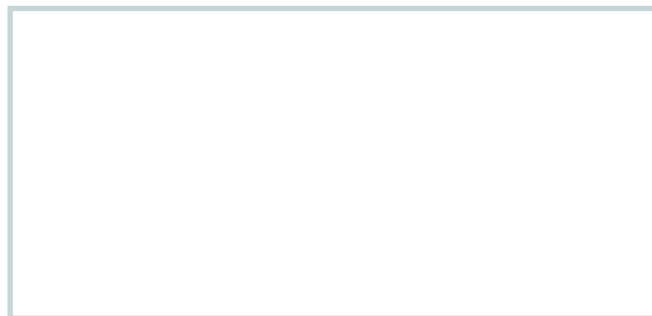


Franklin Methodist Church
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August 2026



Visit us on the web
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 FINAL PONDERING

There is a song that is taking root in my heart. It was one of the first songs I ever sang in front of anyone. It was written by Michael W. Smith.

Packing up the dreams God's planted in the fertile of you. I can't believe the dreams He's granted mean a chapter in our lives is through. But we'll keep you close as always. It won't even seem we've gone. Cause our hearts in big and small ways will keep the love that keeps us strong.

And friends are friends forever if the Lord's the Lord of them. And a friend will not say never 'cause the welcome will not end. Though it's hard to let you go in the Father's hands we know that a lifetime's not too long to live as friends.

And with the faith and love God's given springing from the hope we know; We will pray the joy you live in is the strength that now you'll show. But we'll keep you close as always. It won't even seem we've gone. Cause our hearts in big and small ways will keep the love that keeps us strong.

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When I arrived here in June of 2011, I was filled with hopeful expectations of a ministry God had called us to share together. Little did I know that so many years would pass before my ministry as your pastor would be completed. Together we have accomplished so much for the kingdom of God in this mission field of Franklin Texas. And I have found a forever home among you. But in just a few more weeks God will call me to a new season of service, one outside of pastoral ministry. And God has been faithful to call another to serve as your pastor. That is the Kingdom of Heaven. God's people serving in the here and now, moving forward in an endless line of servants, some called to lead, some called to follow, and all called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed. All the while knowing God is with us all.

In Christ's Light, Pastor Polly



Join us at the preschool on Friday, August 7 at 8:30am to start getting the preschool ready for the new year. There are plenty of easy, fun things that need to be done.

- Painting of cubbies
- Touch-up painting of doors and walls
- And a couple of others.

If you are interested in helping please contact Sherry Buchanan at 817-312-5892 or just show up at the preschool on Friday the 7th.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller



Summer Schedule

August

August 5~Backyard Hangout at the Rawson's

August 12~Meet the Lions (Community Event)

August 16~Student Worship Night-Kicking off the school year with other churches in the community! Meet at FMC then walk over to the Baptist church. The band from Breakaway will be there to lead the music.

August 19~First day of school



Sunday Small Groups at 9:00 am

ARK - Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten

Kingdom Kids - 1st thru 4th grades

Encounter - 5th thru 8th grades

Fusion - 9th thru 12 grades

Home Builders - Adult

Wisdom - Adult



BACK TO SCHOOL WISHES

**"May every teacher
become a mentor, may
every classmate become
a friend, may every
lesson teach and enrich
you. Here's to the best
school year ever."**

Our Amazon Wish List

has been updated with some new items that the church and preschool can use, please check it out at this link.

[FMC Amazon Wish List](#)

This Wish List contains various items that might not be a priority in the church and preschool's budget, but that are needed. 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.



Believing, Living and Sharing Truth

**BACK ON WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9.**
Watch for more
information soon.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

It is so easy!

Can't get to church and want to save a stamp?
Use your Venmo account for your giving. Use
the information below to search for our accounts
and send your giving straight to the church's
bank account. No more need for writing multi-
ple checks~you can just indicate the split (\$100
giving; \$100 building, etc.)

*If you have ANY questions do not hesitate to
give the church office a call at (979-828-3355.)
or send a quick email.*

VENMO

<https://www.venmo.com/u/FranklntxMethodist>

August Monthly Mission



**The Gideons
International**



The FUMP CORNER



As Summer winds down, we're gearing up for another school year. Misty and I have been planning for new beginnings and some exciting changes. Parent Orientation will be August 25, 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary. More details to come. Meet the Teacher will be September 3, 6:00 PM in the preschool. The first day of school is September 8 from 9:00 to 3:00. August 24 will be the first official opening of the office. Watch for details on Facebook and Email for more information.

Several staff members are returning this year but we are still in need of a teacher and an aide. Prayers are appreciated from all of the congregation.

Please be in prayer for the children, their families, and staff as we as teach the littles how to play, pray, and love as defined BY God.

"Let all that you do be done in love."

1 Corinthians 16:14

Sherry Buchanan,
Director FUMP





*Please join us to
celebrate the
retirement of
Pastor Polly*

AUGUST

SATURDAY

15

AT 5:30 PM

2026

Franklin Methodist Church

Activity Building

Dinner will be provided



The Campus was packed at this year's VBS as we Shined the Light on Jesus!

133 average Kiddo's answered the daily call (one day there were 140.)
50+ Volunteers!

2027 is already being planned~stay tuned!

Thank you to volunteers and staff who made the week such a success.

