

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *Jesus, Lead Thou On* PAUL MANZ
Will Viverette, organist

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Travis Felts

We join in your presence to worship, O Lord.
This day, your Sabbath, has come.

**Clean and unclean. Honest and untruthful.
Trustworthy and not. We all gather before you.**

Accept us, then, as we are today.
Praying that we will be transformed and renewed
from hearing your voice yet again.

**Draw us closer to you, Lord.
Speak to us in ways we can understand.**

We thank you for joining us together
again today in this sacred place.

Amen.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Travis Felts

**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 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA

RESPONSIVE READING 370 Give Thanks to God Travis Felts

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

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

OFFERTORY *Whatever God Ordains is Right* JOHANN PACHELBEL
Will Viverette, 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

ANTHEM *Two Hymns of Thanksgiving* BEALL/SMITH
Chancel Choir
Will Viverette, organist

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 14:1-12 Charles Qualls
Pew Bible New Testament, Page 163
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Eat, Don't Eat
(But It Ain't All About You) Charles Qualls

*HYMN 376 *For the Fruit of All Creation* AR HYD Y NOS

*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 *Prelude and Fugue in C Major,* J.S. BACH
BWV 553
Will Viverette, organist



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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Dr. Charles. L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*

William R. Viverette, *Organist/Pianist*

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 – September 17, 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!

Coffee Fellowship Returns!

Come join us in the fellowship hall following the 11:00 AM service for our coffee fellowship! Hope to see you all there!

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.

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!



Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items:

Shampoo and shaving cream.



Please join us at Barrett’s Landing in downtown Franklin, VA on **September 23, 2023** for our Luminaria Ceremony. 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!

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.

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 luminaria will be placed around the track by volunteers and relay teams the day of the event. Please see Debbie Carter or Angela Denson for more information.

Navigating Grief – Beginning September 28th at the Village

A 6-week support experience and education group. No matter who you are...no matter who you’ve lost. We will meet on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at The Village at Woods Edge in the Resident Den. To register, call 757-562-5135 or email fbc@franklinbaptist.org. Led by Dr. Charles Qualls, leading grief support groups for over 20 years!



Faith on Draft Returns – Sept. 28th, 6:30 PM - The Village

Forgiveness and reconciliation: How’s it supposed to work? Come about 5:00 PM for an enjoyable meal in the Back Porch and Grill (reservations please: 757-516-0031). Or, drop by the bar for a beverage before you join us at 6:30 in The Great Room up front. Mark your calendar now for September 28th!





Wednesday Morning Bible Study will meet at 11:00 AM at the Village at Woods Edge. It will also be livestreamed on its own page.

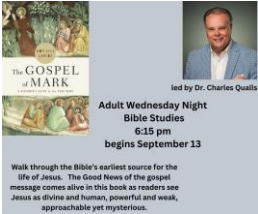
Look for **Franklin Baptist Weds Bible Studies** page on Facebook each time. Here's the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089014699051>



Wednesday Night Dinners resume at 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!

All meals will now be served on a dinner plate. If you need your meal to be a "takeout" meal, takeout containers will be available for you. The servers will fill the orders as you come through, and give it to you at the end of the line. You will be responsible for adding dessert and taking it from there.



Wednesday Night Adult Bible Studies will meet at 6:15 PM in the fellowship hall - The Gospel of Mark - Walk through the Bible's earliest source for the life of Jesus. The Good News of the gospel message comes alive in this book as readers see Jesus as divine and human, powerful and weak, approachable yet mysterious. Led by Dr. Charles Qualls.



Chancel Choir meets on **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM** in the choir room.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ron Cornwell, Dayton Crowder, Roy Duke, Bill Howell, Jeff Kinyo (Linda Vick's son-in-law), Gerald Roberts, Georgia Stainback, Kirk Whitley

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Jamie G. Vaughan, who passed away on September 12, 2023.

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 17

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

Tuesday, September 19

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, September 20

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, September 21

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Missions Team Meeting	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 23

Relay for Life	4:30 pm	Barrett's Landing
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The Vision Oversight Committee will host a reception to introduce Will to the congregation following the Worship Service today in the fellowship hall.

We hope that you will be able to attend to welcome Will into our church family.



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