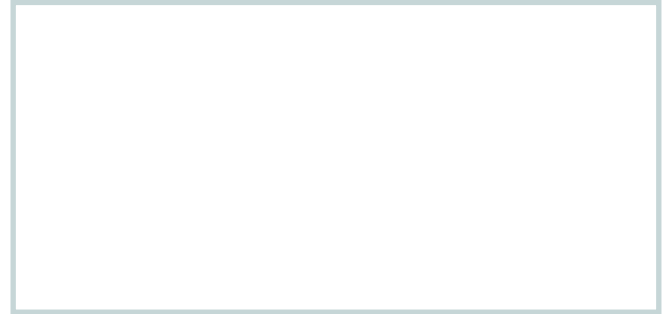


Franklin Methodist Church
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Purpose Statement

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

ROYE'S RAMBLINGS

As many of you know, I started a course of study program through Wesley Biblical Seminary over the summer. It has been a challenge to say the least. Having never taken a "Bible class" in my undergraduate studies, my Bible knowledge to this point has been based on Sunday School in my elementary years, Youth Group in my teens, and my own reading and study as an adult. Well, this program has thrust me into the major leagues of Master's degree level theology rather quickly. During many of our lectures, I find myself wishing that the professor could teach me the content on a kindergarten level. However, I don't think that's going to happen. And that's ok because it is forcing me to really consider what and why we believe what we claim to believe.

I am currently taking PM620 - Worship in the Church. Which is really interesting as it steps back to the days of the early church and portrays how they worshiped. I am sure that as the semester plays on, we will begin to compare that to what worship has become. In fact, we have already identified that some of what we do in "worship" is not worship at all. This is the state of the entire Christian church across all denominations. With that, I thought I would share a few points that have really made me think lately.

One question that is continually brought to focus in this course has been "Does this action of worship bear the weight of the glory of God?" For me, that's a pretty sobering thought, as nothing that we can give to God is ever going to be good enough. However, we should put ourselves in a humble state of vulnerability to give what we have to Him and be ready to receive what he has for us. God offers himself to us through the life of Jesus and the Holy Spirit so that we can respond to Him. The question is, are we responding or just going through the motions?

The *entire* service is worship, not just the songs that we sing at the beginning. Within the past century or so, the structure of worship changed and made "praise and worship" synonymous with the songs and music during the service. While everyone has their own preferences about music (both secular and in the church), when it comes to music and songs that we sing on Sunday's, we should really be asking "Is the music focusing on who God is or who we are?" I had a music minister at a previous church tell me that it's not about the style of music, rather it should be about the words that are being sung. So, as we sing a contemporary selection or a hymn, pay attention to the words more than the music that goes along with them.

Finally, rather than saying, I want God to be #1 in my life, we should be asking where do I fit into what God is doing?" When we say I want Him to be #1 in *my* life, it's still about *my* life when the focus of worship should be about God, not me. The intent of worship is to make a *declaration* of who God is. Worship is about more than how we feel, it's about offering our lives back to God.

So, as you enter into worship this Sunday and every Sunday in the future, ask yourself these 3 questions:

1. Why am I really here today?
2. What are the deepest burdens that I have brought with me?

Is there anything that is keeping me from surrendering completely over to God?

I pray that considering these questions will help all of us to shift our focus to God as we enter into worship and to be intentional in our consideration of what God wants to do in and through us individually and as a church.

Your Youth Director,

Roye



6th-12th Graders!
Join us Wednesday for
Food Faith Fun
6-8 p.m. in the
Activity Building

Beginning in September we will be starting a new series where we explore the



Come join us Wednesday nights at 6.



**Worship
Committee**

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

Thank You

John and I want to thank the church for the way you all loved and cared for us during the last week of my mother's life. Your gift of time during her last week allowed me to stay by her side day and night so that she would not suffer yet again another "abandonment." Special thanks to Julie who stepped into my shoes and stayed by mother's side as John, and I cared for Christina during her surgery and recovery. I know many of you would have done the same. Christina is doing well.

