

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 16, 2023  
11:00 A.M.

\*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *I Know My Redeemer Lives* ARR. DAVID LASKY  
Ron Cornwell, organ

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Tom Ellington

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those  
who believe and the hope of those who doubt.

**We confess that our faith is sometimes small, that we trust in our own  
devices more than in your gracious promises to sustain us.**

Lord, increase our faith; quicken us amidst our unbelief.

**By your Spirit grant us, who have not seen, yet seek to believe,  
the faith to receive the fullness of Christ's blessings.**

Work in us and through us by the same Spirit that raised him  
from the dead, to your honor and glory.

**Amen.**

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Tom Ellington

**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 58 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

RESPONSIVE READING 47 The Good Shepherd Tom Ellington

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

\*HYMN 281 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

OFFERTORY *Be Thou My Vision* ARR. CRAIG PHILLIPS  
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 *In the Shadow of the Cross* ARR. WILLIAM E. MOATS  
JuBELLation Ringers

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31 Charles Qualls  
Pew Bible New Testament, Page 115  
This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON                      Afraid...and I Don't Blame Them                      Charles Qualls

\*HYMN 96                      *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*                      HOUSTON

\*BENEDICTION                      Charles Qualls

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE                      *Brass Celebration*                      PAUL FEY  
Ron Cornwell, organ



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**EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER**

Charles. L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*  
Sharon James, *Associate Pastor/Education Emeritus*  
Steven R. Gibson, *Associate Pastor/Music Emeritus*

This worship service is broadcast on radio WLQM – 1250 AM and PRAISE 99.1 FM  
Facebook Live @ 11:00 AM

## Franklin Baptist Church – April 16, 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](http://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.

### Help Us Help You

We want to serve you pastorally. But we can only go where we know to go. Help us to help you. If you end up hospitalized or have a surgery scheduled, if you wish for the church office to know, please notify us personally. Often, we end up either not hearing what is happening with our members or hearing all too late. Call our office Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 757-562-5135.

### Aid to Matthew Stout In Light of Fire

Many church members have inquired as to how they can assist Matthew Stout in light of his recent comprehensive house fire. Our church's recently established benevolence fund is an excellent conduit for assistance. The committee that oversees the fund is currently determining how to best assist Matthew. If you would like to make a contribution to the benevolence fund, please make checks payable to: **Franklin Baptist Church**, with a note of **Benevolence Fund** in the memo line. Your help is graciously appreciated.

### Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items: Single-serving dry cereals, single-serving fruit cups and pop-top potted meat.



### 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.

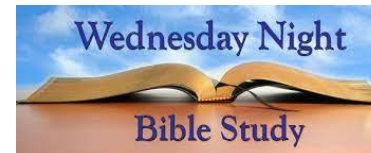
Here's the link: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089014699051>



### 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 – 6:15 PM

Come join us each Wednesday at 6:15 PM in the fellowship hall for our Adult Bible Study. Led by Dr. Charles Qualls.



### Chancel Choir

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



**Faith on Draft is Moving!**

There's a new time and place for Faith on Draft starting this month! We're proud to announce that Faith on Draft is moving to the fourth Thursday night AND is moving to the Village at Woods Edge. Come early and enjoy a special menu formulated just for us, with light fare and traditional nighttime options combined. That's **April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at The Village!** Topic: *What Is It Okay to Ask God For?*



**Relay For Life Yard Sale Fundraiser**

The Missions team is collecting items for the Relay For Life yard sale fundraiser. If you have items you would like to donate, please place them in the downstairs Missions room, or contact Angela Denson or Debbie Carter. Yard sale spots are also available for \$20 each. Call Angela @ 757-562-2295 to reserve yours today!

Join us at the yard sale on **May 6th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM** @ Century 21 on Armory Drive!



Scholarship applications for members of Franklin Baptist Church can be mailed or emailed to you by calling or emailing Eliza Rainey, scholarship committee chair, at 757-562-2949, 757-377-7523 or epr321@charter.net.

The deadline for returning applications is **Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**.

If the application is emailed to you, please print it out, complete it and return with documents by mail to:

Eliza Rainey  
321 Meadow Lane  
Franklin, VA 23851

If you have questions, you may call or text Eliza.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Jon Brabban (Georgianna Johnson's brother), Dollie Bridgers, Tom Morgan, Georgia Stainback, Jeff Trowbridge, Jeannie Whitley

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, April 16**

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

**Tuesday, April 18**

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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**Wednesday, April 19**

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

**Thursday, April 20**

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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**String Quartet Concert - Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 PM**

Franklin Baptist Church is pleased to host for the Franklin Community a string quartet concert at 3:00 PM on April 23rd in the church sanctuary.

The program of quartet works by Haydn and Debussy will be performed by Johnathan Spence - Violin, Hoorig Poochikian - Violin, Santiago Vazquez-Loredo - Viola, and Emma Johnson - Cello.