THE WORSHIP OF GOD 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 16, 2023 11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please welcome our guest violinist, Ava Figliuzzi.

GREETING Charles Qualls

Prelude Alleluia Mozart

Ava Figliuzzi, violin Ron Cornwell, organ

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Patti Rabil

Thy word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Lord, we thank you that you beckon us into your illuminating presence.

Receive us, O Lord, as you are faithful to do. We admit our frailties in your presence. But we also state our hope.

Our hope is never misplaced, dear God, when it is placed in you. Help us to reconnect with the power and the urgency to spend time gathered with others in your presence.

We give you our attention. We give you our hearts. We give you our lives.

God, we worship you just now. Humbly, needfully and with the greatest hopes of our faith.

Amen.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Patti Rabil

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 547	More Than Conquerors	Patti Rabil
PASTORAL PRAYER		Charles Qualls
*Нүмп 545	In The Bulb	Promise
OFFERTORY	O Splendor of God's Glory Ron Cornwell, organ	STEPHEN JOHNSON
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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 Listen With Your Heart NIX AND THORNHILL

Chancel Choir Ava Figliuzzi, violin Ron Cornwell, organ

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Charles Qualls

Pew Bible New Testament, Pages 13-14
This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON What Bears Fruit and Endures Charles Qualls

*HYMN 641 Higher Ground

HIGHER GROUND

*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

Ava Figliuzzi, violin



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Josephine Howell and Lynda Bond, by their family.



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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 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 or mail your offering to the church. Thank you for your faithful and generous support!



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!



A meal train has been established for Anna Garcia. We have one date available - August 3rd!

Please copy this web address and paste in a browser bar for sign-up: https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/6vqq2y



Franklin Cooperative Ministry

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 <u>September 23rd</u>. 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.





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 worshiping with you at Franklin Baptist Church!



Please join us for Cookies and Lemonade in the Breezeway! Enjoy fellowship with members and guests immediately following worship!

This ministry is hosted by our Deacons.



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, Anna Garcia, Avis Shockley, Jeff Trowbridge

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Peggy Gibson Stephenson, who passed away on July 5, 2023.

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 16		
Sunday School	9:45 am	SS Classrooms
Worship (also Facebook Live/Radio)	11:00 am	Sanctuary
Cookies and Lemonade	12:00 pm	Breezeway
Vacation Bible School	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Monday, July 17		
Vision Oversight Committee	2:00 pm	Conference Room
Vacation Bible School	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, July 18		
Vacation Bible School	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
Wednesday, July 19		
Vacation Bible School	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room
Thursday, July 20		
High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Vacation Bible School	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
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VBS 2023 Begins Tonight!

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. You can register on our website under the VBS Registration Tab or at the door.