Director: Kim Perez and Co-Director: Beth Vickers

AND ALL THE AWESOME VOLUNTEERS!

Larry Barger, Pam Barger, Sherry Buchanan, Chloe Burton, Douglas Campbell, Olivia Campbell, Jenny Cate, Annie Cobb, Julia Cobb, Eileen Cross, Katy Cross, Alessia Eckblad, Ethan Eckblad, Maddox Eckblad, Tessa Frieda, Natalie Garrett, Alex Garza, Israel Garza, Rachel Golden, Angela Golden, Joshua Golden, Michael Golden, Andy Harris, Emily Harris, Lilly Harris, Destiny Havard, Rhylen Heinrich, Deborah Hicks, Sandra Hoegemeyer, Bayley Janacek, Kenadi Janacek, Julie Jarrell, Keith Kamas, Mary Kamas, Cooper Kirby, Jolie LaGarce, Tye Lewis, Christina Martin, Caitlyn Martin, Rhonda Miller, Andrew Moran, Caleb Moran, Luke Moran, Meghan Moran, Olivia Nezat, August Pearce, Brandi Pearce, Caden Perez, Aiden Peterson, Reese Rawson, Sissy Rawson, Robbie Reinhardt, Tina Ripley, Kyleigh Roper, Kelsey Rosprim, Lincoln Russ, John Standing, Carolyn Threadgill, Amy Thompson, Lauren Todd, Rex Vickers, Teri Wygle.

(We apologize if your name is not on the list, please let the church office know.)

Again this year we were able to provide school supply packets for 80 students in elementary and middle school.



MANY THANKS to Ken Reinhardt for arranging the delivery to the schools!!



Prayer Committee

Are you getting the weekly email of Prayer Requests from Your Church Family?

If you are not, please call the church office to confirm your email address. Remember there are Prayer Requests cards in the Prayer Box in the Sanctuary. Fill those out on Sunday to insure that your prayer requests are accurately voiced. Also, always check the Prayer Request section in this newsletter for others in need of prayer.

Prayers of Transition

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! Psalm 133:1

We continue to pray in unity for our church, changes and new expectations that new leadership brings.

MONDAY we continue to pray for Pastor Roye as he prepares to become our full time Pastor while continuing his work with the youth. He will need strength and church support to carry out both roles for a period of time.

TUESDAY we continue to pray for Meghan and Pastor Roye's family as schedules and outside demands and adjustments in roles change.

WEDNESDAY we continue to pray for Pastor Polly as her knowledge, gifts and God given talents are used to support and advise churches in our Conference in her role as Presiding Elder.

THURSDAY we continue to pray for John and the Standing family as the family is not in church together for a period of time. That there is calmness as they adapt to the newsituation.

FRIDAY we continue to pray for Frances as she learns the new responsibilities and needs under a new Pastor. We also pray for committees to be strong and build a supportive and encouraging relationship with Pastor Roye.

SATURDAY and SUNDAY we continue to pray for the congregation and community that grace, strength and support is in abundance.



As summer comes to an end we will soon be gearing up for a busy fall with a new school year beginning and hopefully cooler temperatures! August will mark a very special month as Pastor Polly retires from many years of service in our church. I hope our congregation members and friends in our community will join us for a special evening to honor her.

August 15 - Pastor Polly's Retirement Celebration at 5:30pm in the Church Activity Building

With September approaching we will be welcoming Roye Moran as our new Pastor. There will be a pot-luck lunch following Roye's first sermon on September 6 in the Church Activity Building in celebration of this new chapter in his life.

September 6 - Welcome Pot-Luck for Roye Moran

September 28 - Next Worship Committee Meeting at 5:00pm

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

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.

The Reed Family
World Peace

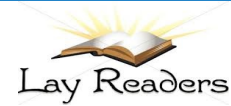
Families in distress

Teachers & Students as they start a new year

Transition in our church

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Melanie Coomer	18th	Nathan Fachorn
	Khaleesi-Rain Pearce	19th	Pamela Cloat
4th	Kyla Drake		Ruby Edwards
	Hannah Buckner	20th	Jolie LeGarce
5th	Kerri Black	25th	Olivia Campbell
6th	Calvin Scasta		Chris Hoegemeyer
12th	Josh Hanks	26th	E. W. Bridwell
13th	Maegen Law	29th	Jeannie Reed
15th	Wayburn Harris		
	Hannah Morgan		
16th	Cole Herring		
	Sydney Herring		



2nd	Julie Jarrell
9th	Joe Corn
16th	John "Carty" Hicks
23rd	Julie Jarrell
30th	Teri Wygle

Ushers for August

Barry & Jenny Cate

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

2nd	John & Polly Standing
7th	Warren & Kay Kastner
9th	David & Adrienne Bailey
10th	Jerry & Sissy Rawson
18th	Jim & Cynthia Hanks
20th	Keith & Mary Kamas
	Lloyd & Katherine Scasta
22nd	Bob & Donna Otto



Giving for Last Month

General Offering	\$	23,808.84
Building Fund	\$	1,220.00
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$	2,475.00

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

Preliminary Financial report for the month of July & Year-to-Date (as of July 30, 2026)

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Funds received for the General Budget	\$ 23,809	\$173,458
Expenses Paid	<u>\$ 24,967</u>	<u>\$188,701</u>
Net for Period(s)	<u>\$-1,158</u>	<u>\$-15,243</u>