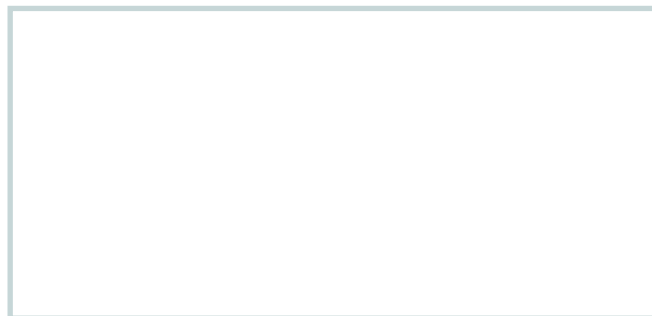


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April 2026



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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

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Romans 12:2

Dr. Orison Swett Marden was an American inspirational author who wrote about achieving success in life and founded Success magazine in 1897. He is quoted as having said that faith “is the force that moves mountains”. He was a philosopher who was optimistic emphasizing the divinity of man (created in the image of God) and asserted that under God man had the power to conquer all handicaps and adverse conditions that would seek to keep him from reaching his fullest potential. “Success is not measured by what you accomplish but by the opposition you have encountered, and the courage with which you have maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds.”

In this statement I see the way his faith and thoughts about the life of Christ had transformed his thinking. Jesus was not successful by any of the means we use to measure success. He was not wealthy. He had not accumulated many, if any, possessions. No business to pass down nor children with whom to pass it down. There is no evidence that he was unusually handsome. In fact, even his background of birth in Nazareth spoke of poverty and cultural surrounding that left a man lacking.” Remember when Nathanael cried out: “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” John 1:46 And yet...

Jesus was successful. It is found in his obedience to God’s will which lead to Jesus fulfilling God’s purpose in his life. His success is revealed in his faithfulness even when it appears to lead to failure. Because Jesus was faithful to the Word of God and to God’s loving purpose in sending him to earth, which were accomplished through great challenges, rejection, and physical harm. Because he was successful through obedience you and I now have a future with hope. We have seen God conquer death and sin through the obedient sacrificial offering through Jesus’ death on a cross and the outpouring of his blood. Fulfilling the promise of the new covenant that the bread is his body and the cup is his blood.

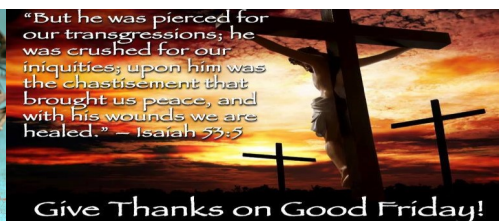
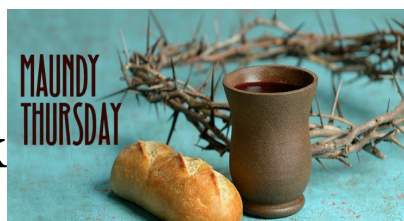
Jesus’ success is found in the transformed lives that have been transformed by his love and his sacrifice. They have found a life that is abundant regardless of circumstances fulfilling Jesus’ words that he had come to give us life and to give it abundantly.

Jesus’ success is revealed in the lives of those who seek to follow him as disciples and who have accepted his command to go into all the world making disciples and baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And in all the disciples through the years who have received the gifts of the Holy Spirit as he promised. “But I tell you I am going to do what is best for you. This is why I am going away. The Holy Spirit cannot come to help you until I leave. But after I am gone, I will send the Spirit to you.” John 16:7 CEV It is then that we can receive the fruits of the Holy spirit, which are: “love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23

I challenge us to ask ourselves how will our success be measured. Will it be measured by worldly standards or will it be measured by our obedience to God’s calling and purpose for our lives? Will the word of God be revealed in our thinking or will we be just another voice in the crowd? Will our success be revealed in the lives we have pointed to and lead to Christ? Will the fruits of the spirit be seen in us? Will others remember our acts of sacrifice and servanthood? Will others say of us that despite the suffering and challenges we have faced we have lived an abundant life and died assured of the promise of eternal life?

Pastor Polly

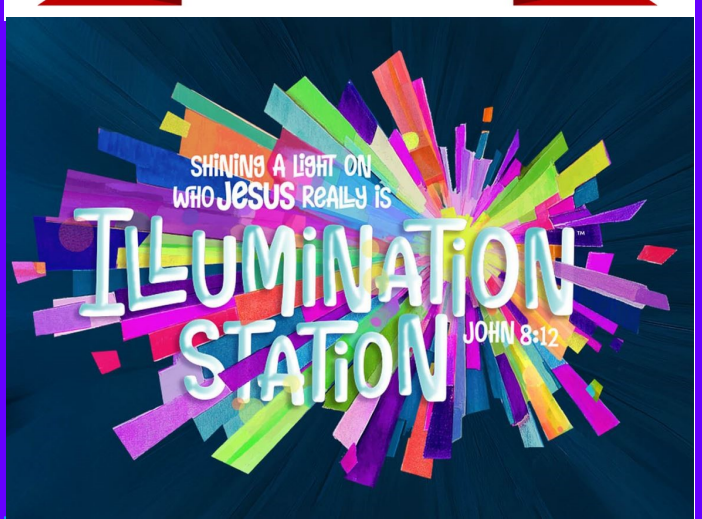
Holy
Week



Thursday, April 2 at 6:30pm



SAVE THE DATE



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 13-16, 2026
9 AM TO NOON
BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES.

