

***“Whether then, you eat or drink or whatever you do,
do all to the glory of God.”***
1 Corinthians 10:31

For so many around the world, cookies symbolize that spirit of giving. In all shapes and flavors, they're a bite-sized emblem for generosity, solidarity, and seasonal joy. This is the Tenth year of the **Cookie Walk**, which happens the **second Saturday of December** in the church Activity Building. This has been an incredible addition to the holiday festivities for our community. We even have a group that comes down from Austin each year to purchase cookies and crafts! Another aspect of the cookie walk is the visit by Mrs. Claus, who reads stories to the children and shares a special cookie with each one. The fellowship is amazing and the sense of community is delightful.

But its impact is much greater than just those things. You see each year the funds raised have gone to support the ministry and missions of the church. Over the last 9 years we have raised over \$45,000.00. Those funds are poured back into our community through the programs of the church and through the missions that we support. Everyone who has helped in some way has helped to make an impact on the community of Franklin.

This year will be no different. So, I encourage you to find a way to support this worthy effort of the church family. You can do so in several ways. It is still not too late. Let me share a couple of ways you can help.

1. Bake cookies. We need at least 5 or 6 dozen of each cookie that we put out. And the bulk of the fundraising comes from cookie sales. We still need multiple helpers here.
2. Make crafts to sell at our Christmas Shop.
3. Distribute flyers and place yard signs.
4. Work on Friday night to help set up.
5. Work on Saturday to keep the tables filled, help in the kitchen, distribute boxes, and or serve at the checkout booth. All you need to participate in this is black pants and a white shirt. This is a great service activity for older youth.
6. Come buy a variety of cookies for yourself to serve at family gatherings, office parties, or gifts to neighbors, teachers, friends, family or Santa Claus. When giving them away you can proclaim the goodness of God by adding a quiet note that reads: “Oh taste and see that the Lord is good”. Psalm 34:8

This is just one of the ways we help to meet our mission statement which is:

“We believe in Jesus Christ whom we follow, serve and share.”

Let's stay prayed up and mission ready!!!