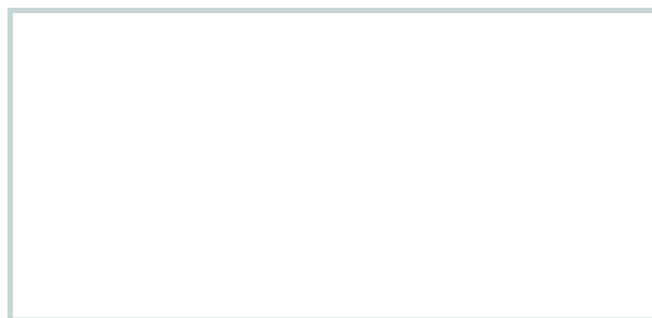


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May 2025



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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

Do you hear the music... "His Oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. On Christ the solid rock I stand. All other ground is sinking sand. All other ground is sinking sand."

Have you ever encountered a time in your life when you were trying frantically to get a solid footing under you? When nothing seemed safe and secure? When you felt a bit like you were running in place and getting nowhere? Or that the foundation under you was giving way to the storm that was brewing?

I have a picture image of my dad in a swimming pool on top of a huge log, working frantically to stay balanced and out of the water. Weird I know. It was an advertising thing to draw people to my uncle's mobile home sales lot. The image was captured in a picture printed in the local newspaper. I have another picture image in my mind. This time it is an image of Peter desperately trying to get his footing as the waves are growing stronger and the boat is being tossed around. His face carries a bit of the fear and uncertainty that is rising.

Paul Dailey writes in his article entitled "Stepping Into Your New Season" that Peter was very much like my Dad struggling for footing on the log in the midst of the water. He notes that Peter had a choice to make at that moment. He could either stay in the boat in the only place of security that was known to him, even though it seemed to be in an unsafe situation, or he could step out of the boat onto a foreign foundation built on trust in the one who was calling him out into the raging waters. You can't do that sort of thing "half-way" says Dailey. You must be all in! Trust requires that sort of thing.

So let me ask you again, are you running in place getting nowhere, are you frantically trying to get your footing? Step out of the boat. And when you do you will discover as Paul Dailey writes, "God will never allow you to utterly fall when you are living by faith." He will reach out and pull you up and place you on the solid rock.

Do you hear the music..."You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail. And there I find You in the mystery. In oceans deep my faith will stand. And I will call upon Your name. And keep my eyes above waves. When oceans rise. My soul will rest in Your embrace. For I am Yours and You are mine...."

Pastor Polly

Youth Ministry NEWS

May 14 6-8pm



Bring a friend!

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

Watch for news
on upcoming
Summer events.



And Youth Ministry

Adult Leader and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
May 4, 6pm in the Activity Building
Invitations have been sent out.
Please RSVP by April 30

'Kickin' it with Jesus

KICKBALL TOURNAMENT



WHAT FUN!!!

🎵 **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*

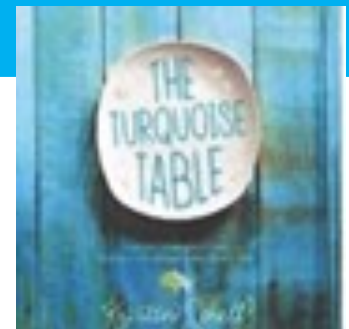


Want to join the band???
Our Ukulele band, the Sonshine
Strummers, is always looking for
new players. If you are interested,
the band practices at 4pm on
Wednesdays ~ feel free to stop in
and visit.

"Sing"cerely,
Rhonda Miller

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Turquoise Table Ladies Meets 1st Thursday every month



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.

**See you on May 1
at 11am!!**

The FUMP Corner

MAY

**Is this year almost over?
Well, yes it is!**

Our last school day is May 15. It will be jammed pack with Splash Day, Early Release, and Graduation following that evening at 6:00PM. Graduation is always bittersweet, as some of the graduates have been with us since they were a baby. If you are looking for some entertainment for that evening, please feel free to attend. Our own Teri Wygle is the music producer, and what a great job she has done with children.

It has been a wonderful year of ministering to all ages. Thank you to the FMC for your prayers and support.

**In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan
Director FUMP**



MomCo May Newsletter

**Our last meeting will
be held May 7th at
10am!**

**We will have a
summer study called
"On Purpose Wife"
meeting dates TBD**

WANT TO HELP SPONSOR A CAMPER THIS YEAR?



RISE UP is the summer camp that our children (BLAST kids and Youth) will be attending this summer. Many families have more than one camper wanting to attend so that puts quite a burden on the family. During the month of May you will have several

opportunities to help offset these cost (\$425 per camper.) There will be an envelope campaign (see Kim for more information.) There is also a new way to give online. Just click the link below and you will be directed to the appropriate site. Be sure to **DEDICATE** your donation to either a specific camper (by name) or if you want to help sponsor a BLAST kiddo or one of the Youth.

**Donate to help a camper attend
RISE UP summer camp**



School is almost out for the summer and seniors are looking forward to graduation. As we face the hustle and bustle of May, make plans to worship during these special events.

May 1 — National Day of Prayer

May 11 — Mother's Day — Thinking about the way Jesus cared for his mother from the beginning of his ministry even to the last day on the cross.

May 18 — Senior Sunday — Senior recognition day. Graduating seniors will be recognized along with a slide show and memorabilia tables.

