

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 20, 2023
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Welcome our guest organist, Joseph N. Graif, CAGO, ChM.

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *Fantasy on Hyfrydol* ARR. J.N. GRAIF
Joseph N. Graif, organist

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Harriet Duck

We come to worship, bringing our all to God.
We come as we are, in faithful response to God's beckoning.

**God of our worship, we are grateful that you
have called us together once more.**

May we come to see this weekly and faithful gathering as
nurture for our souls. Recognizing that God's presence
is what we need most.

**Lord, may you find us faithful.
May we give you the very best of what we have to give,
including our attention and our very hearts.**

Amen.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Harriet Duck

**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 33 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

RESPONSIVE READING 47 The Good Shepherd Harriet Duck

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

*HYMN 48 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

OFFERTORY *St. Elizabeth* ARR. J.N. GRAIF
Joseph N. Graif, organist

*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

ORGAN INTERLUDE *Air from Water Music* G.F. HANDEL
Joseph N. Graif, organist

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 45:1-15 Charles Qualls
Pew Bible Old Testament, Page 42
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Come Closer to Me Charles Qualls

Franklin Baptist Church – August 20, 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!

Everyone Knows Someone!

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!



A meal train has been established for Ron Cornwell for the months of August and September.

Please copy this web address and paste in a browser bar for sign-up: <https://mealtrain.com/518yww>

Franklin
Cooperative Ministry



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Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items:

Paper towels, boxes of tissues, disinfecting cleaner or wipes and women's deodorant.



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 deadline to donate is August 27th!**



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 RSVP by September 5, 2023!** 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. Entertainment begins at 4:30 PM; Luminaria Ceremony opens with a Survivor Lap at 6:30 PM. The Graceful Baker will have yummy snacks and meals available all afternoon!

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 break during August. See you back in September!



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

Ron Cornwell, Donna Evans, Anna Garcia, Bill Howell, Georgianna Johnson, Jeff Kinyo (Linda Vick's son-in-law), Lou Rabito (Josephine's brother), Georgia Stainback

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Timothy Wayne Baker (Vicky Baker's husband and Margaret Vick's son-in-law), who passed away on August 15, 2023.

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Sidney Simms (Lance Simms father), who passed away on August 16, 2023.

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 20

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

Tuesday, August 22

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, August 23

NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room
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Thursday, August 24

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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Looking Ahead to...September Events!

September 4	Church office closed for Labor Day!
September 10	Annual Church Picnic at the Bronco Club, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
September 13	Wednesday Activities Resume: Morning Bible Study at the Village at 11:00 AM, Dinner at 5:30 PM (fellowship hall), Adult Bible Study at 6:15 PM (fellowship hall) and Chancel Choir at 7:00 PM (choir room).
September 17	Coffee fellowship resumes following the 11:00 AM service in the fellowship hall.
September 23	Relay for Life - Barrett's Landing. Entertainment begins at 4:30 PM; Luminaria Ceremony opens with a Survivor Lap at 6:30 PM. The Graceful Baker will have yummy snacks and meals available all afternoon!