interrupted people stunned, frozen with shock, bewildered not knowing where to turn or what steps to take. Then comes the word of hope. Churches, faith filled Christians are already on the move. Some neighbors are already working to help each other. Men, chainsaws in hand are moving debris; Christians are joining organized servants, like Salvation Army, Red Cross, and Samaritan's Purse. Prayers are needed to call upon our LORD GOD to move in mighty ways to bring restoration to these places. You and I have the power to call on the HOLY SPIRIT to bring comfort, inspire acts of compassion, and calm the anxiety that is swirling inside the minds and bodies of those in the midst of the storm.

So, what can you do? Right now, the greatest need is Prayer. Call upon the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY to bring sustenance and restoration. There are some things that money can not buy. That is when we turn to the most powerful resource the LORD as given to us, Prayer. To help in this act of service I have provided a few prayers you can use often!

“Lord of the Universe, Master of all, look in love upon Your people. Pour the healing oil of Your compassion on a world that is wounded and dying. Send us out in search of the lost, to comfort the afflicted, to bind up the broken, and to free those trapped under the rubble of their fallen dreams.”
Sheila Cassidy

“Give me grace O my Father, to be utterly ashamed of my own reluctance to pray. Rouse me from sloth and coldness, and make me desire You with my whole heart. Teach me to love meditation, sacred reading, and prayer. Teach me to love that which must engage my whole mind for all eternity.” John Henry Newman

“God of our tender care, we pray with those who are praying. We join the spoken and silent prayers that come to You from throughout the earth—from sanctuaries and street corners, from battle lines and prison cells, from hospital rooms and festive tables. With bowed heads or heads held high, standing boldly or kneeling quietly, we pray to You with thanks, with sorrow, with urgency. We ask Your guidance; we rest in Your comfort. Speak, O God, to Your praying people everywhere! Hear this our common prayer.” Ann B. Day

“Set free, O Lord, the souls of Your servants from all restlessness and anxiety. Give them that peace and power which flow from You. Keep them in all perplexity and distress, that upheld by Your strength and stayed on the rock of Your faithfulness they may abide in You now and evermore.”
Francis Paget

“Lord Jesus, poorest of the poor, born in a borrowed stable and buried in a borrowed tomb, I bring before You all those who, like You, have nowhere to lay their head; the war refugees exiled from their homes, migrants searching for a place to live, the victims of earthquakes, floods, and disasters, and the countless, countless homeless in this land. Help me, living as I am securely and in peace, to show compassion for my brothers and sisters, and help them find in their lives a new beginning and new hope, for Your name's sake.” H. J. Richards

Please Pray.

Pastor Polly



In October the Youth will be asking



- WHY pray?
- WHY did Jesus have to die?
- WHY get baptized?
- WHY do I have doubts?

Come join us Wednesday nights at 6.



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*

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.

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.



The FUMP CORNER



Our calendar is full this month, and that's the way we like it. The kids get to bring a "Stuff" to school October 3 and it will be such fun to see them hug their favorite stuffed animal. We will start our canned food drive on October 15 and deliver it to the Food Pantry in time for Thanksgiving. Our families are always willing to donate to such a great need in our community.

Since October is Fire Prevention month the children will have the opportunity to learn from our very own Robertson County Fire Departments. Sitting on the truck, trying on helmets, and getting photo shoots are so much fun. The fire fighters are amazing with the children and do an awesome job explaining how to stay safe.

In celebration of Pastor Appreciation, Polly's birthday, and Frances' birthday, a luncheon will be held in their honor on October 15. The staff brings yummy foods while the kids help decorate cards. We want Pastor Polly and Frances to feel all the love and appreciation we can offer.

If anyone is still a kid at heart, please swing by the preschool October 29 for our FUMPkin Fest. Our theme is "Dress as Your Favorite Story Book" character. You too can come in costume!

Our Bible themes for October are Noah's Ark, and God's Promises. The commonality of these stories revolves around obedience and faith. Please be in prayer for our teachers as they relate these stories to the children. Pray that the children can hold these Bible teachings in their hearts.

Jesus said, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there; and it will move." Matt.19:14

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan
Director FUMP



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Be an Onion

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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."

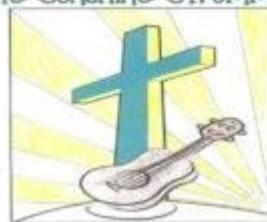
Want to join the Sunshine Strummers Ukulele Band? There are also open seats in the band.

We practice every other Wednesday 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

The Sunshine Strummers



Sunshine Strummers will be performing at Arbor Oaks at Crestview in Bryan on Wednesday, October 9 at 3:00pm.





Our Amazon Wish List

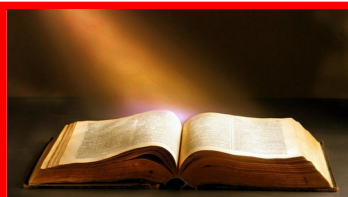
has been updated with some new items that the church and preschool can use, please check it out at the following link.

