

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
JANUARY 21, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *Toccata on "Amazing Grace"* Ron Cornwell, organ ARR. CHRIS PARDINI

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Jim Rainey

God alone is our rock and our salvation,
our stronghold in whom we dwell secure.

**In God alone is our safety and our honor;
God is our strong defense and our refuge.**

Put your trust in God always, and pour
out your hearts before God in prayer.

**Power belongs to the Lord alone,
and steadfast love is God's promise to us.**

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Jim Rainey

**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 372 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
(v. 1, 2, 4)

RESPONSIVE READING 284 Keep My Commandments Jim Rainey

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

*HYMN 285 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

OFFERTORY *Saraband* COOMAN
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 *The Prayer* ARR. TOM FETTKE
Chancel Choir
Ron Cornwell, organ

SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Charles Qualls
Pew Bible Old Testament, Pages 860-861
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Celebrating God's Creativity* Charles Qualls
Creatively Connected to One Another

*HYMN 490 *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated* HENDON
(v. 1-3)

*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

Organ Concerto "Alegrato"
Ron Cornwell, organ

PAUL FEY



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bobby M. Vick, by his family.



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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Dr. 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 – January 21, 2024

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.

Appreciation Sunday for Ron Cornwell – January 21st

We honor Ron Cornwell today for his eight months (and counting!) of service to us. He originally came to us as Interim Organist, but his time was cut short due to illness. That was no way to end. So, we have looked forward to this day as Ron plays for us again. Join us afterward for our Fellowship Coffee as we express our gratitude.

Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items: Toothpaste, lotion, deodorant and winter gloves (all sizes, all genders).



Winter Sermon Series- Celebrating God's Creativity

If we're not careful, our views and assumptions about God can grow so limited. The irony is, God has built in so much creativity into this world. Beginning with Epiphany Sunday, let's follow for several weeks a scripture path that highlights what God has created life to be!



Wednesday Morning Bible Study - 11:00 AM at the Village

Join our Wednesday Morning Bible Study each week at 11:00 AM at the Village. This unit is titled Body and Spirit, and we will read from Acts, 1 Corinthians, and Psalms. The diverse scriptures will help us to explore the many sides of the physical and spiritual aspects of our lives of faith. As individuals and as communities, we seek to follow God in all these ways as we can experience God's presence and journey together.

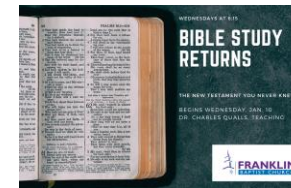
It will also be livestreamed on its own page. Look for **Franklin Baptist Weds Bible Studies** page on Facebook each time. Here's the link: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089014699051>



Wednesday Night Dinners - 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 Study, 6:15 PM in the fellowship hall - Winter Bible Study- The New Testament You Never Knew

We'll draw from Dr. N.T. Wright as we survey the many components that make up our Bible's New Testament. What was Jesus doing through the disciples that led to Gospel stories? What were the apostles doing that birthed a church? How does an epistle differ from the Acts of the Apostles? Come study with us in the fellowship hall at 6:15 PM on Wednesdays. Dr. Charles Qualls will be facilitating.



Faith on Draft Returns!

Thursday, January 25th, join us at 6:30 PM in the Resident Den at The Village at Woods Edge. If there is one God and one Christ, then why are there so many denominations...yet alone so many religions? Let's talk about the religious world we live in.

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 Resident Den. Mark your calendar now for January 25th!

Missions - Volunteers Needed

The Missions Committee is supporting the Franklin Cooperative Ministries by providing children's personal hygiene kits on an on-going basis. The kit consists of a fabric bag with drawstrings and is filled with shampoo/body wash, toothbrush and toothpaste, Band-Aids, ChapStick, wash cloth, and Kleenex.

Our commitment is to provide 40 bags per month. The average cost per bag is \$8.00. Cooperative Ministries will handle the storage of the kits and will monitor to ensure that they are appropriately distributed.

Help is needed in making the bags. If you are willing to cut fabric and/or sew bags, we can use your help. Materials will be provided to you. If you have scraps of cotton material (at least ¼ yard or more) laying around and would like to donate them, there will be a box marked "Missions" at the entryway of the fellowship hall.

Please see Jackie Howell or Crissie Eubanks if you would like to "lend a hand" to this local mission project.



Winter Business Meeting

The Winter Business Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 7 at 6:15 PM in the fellowship hall.**

Just a friendly reminder to all Committee Chairs that your 2023 report for the Book of Reports is due to the church office by **January 28th.**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Rob Carter, Georgia Stainback, Jeff Trowbridge, Bobby Worrell

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Louise Hedgepeth, who passed away on January 5, 2024.

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Rebecca Winstead Royster, who passed away on January 16, 2024.

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 21

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

Monday, January 22

Endowment Committee Meeting	7:00 pm	Conference Room
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Tuesday, January 23

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, January 24

Morning Bible Study	11:00 am	The Village
Wednesday Night Dinner	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Adult Bible Study	6:15 pm	Fellowship Hall
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room

Thursday, January 25

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Faith on Draft	6:30 pm	The Village