

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of fulfilled promises, we gather today trusting in the signs you have shown us. Speak to us once again in this time together, as we seek to uphold our covenant with you. AMEN.

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

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *Since I Have Been Redeemed* ARR. ROGER HOUSE
Jeremy Poplin, Piano

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Holly Poplin

Bring your lives, full of sorrow and joy.
Bring yourselves, full of hope and despair.

Come in your brokenness, ready for fullness of life.
Stay in your weakness, ready to receive strength and the power of God.

Source of hope, bring us into the presence of hope.
Inspire us with the strength of faith.

Shower us with the waters of mercy and grace, that our hope may be renewed -
As we learn to trust your promise and love.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Holly Poplin

**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 17 *This Is My Father's World* TERRA PATRIS

RESPONSIVE READING 166 Forty Days and Forty Nights Holly Poplin

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

*HYMN 449 *Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN

OFFERTORY *My Savior First of All* F. J. CROSBY/
Joseph N. Graif, organist J. R. SWENEY

*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 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* ARR. JIM AILOR
Chancel Choir
Joseph N. Graif, organist

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 3:18-22 Charles Qualls
Pew Bible New Testament, Page 234
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Lenten Series: But Now I Tell You* Charles Qualls
All The Light We Cannot See

*HYMN 443 *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know* HENDON

*BENEDICTION Charles Qualls

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TRUST AND OBEY

**Trust and obey for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

*POSTLUDE DUKE STREET J. HATTON
Joseph N. Graif, organist



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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

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

Jeremy Poplin, *Associate Pastor/Music*

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 – February 18, 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

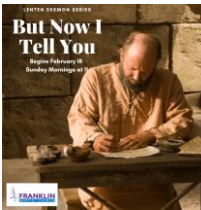
Help our church remain vital by continuing to give. Gifts can be made online on our website at franklinbaptist.org/onlinegiving or mail your offering to the church. Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

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.

Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items: Laundry Detergent and Women's Deodorant.



Lenten Sermon Series – But Now I Tell You

Our 2024 Lenten Sermon Series focuses on what Paul's letters reveal about Jesus Christ. Join us on Sundays at 11:00 AM as we listen and learn more about our Lord and why his life, death and resurrection matters!



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.

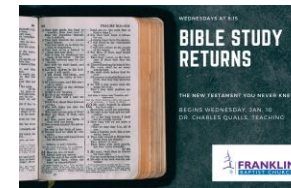
It will also be livestreamed on its own page. Look for **Franklin Baptist Weds Bible Studies** page on Facebook each time. Here's the link: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089014699051>



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.

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.

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) lying 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.



Wednesday Lenten Lunch and Worship

Our Lenten series of weekly lunch and worship services returns! This year it will be held at a different church each week. **Worship service begins at 12:00 PM with lunch being served at 12:30 PM.** Franklin Baptist Church will be hosting the service and lunch on February 28th!

- February 21: Emmanuel Episcopal Church
- February 28: Franklin Baptist Church
- March 6: St. Jude Catholic Church
- March 13: High Street United Methodist Church
- March 20: Hunterdale Christian Church



- March 24 Palm Sunday - 11:00 AM, Sanctuary
- March 28 Seder Meal - 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- March 29 Tenebrae - 7:30 PM, Chapel
- March 31 Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of our Lord
11:00 AM, Sanctuary

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sara Hagler (Cindy Jackson's mother), Larry Johnson

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 18

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

Tuesday, February 20

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, February 21

Morning Bible Study	11:00 am	The Village
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Community Lenten Service	12:00 pm	Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Community Lenten Lunch	12:30 pm	Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Wednesday Night Dinner	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Adult Bible Study	6:15 pm	Fellowship Hall
Choir Practice	7:00 pm	Choir Room
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room

Thursday, February 22

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



Faith on Draft - February 22nd - Back Porch - 6:30 PM
 What is the Bible Good For? (And How Is It Best Used?) That's what we'll discuss this month. Come on and meet us at the beautiful Village At Woods Edge.

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 PM. Mark your calendar now for Thursday, February 22nd!