

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
INDEPENDENCE SUNDAY
COMMUNION SUNDAY
JULY 2, 2023
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress* ARR. MARY MACDONALD
Ron Cornwell, organ

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Dan Fowler

Here we are, O God. Once again, we are in the presence of the One who has brought life where there was nothing.

**You have given breath to every living being.
You have given meaning to our days.**

As we gather today, we admit that the way we see our world pales in comparison with your sight. The way we understand life is limited compared with your understanding.

**Accept us anyway, then, as we gather. May what we do be
pleasing to you. May what we do this hour center
our own souls within your presence.**

Humbled to be here, we lift our hearts in worship of you.
Confident only that you have called us to do so.
With gratefulness we worship in your name.

Amen.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Dan Fowler

**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 425 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

RESPONSIVE READING 421 We Proclaim Christ Out of Love Dan Fowler

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

*HYMN 426 *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* STORY OF JESUS

OFFERTORY *Be Strong in the Lord* TOM FETTKE
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 *America the Beautiful* SAM WARD
FBC Men's Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 28:5-9 Charles Qualls
Pew Bible Old Testament, Pages 730-731
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON War, Famine and Pestilence Charles Qualls

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION
INVITATION, BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS, DISTRIBUTION

*HYMN 587

*Amazing Grace!
How Sweet the Sound*

NEW BRITAIN

*BENEDICTION

Charles Qualls

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Trust and obey for there's no other way to be
happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

*POSTLUDE

Lift Every Voice and Sing
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 – July 2, 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. **We still have dates available in July and August!**



The church office will be closed on **Tuesday, July 4th**, in observance of Independence Day. Have a safe and happy holiday!



Summer Sermon Series- Classics Revisited

Ever say something, only to wish you could have a do-over? Maybe if you had one more chance, you'd say the thing you wish you had. We've all been there, including your pastor. Let's rewind some sermons on classic biblical texts and revisit them. Sundays at 11:00 AM here at Franklin Baptist Church!

Franklin
Cooperative Ministry



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Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items:

Body wash or bars of soap, body lotion, deodorant, detergent (<14 pod pacs or 31-46 oz. liquid), dish liquid (8 - 14 oz.), disinfecting wipes, disposable razors, hand sanitizer (travel size), hand soap (7.5 - 13.5 oz.), household cleaner, shampoo (12.6 - 22.5 oz.), shaving cream or gel, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper.



Missions Team

The Missions Team is collecting pop-tops to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities, in honor of Riley, a local seven year-old, who received a heart transplant when she was four. Riley is very thankful for the Ronald McDonald House and wants to help other families that need their services. There is a collection station just outside the fellowship hall.



Calling all cancer Survivors!!! We encourage you to take a moment to register to participate in Relay for Life of Franklin/Southampton 2023 on **September 23rd**. Registered Survivors will receive an invitation to the Survivor Dinner scheduled for September 22nd. Please see Debbie Carter or Angela Denson for more information.

This year our Luminaria (votive candles/glow sticks in paper bags with sand) will be lining the venue area. The Luminaria will be lit in memory and honor of loved ones and friends who have had cancer.

We want to give everyone an opportunity to pay tribute to their loved ones and friends and help fight the disease that claims so many lives. **You do not need to be an actual participant in the celebration to take part in this tribute.** With your donation, the name of the individual you designate will be placed on a luminaria bag to be lit.

Printable forms can be found on our website, Facebook page or in the church office. If you would like to participate in our candle lighting, please complete the form and return it to the address listed on the form. **Please make all checks payable to the American Cancer Society.**

Completed luminarias will be placed around the track by volunteers and relay teams the day of the event. Please join us at Barrett's Landing in downtown Franklin, VA on September 23, 2023. The Luminaria Ceremony will begin at 6:30 PM.

Summer Schedule



Please note the change in the church office hours during the summer months. The office will close at **Noon on Fridays** and will resume normal hours on Friday, September 8th.



Wednesday morning bible study, dinner and night time bible study will resume again in September after our summer break!



Be comfortable. Break out the seersucker or the sun dress. You could just leave the jacket at home. We don't care as long as you don't let the heat of June through August keep you away. We'll look forward to worshipping with you at Franklin Baptist Church!



There will be NO cookies and lemonade this weekend!

Have a safe and Happy Independence Day!



Chancel Choir

Chancel choir will be taking a summer break during July. See you back in August!



Faith on Draft

Faith on Draft will be taking a summer break during July and August. See you back in September at the Village!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Rob Eubanks, Kimberly Fresen, Anna Garcia, Avis Shockley, Jeff Trowbridge

We express Christian sympathy to the family of George Thomas Drake, Sr. (beloved relative of several church members), who passed away on June 22, 2023.

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 2

Sunday School	9:45 am	SS Classrooms
Worship (also Facebook Live/Radio)	11:00 am	Sanctuary

Monday, July 3

Vision Oversight Committee	2:00 pm	Conference Room
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Tuesday, July 4

Church Office Closed

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, July 5

NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room
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Thursday, July 6

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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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.

VBS 2023 Hero Hotline invites children of all ages to learn from the heroes of the Bible! Best of all, they'll be invited to answer God's call on their lives at VBS, at church, at home, and every area of their lives. **Registration is now open on our website under the VBS Registration Tab. There are a limited amount of seats, so please pre-register!**



VBS is in need of the following items. Donation bins can be found in the narthex and at the entry way to the fellowship hall.

- white tulle (netting)
- fiber filling (Poly-fil)
- plastic milk crates (can be returned)
- large sheets of peg board (can be returned)
- aluminum dryer vent hoses (new and can be returned)