

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FEBRUARY 5, 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
COMMUNION SUNDAY
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit, show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *Prelude in G Major* J.S. BACH
Ron Cornwell, organ

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Jim Walton

Let us give thanks to the Lord with willing hearts,
offering praise in the midst of the congregation.

**Great are God's works; the ways of the Lord
are studied by all who delight in them.**

The deeds of the Lord are full of majesty and splendor;
God performs acts of justice and mercy across the whole earth.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
thanks and praise endure among God's people forever!**

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Jim Walton

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as
we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN 45 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

RESPONSIVE READING # 260 You Are the Light of the World Jim Walton

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

*HYMN 262 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* ST. THOMAS

OFFERTORY *Ave Verum* W. AMADEUS MOZART
(*Jesus, Word of God Incarnate*)
Ron Cornwell, organ

*DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Charles Qualls

ANTHEM *Simple Gifts from God* WILLIAMS/MARTIN
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:13-20 Charles Qualls
Pew Bible New Testament, Page 4
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Series: A Great Church Charles Qualls
Do You Want to Be Called Great?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION
INVITATION, BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS, DISTRIBUTION

Franklin Baptist Church – February 5, 2023

Welcome Guests

We are always grateful to welcome guests who worship with us! Please complete the brief information card found in the pew rack, directly in front of you and place it in the offering plate.

Church Offerings

Help our church remain vital by continuing to give. Gifts can be made online on our website at franklinbaptist.org/onlinegiving or mail your offering to the church. Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

Altar Flowers

Each Sunday, the beauty of our Sanctuary shines through our livestreamed service and flowers on the Altar table. You can honor or remember a family member or friend by placing flowers on the Altar table. To reserve your preferred date, simply call the church office to be added to the Sunday Flower List.

Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items: Peanut butter, breakfast/granola bars and single serving (like lunchbox) fruit! They are also in need of plastic grocery bags!



JuBELLation Ringers

JuBELLation Ringers meet on Mondays at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study - 11:00 AM at the Village

Join our Wednesday Morning Bible Study each week at 11:00 AM at the Village. Come join us as we will study and discuss our teacher's favorite scripture readings.

It will also be livestreamed on its own page. Look for **Franklin Baptist Weds Bible Studies** page on Facebook each time.

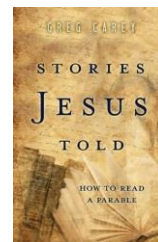
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Wednesday Night Dinners - 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall

To make a reservation, please CALL the church office at 757-562-5135 by Tuesday at noon! You will be responsible for paying for any meals not cancelled by Noon on Tuesday!

All meals will now be served on a dinner plate. If you need your meal to be a "takeout" meal, takeout containers will be available for you. The servers will fill the orders as you come through, and give it to you at the end of the line. You will be responsible for adding dessert and taking it from there.



Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study – Stories Jesus Told

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study meets at 6:15 PM in the fellowship hall. Dr. Qualls will begin a brand new study of Jesus' parables based on the work of Dr. Greg Carey by the same title: *Stories Jesus Told*. These stories are powerful. In the process, we may also learn more about how to read a parable. Let's learn together!



Chancel Choir

Chancel choir meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the choir room.



A Great Church (Winter Sermon Series)

Join us on Sundays at 11:00 AM for our Winter sermon series. The Church in America has faced a lot of challenges in the past decades. Now, in a post-pandemic culture how can we rediscover our identity and passion? What does our faith say about our worship? We'll explore these topics together here at Franklin Baptist Church.

Upcoming Events



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 21st at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall

Shrove Tuesday is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Please join us for a pancake supper, games and other activities. To participate, you **MUST** make a reservation with the church office (757-562-5135).

The deadline to sign up for this free pancake supper is **Sunday, February 19th** so that adequate food will be prepared.



Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a season that we prepare for Easter. It begins with Ash Wednesday, a time to confront death and to acknowledge God as our source of life. Lent is a time of self-examination where the individual seeks to emulate Christ, by studying the teaching and example of Christ. The color for Lent is purple, which represents its focus on penitence.

Lent is also a time of renewal for Christians as we prepare to receive the Risen Christ once again. Lent comes from an Old English word for spring, indicating the anticipation of new growth and new life that comes with resurrection. Lent lasts 40 days (not including Sundays) before Easter and recalls Jesus' wilderness journey in which he confronted and overcame temptation.

Franklin Baptist marks Ash Wednesday with two services - **11:00 AM (at the Village) and 6:15 PM in the fellowship hall**. Come and join us as we begin our Lenten Journey on Ash Wednesday.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Graham Copeland, Ron Rusnak, Everett Spivey, Jeannie Whitley

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Sidney Earl Long, II, (Jo Culpepper's brother), who passed away on January 31, 2023.

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 5

Sunday School	9:45 am	SS Classrooms
Worship (also Facebook Live/Radio)	11:00 am	Sanctuary
Fellowship Coffee	12:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 6

Vision Oversight Committee	2:00 pm	Conference Room
JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm	Conference Room

Tuesday, February 7

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, February 8

Morning Bible Study	11:00 am	The Village
Wednesday Night Dinner	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Winter Business Meeting	6:15 pm	Fellowship Hall
Chancel Choir	7:00 pm	Choir Room
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room

Thursday, February 9

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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Winter Business Meeting

The Winter Business Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 8th at 6:15 PM in the fellowship hall**.



The **Church Office will be closed during the week of February 13th** due to new flooring being installed in the hallway upstairs at the office level. All Wednesday activities on February 15th will go on as usual. If you need to contact the church office, please email the individual or you can email to fbc@franklinbaptist.org.