Mom died peacefully on Friday at 12:22pm with John and I by her side. We thank you for the prayers and words of comfort that surrounded us during those last days and hours and for the encouragement they have provided since. Mom donated her body to science through the Willied Body Program at A&M. To further honor Mom's wishes there will be no funeral or memorial service.

I have been asked by many what they can do to support me during this time. To be truthful, the greatest comfort for me is your presence in worship as we bring glory to God, who is my Mom's, mine and your Heavenly Father. He is faithful and the source of all restoration.



UPCOMING EVENTS

BLAST Parent Meeting

Wednesday, September 4th
6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

BACK TO BLAST

Beginning Sept. 11th
Wednesdays 6-8 p.m.

GRADES K-5

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

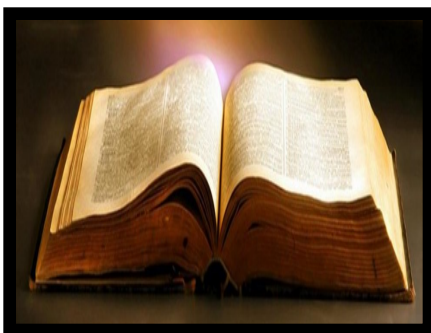
Bible Study

Tuesday 10:00am

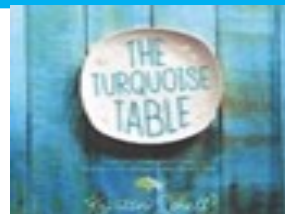
Bring your Bible and a notebook and come join us in the activity building.

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

Starting Tuesday, September 10 we will be beginning the study of the book of Ezekial



Turquoise Table Ladies Meets 1st Thursday every month 11am—Activity Building Next meeting is September 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 979-255-8333 or Julie Jarrell 979-255-2966.

The FUMP CORNER



September is here and you know what that means. We will welcome the children for the 2024-2025 school year. Once we opened registration in April, we were almost to capacity by mid-June. That has not happened since I have been director. This year we had several children on our wait list, which was enough to open an additional classroom. Misty and I decided to trust God as we planned for the extra class, even though we did not have a teacher. GOD NEVER FAILS! He brought us a very qualified young lady who had been praying for God to open a door for her a job. She is a perfect fit for our FUMP family. Our enrollment is now sixty-six little ones who walked through our doors September 3, 2024.

Parent Orientation on August 29th was a huge success. Many kiddos did not want to leave, and the parents seemed to enjoy visiting with the teachers and other families. The staff spent four days in training and setting up the classrooms. Every room looks so inviting and I encourage you to come take a peek. I think you will be amazed.

Please continue to pray for the staff, children, and their families as we follow God's lead in our teaching.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

In Christ,

Sherry Buchanan
Director
FUMP



A.S.K.

(After School Knowledge)
a Ministry of Franklin Methodist Church

We are seeking loving church and community volunteers to join this program. Of course, those with teaching experience are awesome, but no such experience is required to listen to a child read and encourage them to succeed. Each volunteer will be assigned one student to love, encourage, and tutor throughout the entire year. Our hope is that by building a special relationship with this one child, becoming their "cheerleader" and personal tutor one day a week, we can (through God's help) make a real difference in the life of each child. The number of children invited to participate in this program will be limited to the number of committed volunteers from throughout the community. ***So please prayerfully consider joining A.S.K. as we begin our 4th year of this ministry.***

If you would be willing to participate in this program or have further questions, please contact one of the following A.S.K. program leaders.
Sandra Hoegemeyer (979) 777-4318
Beth Vickers (979) 255-1406

New A.S.K. Sessions to begin on Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