Be sure to join us every Wednesday night for worship, fellowship, food, fun and games!!
Wednesday night Youth Group meetings are:
April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

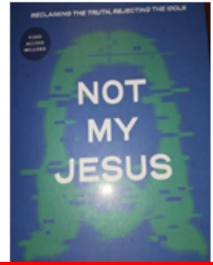
IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, April 18
Trinity Council Youth Rally at
Whitehouse Methodist 2-8pm

Saturday & Sunday, April 25 & 26
Youth Mission Weekend.
The youth will be helping a
widow in the community with some projects around
her home

High School
Bible Study
Sunday,
April 19,
7:00-8:00pm
in the Church
Sanctuary.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING
Sunday, April 19
at 11:30am



SENIOR 2026

Do You Have a Graduating High School Senior?

It is that time of the year where we begin to make our plans on honoring our graduating high school seniors. We have set the date for Senior Sunday as May 17 at our regular 10:15am Worship Service. Traditionally we have put together a slideshow with pictures from throughout their life. Please start gathering up those photos and have them to the church before May 4 . We need at least 1 really good baby picture.

If you have any questions contact the church office at 979-828-3355.

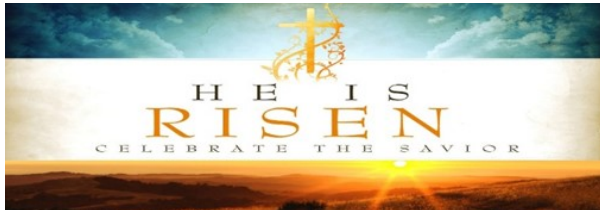


WORK HAS STARTED on the Build Out of the storage building at the Clothes Closet.

THANK YOU to Barry Cate and John Standing for all your hard work on building the ramp to the building.

We are continuing to collect donations for the additional costs associated with the storage building. Please consider additional giving that will help cover these additional costs. Just note on your donation STORAGE BUILDING.

The FUMP CORNER

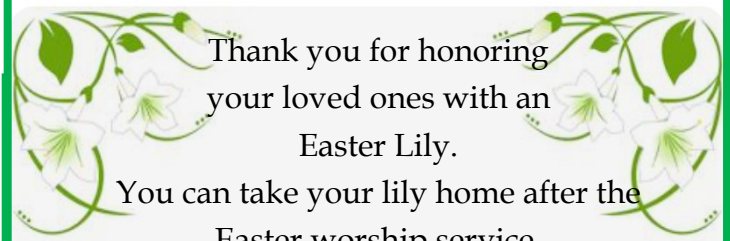


We have a limited time left to share God's Word with our littles. April's calendar is filled with a number of events. Most importantly, we will be sharing the Easter story and will let them know the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for us. His profound love for each of them will be emphasized. Refreshments will be served at our Grandparents Day Celebration on April 23. This memorable event will take place in the Activity Building starting at 1:45. It is so fun to see the children's joy when their eyes land on their grandparents.

The kiddos will have so much fun as they run around finding all of the colored eggs at the Easter Egg hunt on March 31. The Executive Board members are invited to any and all of events. Of course we hope to see all of the grandparents who have grandchildren attending our amazing preschool.

Please continue to pray for all the staff each Tuesday and Thursday as we minister to some of God's youngest treasures.

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan,
Director FUMP



Thank you for honoring
your loved ones with an
Easter Lily.
You can take your lily home after the
Easter worship service.

*By John "Carty" and Deborah Hicks
in memory of Jim Miller*

*By Howard and Sandra Hoegemeyer
in memory of Paul Schultz*

By Jeff and Tina Ripley

*By Jody Smith
in honor of Mattie Smith*

*Greg and Monica Stem
in honor of Marie Stem*



(Lily purchases as of March 31, 2026)



FOOD PANTRY SERVICE DAY APRIL 11

The Franklin Food Pantry serves approximately 100 families each month. Area churches are responsible for distributing the food one Saturday morning every 9 weeks.

Our next scheduled service day is April 11.

Please join us from about 8:30 to noon to help distribute food to your neighbors in need. **MEN are especially encouraged to attend to help with some of the heavy lifting needed.** 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 call the church office.

****Please note that all volunteers are required to undergo training annually. Below is the link to the annual training PowerPoint. Please take the time to review this document as soon as possible. If you would prefer a printed copy please let the church office know.**

TEFAP

**(THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)
Policies and Procedures Annual Training**



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 have fun and spread that fun around? The Sonshine Strummers are always looking to add to the band. There are spots for players and singers. Come be a part of that ministry. Practice is on Mondays at 4:00pm.



