

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 23, 2023
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *The Church's One Foundation* SAMUEL WESLEY
Ron Cornwell, organ

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Harold Burkett

O Lord, you have searched us and known us.
You know when we sit down and when we rise up;
you discern our thoughts from far away.

**You search out our paths and our lying down,
and are acquainted with all our ways.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for us.
It is so high that we cannot attain it.

**Where can we go to flee from your Spirit?
Or where can we flee from your presence?**

Search us and know us, O God, and know our hearts.
Test us and know our thoughts.

**See if there is any wicked way in us,
and lead us in the way everlasting.
Amen.**

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Harold Burkett

**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 281 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER
(v. 1, 2, 4)

RESPONSIVE READING 284 Keep My Commandments Harold Burkett

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

*HYMN 285 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA
(v. 1, 2, 4)

OFFERTORY *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* ARR. LOWELL MASON
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 *His Eye is on the Sparrow* MARTIN & GABRIEL
Dan Lakeman and Melody Tayloe

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Charles Qualls
Pew Bible New Testament, Pages 14-15
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Franklin Baptist Church – July 23, 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!

Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School “Hero Hotline – Called Together to Serve God” was a great success! Thank you to all of the volunteers...we could not have done it without you! Thank you, thank you!

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.



The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is delighted to announce the inaugural harvest of **Izzie's Field**. This Farm to Foodbank project aims to increase the availability of fresh produce to our community while also supporting the hard working and generous spirit of a local grower, Elisha Barnes.

The corn is almost ready, so now we need *your* help! Copy this link to your browser <https://foodbankonline.volunteerhub.com/vv2/> or [click here to register!](#)

These unique volunteer opportunities will start on Tuesday, August 1st, and conclude on Thursday, August 3rd, or until all the corn is picked. There will be shifts at both the field and the Foodbank. You can find more information and register via the hyperlinks below.

Two options to serve:

Corn Harvest Shifts at Izzie's Field: Volunteers will be harvesting corn directly from the field.

- **Tuesday, August 1st:** [6:30-9am](#) and [9:30am-12pm](#)
- **Wednesday, August 2nd:** [6:30-9am](#) and [9:30am-12pm](#)
- **Thursday, August 3rd:** [8:00-11:00am](#)

Corn Harvest Production Shifts at the Foodbank: Volunteers will package corn for distribution and perform control measures, including inspection of the corn for freshness, maturity, and absence of contaminants. This is an alternative for those that wish to be involved in this inaugural event without being outside for extended periods.

- **Tuesday, August 1st:** [1-3:30pm](#) and [5:30-7:30pm](#)
- **Wednesday, August 2nd:** [1-3:30pm](#)
- **Thursday, August 3rd:** [1-3:30pm](#)

This is a fantastic opportunity for individuals, families, and groups to make a tangible impact in our community. If you have any questions, please contact Volunteer Manager Stephanie Cuffee at scuffee@foodbankonline.org or 757-314-4559.

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!



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

Anna Garcia, Avis Shockley, Jeff Trowbridge

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 23

Sunday School	9:45 am	SS Classrooms
Worship (also Facebook Live/Radio)	11:00 am	Sanctuary
Cookies and Lemonade	12:00 pm	Breezeway

Monday, July 24

Endowment Committee Meeting	7:00 pm	Conference Room
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Tuesday, July 25

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, July 26

NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room
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Thursday, July 27

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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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.