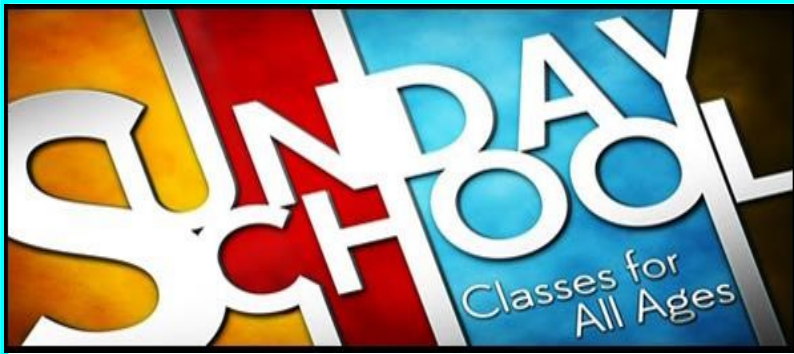
ELECTRONIC GIVING is EASY!

Can't get to church and want to save a stamp? You have two **EASY** options for giving online. Our Venmo account is set up to receive your electronic giving. Use the information below to search for our account 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.)

VENMO

<http://www.venmo.com/FranklinTXMethodistChurch>



Sunday Small Groups at 9:00 am

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

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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 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. Performances are being scheduled for the rest of the year, so now is the time to join the band so you can strum along to the performances.

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

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda



September Mission of the Month

Our Missionaries

Around the World



Katie Kamas
Youth With A Mission
(YWAM)
Australia

Go for God is what you first see on the Youth With A Mission website and that is just what Katie did in

October 2019. She left Franklin and her FMC family to go and work with the youth in Australia. Since arriving in Australia Katie has been instrumental in their Youth Street ministry, medical missions, working with campers, as well as the Disciples Training School (DTS.) She has recently started a new course called “*Foundations of Counseling Ministry*” where after 3 months of lectures and workshops she will be sent on an international mission.

Go therefore and *Make* disciples of all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the FATHER and of the SON and of the HOLY SPIRIT.
MATTHEW 28:19

Seth, Kailey & Samuel Kissinger
Asia



Seth and Kailey have been on their mission adventure for going on 3 years and are making an impact with the residents of their new island home. Working to make disciples of all those that they encounter they are bringing God’s message of love for all people to their new neighbors and the friends that the Lord has given them in their new home. Their mission will continue for the next several years. The newest member of the team,

Samuel Paul, joined them last year.

September MomCo Update!

- MomCo of Franklin is excited to announce we now have our MomCo meeting schedule for the year! We are looking forward to a great time of fellowship together as we strengthen our relationships with Jesus and our families! If you know of a Mom who would like to join us, please send them our way or have them contact Christin at 979-595-8079.
- 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.



Just a reminder about the Society of St. Stephens

The Society of St. Stephens is a fund dedicated to helping local people in need of financial aid. This is mostly done through help with utility, food and prescription cost assistance during emergency situations. Supported by the Clothes Closet sales and donations to this ministry, is unfortunately, a much needed resource for some of our neighbors.

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
 Pastor Standing & Family Teachers & Students in new school year



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

September Meetings

Turquoise Table Ladies	Thursday, September 5	11:00am
Finance Committee	Sunday, September 8	After Worship
Trustees Committee	Sunday, September 8	After Worship
Admin Council	Sunday, September 15	After Worship

Weekly Meetings

Bible Study	Tuesday	10:00am
Women's Emmaus	Wednesday	8:00am-9:00am
Ukulele Band Practice	Wednesday	4:00pm
Choir	Wednesdays	5:00pm
Youth Group	Wednesdays	6:00pm
BLAST Kids Ministry	Wednesday	6:00pm

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



Lay Readers

1st	Olivia Campbell
8th	Meghan Moran
15th	Jenny Cate
22nd	Jeff Ripley
29th	

Ushers for September

Ken Reinhardt
 &
 Todd Neyland

Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	24,779.94
Building Fund	\$	770.00
Memorial-Designated-Other	\$	2,040.00

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.