

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 30, 2023
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *When Morning Guilds the Skies* ARR. JOHN INNES
Ron Cornwell, organ

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Eliza Rainey

Almighty God, you sent Jesus to be our Good Shepherd – to gather us together.

To seek us when we are lost, and to guide us into your green pastures.

Yet we have wandered from his fold, and have turned away from his hand that offers us the bread and water of life.

Forgive us for seeking out our own places and means of provision, and rejecting the gifts of your Good Shepherd.

Help us by our Spirit to trust ourselves fully into his hands, knowing that by him we will be abundantly fed and safely led to your honor and glory forever.

Amen.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Eliza Rainey

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 2 *Come, Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN
(v. 1, 2, 4)

RESPONSIVE READING 11 God the Trinity: Eliza Rainey
Mystery of Three-In-One

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

*HYMN 68 *He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought* HE LEADETH ME

OFFERTORY *For the Beauty of the Earth* ARR. GAYE SIKES
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 *Shall We Gather at the River?* ARR. JOHN CARTER
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING John 10:1-10 Charles Qualls
Pew Bible New Testament, Page 103
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON I Am the Gate Charles Qualls

*HYMN 405 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY
(v. 1, 2, 4)

*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 *Praise the Lord Ye Heavens* ARR. DENNIS JOHNSON
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 30, 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!

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.

Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items: Vienna sausages, peanut butter and smaller/single serve shelf-stable milk.



Everyone at Franklin Baptist knows that one friend, relative, neighbor or co-worker who would be here. That is, IF you invited them. Think of the one person who needs your prompting, and ask them to join you here next Sunday!

May 2023 – Wednesday Activity Schedule

Come join us for our final two Wednesdays, **May 3rd and May 10th** before our summer break!

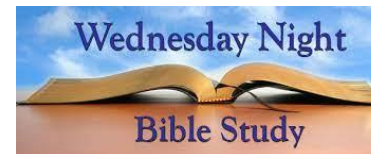


Wednesday Morning Bible Study - 11:00 AM at the Village
Join our Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 11:00 AM at the Village. It will also be livestreamed on its own page. Look for **Franklin Baptist Weds Bible Studies** page on Facebook each time.

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!



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.



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 Wednesday, May 31st.**

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.



VBS 2023 – Hero Hotline – Called Together To Serve God!

Dates: July 16th to July 20th

Time: 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

We will be serving dinner for the children at 5:30 PM.

Watch for registration on our website as the time nears.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bill Earley, Jack Fowler (Dan and Patsy Fowler’s son),
Chris Smith (Ray and Linda Smith’s son), Jeff Trowbridge,
Sonny Vick, Jeannie Whitley, Rochelle Worrell

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 30

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

Monday, May 1

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| Vision Oversight Committee | 2:00 pm | Conference Room |
| Deacons Meeting | 7:00 pm | Fellowship Hall |

Tuesday, May 2

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| AA Group | 7:00 pm | Community Room |
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Wednesday, May 3

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| 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, May 4

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| High Street Seniors | 10:00 am | Fellowship Hall |
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Saturday, May 6

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| Relay for Life Yard Sale | 8:00 am | Century 21 |
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Wednesday morning bible study, dinner and adult bible study will begin our summer break starting on **May 17th** and will resume again in September!