May 25 — Memorial Day Sunday celebration

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. Kristi Kissinger

May Mission of the Month Vacation Bible School What does this year's Vacation Bible School need? **VOLUNTEERS!!**

Will you be one of those that comes together for half a day, during the second week in July to share the story of God's love to the children of our community? There are so many opportunities to participate. Are you "crafty?" There are sets to design and daily craft activities. Are you "musical?" Themed music is used throughout the week. Do you like science? There is a Science Station where the children get to participate in experiments. Do you like to "play?" Lots of varying-intensity activities are planned for "play time" that you can help with. And of course there are the snacks!!! Some great ideas for "feeding" everyone during the week. AND all of these activities come with detailed instructions so you do not have to come up with them on your own. Of course there are also other ways you can help just let us know you want to help at this year's VBS.

SAVE THE DATES~JULY 14—July 17

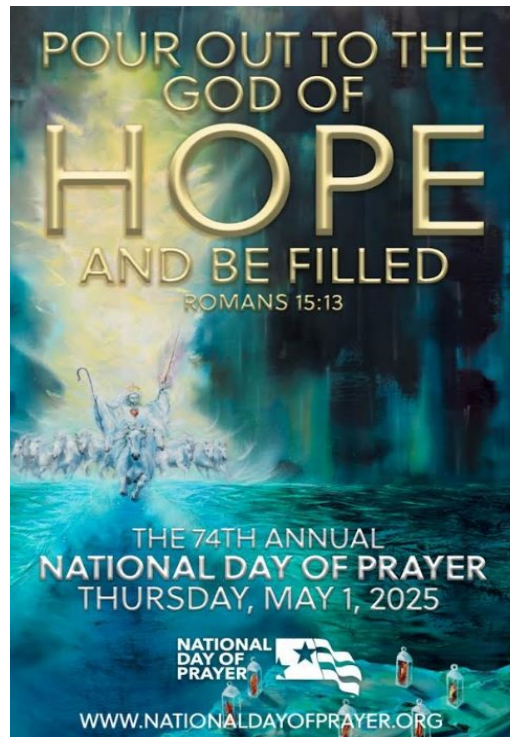


Magnified! VBS will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God! Kids are challenged to look closer at the intricate details of God's creation while

learning how big God is. Through the discovery of God's beautiful creation, kids will leave VBS knowing they were made to magnify God!

Contact the church office for more information and registration forms.

**Thursday, May 1, 2025
Mark Your Calendar
For the National Day of Prayer**



Thursday, May 1, we will once again participate in the National Day of Prayer by having our sanctuary open from 7:00am until 6:00pm for prayer. Please feel free to drop by anytime and stay for as long as you want. Prayer aids will be available.

We come together in prayer as a church, as a community, as a nation and as a world of believers.

Prayer Committee



CONGRATULATIONS!!
to our Graduating High School Seniors

- ◆ Austin Corn
- ◆ Cooper Coburn
- ◆ Cooper Huggins
- ◆ Mallory Marak
- ◆ Lilly Reinhardt



Want to set up your giving on a recurring basis?

We have made that easy for you to do. Just click below and it will take you to the page where you can easily set up your regular giving. And at times there will be special giving campaigns or events to which you may wish to contribute.

Any questions just contact the office at 979-828-3355.

[CLICK HERE](#)



**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 and up

Home Builders - Adult

Wisdom - Adult



Join us on the following dates to get a head start on preparing the decorations for this years Vacation Bible School.

Saturday, May 3

Saturday, May 17

Saturday, May 31

We will gather from **10am 'til around 2:00pm** and work on the many items needed to enhance the VBS experience. **NO** artistic talent is needed~there are plenty of instructions. Come join in the fun!! (This is a nice way to participate in VBS if you cannot be there during those 4 days in July.)



What chains are holding you back? In this dramatic illustration, the chains of sin are washed clean by the freeing work of Jesus Christ.

Washed Clean

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

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

Hudson Swinne-Chemo

All Unspoken Prayers

All those suffering a loss in the family

Jim Miller-Health Issues

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Kay Kastner	16th	Virginia Akins
3rd	Charles Westerman		Bea Bridwell
	Allen Homann		Laura Cate
4th	Katherine Scasta	20th	Anne Perry
8th	Jay Davis		Kathy Tomko
	Marlo Davis	21st	Teddy Vickers
9th	Mary Kamas		Eileen Cross
	Brooke Broadus	23rd	Brody Huggins
	Jett Worley	25th	Tammy Sexton
10th	Denver Richard		Cindy Briggs
11th	Samuel Stevens	26th	Ian Cross
12th	Gemma Chanley	29th	Colton Ripley
13th	Barry Cate		
15th	Odalys Blajeski		
	Emma Buckner		



4th	Mary Kamas
11th	Meghan Moran
18th	Joe Corn
25th	Teri Wygle

Ushers for May

Jim and Cynthia Hanks

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

9th	Andy & Cathy Reed
20th	Jay & Brenda Davis
22nd	Kelley & Tammy Sexton
30th	Greg & Monica Stem
	Cole & Tiffani McKinney



Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	25,124.87
Building Fund	\$	1,732.39
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$	1,866.10

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

Preliminary Financial report for the month of April & Year-to-Date (as of April 30, 2025)

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Funds received for the General Budget	\$ 25,125	\$ 99,615
Expenses Paid	<u>\$ 26,732</u>	<u>\$102,322</u>
Net for Period(s)	<u>\$-1,607</u>	<u>\$-2,707</u>