

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

Why the Written Word Matters.

I have been doing a lot of cleaning in my office – although it might not look like it. That is because this is a different kind of cleaning. I am going through every cabinet, every drawer, every box, and every nook and cranny. Looking at all the things I have acquired along the way. Things that I have carted with me from one appointment to another. But this time I am boxing up only those things that will be needed on the next part of my ministry journey. I am grateful that I am not expected to pack in a week and relocate in one day. So that is what I have been doing going slowly.

Along the way, I have found notes of encouragement, letters asking for forgiveness, and items that have taken me to ministry places I have long left behind. They have brought such joy to my heart, gratitude for the journey, and assurance for tomorrow. It is hard to say goodbye to things, to memories attached to gifts, to expectations of need for the coming days. It is equally difficult to decide what to keep for the new adventures ahead. Not knowing just what tomorrow will look like and what I might need to accomplish the tasks God places before me makes deciding what to keep difficult.

I am sure our graduating seniors must be thinking some of the same thoughts. What do I leave behind what will be needed to take with me to the dorm, the new apartment, or the new adventure that lays ahead.

The one thing I know will be with me is the Word of God. That is because I know that everywhere I go I will need to read the word of God. I will need to be reminded of the promises contained within that book. I will need to see my notes written in the margins and know that the same God I discovered all those yester days ago, is the same God I need for the tasks of each new day, and the same God who will be with me all the tomorrows to come.

On May 17th we will recognize our graduating seniors, and we will let them know how proud we are of each one. We will be able to write them a word of encouragement, jot down a prayer on a card and drop it in the cap on each of their tables. Right now, there are 6 names. Israel Garza, Cadie Martin, Karlie Morgan, Mila Peterson, Cheyenne Smith, and Savannah Smith. You don't have to know them to give them a word of encouragement. The Worship committee will share with each one either a new Bible or a Bible cover which they can take with them on their new adventures. It is not merely historical or instructional, but it is also living and active. The Word of God can penetrate our hearts and minds; it can shape our thoughts and guide us as we make moral and ethical decisions. (Hebrews 4:12) It can give us directions and clarity on the way we should move forward as it serves as a lamp for our feet and a light on our path, (Psalm 119:105).

Yes, words matter, your words, my words, and the most of all the Word of God! Come celebrate our Seniors and bless them with a word or two. Amen

Pastor Polly

Youth Ministry NEWS

May 13 6-8pm

6th-12th Graders!

Join us Wednesday for

Food
Faith
Fun
6-8 p.m. in the
Activity Building



Bring a friend!

Watch for news
on upcoming
Summer events.

🎵 **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*

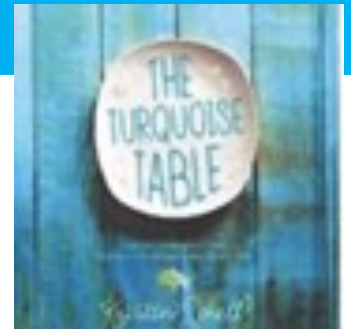


Want to join the band???
Our Ukulele band, the Sunshine
Strummers, is always looking for
new players. If you are interested,
the band practices at 4pm on
Mondays ~ feel free to stop in and
visit.

"Sing"cerely,
Rhonda Miller



**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 7
at 11am!!**

The FUMP Corner

MAY

This year is coming to an end which brings with it a lot of emotions. Our last day is May 14 and it will be jammed pack with Splash Day, Early Release, and Graduation following that evening at 6:00. Graduation is always bittersweet, as some of the graduates have been with us since they were a baby. Our own Teri Wygle is the music producer, and what a great job she has done working with the staff and children.

Staff Appreciation was celebrated on April 28. A “Big Shout-Out” of thanks to our Executive Board for providing lunch to us. The board members are always supportive of the preschool. In addition, I would like to thank Frances for the exceptional job she does for us – always with a smile on her face.

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

In Christ,
Sherry Buchanan
Director FUMP



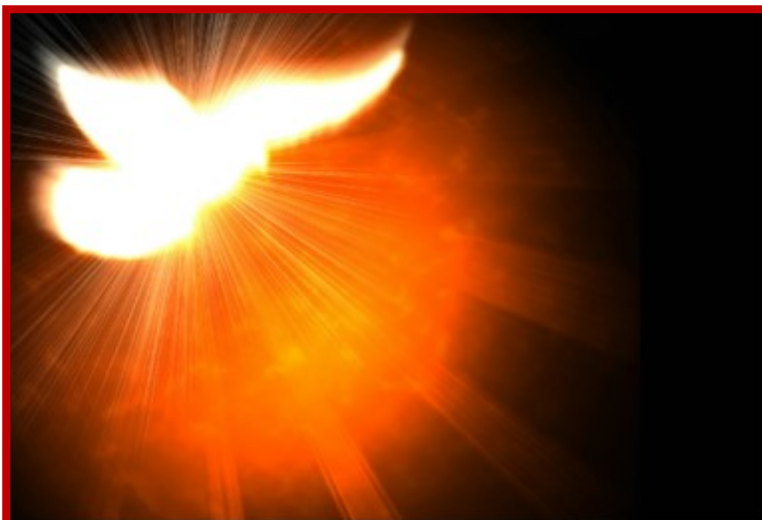
WANT TO HELP SPONSOR A CAMPER THIS YEAR?



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](#)



On Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit filled the Church with power and added 3,000 new believers.

Read Acts 2:1-41 for the whole story.



As we approach summer, May will be a month of celebrations! We look forward to worshipping with you!

May 7 - National Day of Prayer

May 10 - Mother's Day

May 17 - Senior Sunday: Graduating high school seniors will be recognized along with a slide show and memorabilia tables.

May 25 - Memorial Day

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.

Monetary donations are gladly accepted so some of the costs can be offset.

SAVE THE DATES~JULY 13–July 16



Shining a Light on Who Jesus Is.

While many people claim to know about Jesus, many are in the dark about who He really is. During VBS kids will explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals.

Contact the church office for more information and registration forms.



VBS

July 13th-16th

9am - Noon



Rise Up Summer Camp
Spirit-filled worship, Christ-centered teaching, and loads of fun activities for 3rd-12th graders

June 29th - July 3rd (Session 2) | Lakeview Methodist Conference Center

Register now at riseupcamp.org

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

First Thursday of May

WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG

**Thursday, May 7,
7:00am until
6:00pm**

Our Sanctuary will be open to the community for prayer.

**Please join us as we
*Glorify God and Seek Him Together.***

 **SENIOR 2026**

CONGRATULATIONS!!

to our Graduating High School Seniors

- ◆ **Israel Garza**
- ◆ **Cadie Martin**
- ◆ **Karlie Morgan**
- ◆ **Mila Peterson**
- ◆ **Cheyne Smith**
- ◆ **Savannah Smith**



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



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SENIOR 2026

Come and celebrate our graduating High School Seniors on Sunday, May 17 at our 10:15am Worship Service.

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

All Unspoken Prayers

All those suffering a loss in the family

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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



3rd	Jeff Ripley
10th	Reese Rawson
17th	John "Carty" Hicks
24th	OPEN
31st	Joe Corn

Ushers for May

Kip and Kristie
Kissinger

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	\$	27,560.00
Building Fund	\$	1,170.00
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$	1,025.00

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	\$ 27,560	\$ 98,706
Expenses Paid	<u>\$ 27,843</u>	<u>\$106,481</u>
Net for Period(s)	<u>\$— 283</u>	<u>\$—7,775</u>