

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
JANUARY 7, 2024  
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
COMMUNION SUNDAY  
11:00 A.M.

\*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of heaven and earth, we gather today in the sweetest name, the name of Jesus. We come to hear your holy Word and to be immersed in your Spirit. Speak to us with grace and truth and pour out your love upon us so that this sacred place may spill out with resounding praises and joyful shouts of your glory; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *All Creatures of our God and King*  
Candidate for Associate Pastor-Music

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Rob Carter

Christ's light is shining, revealing the mystery hidden  
for ages in God who created all things.

**A song stirs within us and we sing of the wonderful name of Jesus.**

Christ's light is shining, calling us to respond with joy.

**The song swells as we rejoice in the one who came to bring hope.**

Christ's light is shining, calling us to worship and praise.

**The slumbering chords of our song are stirred as his glory is revealed!**

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rob Carter

**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 597 *He Keeps Me Singing* SWEETEST NAME  
(v. 1, 2, 4)

RESPONSIVE READING 157 May God Be Gracious Rob Carter

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

\*HYMN 161 *See Our Lord in All His Glory* CWM RHONDDA

OFFERTORY *See Amid the Winter's Snow* ARR. DAN FOREST  
Candidate for Associate Pastor-Music

\*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 Three Kings* MICHAEL BEDFORD  
Chancel Choir  
Joseph N. Graif, organist

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 3:1-12 Charles Qualls  
Pew Bible New Testament, Page 193  
This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Celebrating God's Creativity*  
A Revelation Wrapped in Mystery Charles Qualls

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION  
INVITATION, BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS, DISTRIBUTION

\*HYMN 159 *Fairest Lord Jesus* CRUSADER'S HYMN  
(ST. ELIZABETH)

\*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 *Sine Nomine* R.V. WILLIAMS  
Joseph N. Graif, organist ARR. J.N. GRAIF



The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Rivers Allan Bogese,  
son of Courtney and David Bogese, born on December 28, 2023.  
Rivers is the grandson of Melody and Allan Tayloe,  
and great-grandson of Mills Faison.



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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 – January 7, 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](http://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.

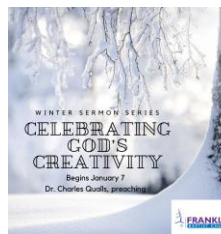
### Franklin Cooperative Ministry

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



### Deacon Ordination and Installation Sunday - January 14<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 AM service.

One of the church's highest moments is when it sets apart members for service. Here at Franklin Baptist, our deacons are a ministry group. Be with us as we honor this tradition, and mark a new year of deacon servanthood that is so vital to our church.



### 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.

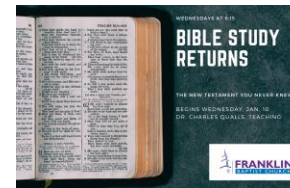
It will also be livestreamed on its own page. Look for **Franklin Baptist Weds Bible Studies** page on Facebook each time. Here's the link: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089014699051>



### 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Richard Duck, Louise Hedgepeth, Gerald Roberts, Georgia Stainback, Jeff Trowbridge

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Claudette Golderos Putze, who passed away on January 1, 2024.

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, January 7**

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

**Monday, January 8**

Administrative Council Meeting	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
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**Tuesday, January 9**

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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**Wednesday, January 10**

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, January 11**

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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