[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 continue to add items that are needed but that are not included in the respectful budgets. Please consider this opportunity to help with the stocking of supplies or the purchase of new equipment.

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.

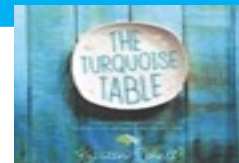


Bible Study

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 explore the prophet Ezekiel. 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

Katie's Korner

Outreach to... KAZAKHSTAN

Part of the last several weeks has been the process of our team seeking God about an outreach location and then beginning to learn about this nation. Around week 5 or 6 we felt like God might be speaking to us about Kazakhstan. But after a week and a half of trying to get in touch with some local contacts there without any forward movement we began to be curious. Thankfully we were finally able to get in touch with the local YWAM leaders in Almaty, Kazakhstan, and they were so excited for us to come and join them in ministry. So in October I'll be heading over to Kazakhstan with Bekky [FCM school leader], Lyndee [staff] and Lea [classmate/roommate]. A lot of what we will be doing on the ground will be sorted once we arrive and meet the local team, but it sounds like they have some really neat ministries in their city such as Kings Kids [kids/youth ministry], college ministry, prayer team, anti-trafficking ministry and more. We'll most likely be doing a mix of serving alongside the existing ministries as well as serving the YWAM staff through our counselling tools and experience from the last couple of months. I'm so curious how it will all look and so excited to explore a new country!



Food Pantry Workday October 12

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 12.

****Please note that all volunteers are required to view an informative video about volunteering at the pantry. Please plan to come at 8:00am to view the video on the 12th 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



**December 14
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 past. 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.



School is back in session, football season is in full swing and we will soon begin the holiday season. The Worship Committee is looking forward to our congregation coming together for worship.

October 27 – Laity Sunday -- Guest minister, Seth Kissinger

October 29–**Fall Festival 4:30** Chili, Frito Pies, hot dogs, bounce house, and **Fun and Fellowship** for the whole family.

November 3 – All Saints Day – A day of remembrance of those we lost

Stay tuned for further information about worship opportunities.

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

October MomCo Update!

Happy Fall! We are still **needing ONE additional nursery worker to help us** for our meeting times listed below. It is a paid position and there will be one other nursery worker to help during each meeting. If you know of someone who would be a great fit please reach out to Christin at 979-595-8079

MOMCO

JOIN US:

EVERY OTHER WEDS.

10AM-12PM @ FRANKLIN

METHODIST CHURCH

- BE OPEN TO RECEIVE
- BUILD ENDURANCE
- LIVE PASSIONATELY
- GROW TOGETHER IN CHRIST

CHILDCARE
PROVIDED

FOR MORE INFO
TEXT 979-595-8079

2024:
SEPT 4TH & 18TH
OCT 2ND, 16TH & 30TH
NOV 13TH
DEC 4TH

2025:
JAN 8TH & 22ND
FEB 5TH & 19TH
MAR 5TH & 19TH
APR 2ND, 16TH & 30TH
MAY 7TH

fall FELLOWSHIP



CHILI FEST

10.20.2024 4:30pm

Wesley House

Bring a Pot of Chili to Share



COME FOR
GOOD
FOOD,
GAMES, &
FUN!

People Choice Award
for Chili

Chili Toppings & Chips Provided

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.

Families of all recently deceased Denver Richard-Health concerns
 All those suffering from undiagnosed health issues Hudson Swinnea-Leukemia
 Sissy Rawson-Recovery from Back Surgery Families in Distress



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

October Meetings

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| Turquoise Table Ladies | Thursday, October 5 | 11:00am |
| Finance (Budget Workshop) | Sunday, October 13 | After Worship |

Weekly Meetings

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| Bible Study | Tuesdays | 10:00am |
| A.S.K. Tutoring | Tuesdays (beginning Oct. 11) | 3:15-5:00pm |
| Women's Emmaus | Wednesdays | 8:00am-9:00am |
| MOMCO | Wednesday the 2nd, 6th & 30th | 10:00am-Noon |
| Ukulele Band Practice | Every Other Wednesdays | 4:00pm |
| Choir | Every Other Wednesdays | 5:00pm |
| Youth Group | Wednesdays | 6:00pm |
| BLAST | Wednesdays | 6:00pm |
| Men's Emmaus | Thursdays | 6:30am-7:30am |

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Lay Readers

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| 6th | Mary Kamas |
| 13th | Meghan Moran |
| 20th | Robbie Reinhardt |
| 27TH | Julie Jarrell |

Ushers for October

Howard Hoegemeyer
 &
 Greg Stem

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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



Giving for Last Month

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| General Offering | \$ | 22,094.50 |
| Building Fund | \$ | 570.00 |
| Memorial-Designated-Other | \$ | 2,310.00 |

We appreciate and need your continued faithful giving.