The band has a performances already set up for April:
April 8, at 2:00pm at Isle at Watercrest in Bryan

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda





Worship
Committee

The celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is almost here and we look forward to worshipping together during the upcoming days! May each member of our congregation receive a special blessing from this season of renewal and recommitment.

April 5 – EASTER SUNDAY

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.

Kristie Kissinger

Love is in bloom

Please join us for a Wedding Shower

-HONORING -

Zachary Kissinger
&
Katie Lehmann

APRIL **26** 2026
Noon

The Wesley House

208 Main Street

Franklin, TX

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the Knot

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

At the Church Conference on Sunday, February 8, 2026 it was made public that Pastor Polly D. Standing will be retiring this year. The SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) has developed a Ministry Forward Plan. This plan was presented, voted on and passed at the Church Conference. A full copy of the Ministry Forward Plan is available at this link

[MINISTRY FORWARD PLAN.](#)

If you would like a physical copy please let the church office know.

There will be some extra expenses that will occur as this transition takes place such as additional payroll expense and new/updated computer equipment. Should you like to contribute to these additional expenses please just indicate "Transition Expense" on your contribution and it will be earmarked for that.

EASTER
Blessings

Turquoise Table Ladies
Meets 1st Thursday every month
11am—Activity Building
Next meeting is April 2



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.

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April Schedule
April 1, 8, 15, 22 and
April 29 which will be the last
BLAST for the year.

Kids K-2nd & 3rd-5th are invited to join us from 6:00-7:30pm for dinner, worship, games, & small group time. Blast meets at the Wesley House. At the April 22 meeting those BLAST kiddos that will be entering the 6th grade in the fall will join with the Youth Group for their Wednesday night meeting.

An update on the
Kissinger Family,
our missionaries in Southeast Asia.

WELCOME

Josephine Rae Kissinger
born March 25



**ALLELUIA,
HE IS RISEN,
ALLELUIA,
ALLELUIA**



Prayer Committee



Surely we all have many concerns and loved ones on our hearts and minds. Your Church Family is here to join with you in prayer—just give us a call. If you are not receiving the weekly prayer concerns call the church office to update your email-information. Prayer is a wonderful thing we can do for each other. Remember to fill out the Prayers and Praises cards at worship~it helps us get the names and prayer requests recorded correctly. Also, always check the Prayer Request in this newsletter for others in need of prayer.

*Be joyful always; pray continually.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-17*

Bible Study



Tuesday Mornings Bible Study

Will be taking a break from meeting. Watch for information on when the next study will start and what the topic will be.

Plan ahead to Thursday, May 7, for our annual National Day of Prayer. We will have a day of collective prayer for our community and nation. Details will be coming soon.

GLORIFY GOD
AMONG THE NATIONS

SEEKING HIM
IN ALL GENERATIONS

1 CHRONICLES 16:24 NASB

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

75TH



NATIONALDAYOFFPRAYER.ORG



The Prayer at Valley Forge ©1975 First Freedom Art Company

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.

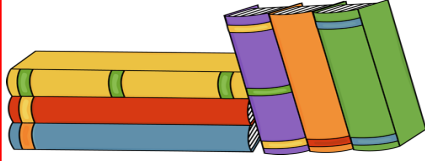
World Peace

Hudson Swinnea-Chemo Treatments

Alisa Mireles

All unspoken prayers

All those on the prayer list



Lending Library

Be sure to check out the Lending Library located in the Narthex. There are many Christian and motivational books available to borrow! Take a minute or two and browse to find that special something that speaks to you!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1st	Stephen Carroll	10th	Jason Bailey
	Cindy Welty		Lilly Reinhardt
2nd	Bettie Jordan	11th	Karli Morgan
3rd	Katie Kamas	12th	Michael Homann
	Shane Huggins		Haley Caubarreaux
	Noah Reinhardt	14th	Reagan Corn
	Zachary Davis	18th	Monica Stem
	Luke Moran	20th	Pat Cate
4th	Jack Hutchison	21st	Julie Jarrell
6th	Kyle Reinhardt	23rd	Sara Davis
	Laurel Lennie	25th	Andy Scasta
7th	Kevin Rawson	30th	Debbie Harris
8th	Lacey Buckner		Jerry Rawson

Ushers for April
Rex Vickers
&
Keith Kamas

Lay Readers

5th	Ken Reinhardt
12th	Ken Reinhardt
19th	Meghan Moran
26th	Andy Herring

April Anniversaries

9th	Keith & Terri Foltermann
22nd	Kip & Kristi Kissinger
29th	Jack & Pamela Cloat



Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	25,850.00
Building Fund	\$	2,195.00
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$	2,275.00

We appreciate and need your continued faithful giving.

Preliminary Financial report for the month of March & Year-to-Date (as of March 31, 2026)

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Funds received for the General Budget	\$ 25,850	\$ 71,341
Expenses Paid	\$ 27,042	\$ 78,714
Net for Period(s)	\$ -1,192	\$ -7,373