

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FEBRUARY 4, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
COMMUNION SUNDAY
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE "Little" Prelude in F Major, BWV 556 J.S. BACH
Joseph N. Graif, organist

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Lin Bittick

How good it is to sing praises to our God;
how pleasant it is to honor the Lord with Praise!

**The Lord rebuilds the fallen city,
and gathers the victims and exiles into homes.**

The Lord heals the brokenhearted and
binds up the wounds of the injured.

**Great is our God, and might in power;
God's wisdom is beyond our understanding. Alleluia!**

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Lin Bittick

**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 319 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN
(v. 1, 2, 4)

RESPONSIVE READING 324 Bless God's Holy Name Lin Bittick

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

*HYMN 58 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO
(v. 1-3)

OFFERTORY *Picardy, Fr. 17th cent.* ARR. R. DEBRUYN
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

ANTHEM *The Gift of Love* HAL HOPSON
Chancel Choir
Joseph N. Graif, organist

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 40:21-31 Charles Qualls
Pew Bible Old Testament, Page 668
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Celebrating God's Creativity* Charles Qualls
Creators of Good In A Broken World?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION
INVITATION, BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS, DISTRIBUTION

*HYMN 490 *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated* HENDON

*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 *Grosser Gott* ARR. J.N. GRAIF
Joseph N. Graif, organist



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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 – February 4, 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

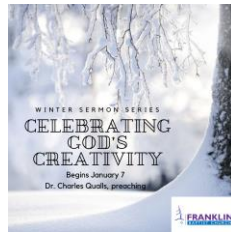
Help our church remain vital by continuing to give. Gifts can be made online on our website at franklinbaptist.org/onlinegiving or mail your offering to the church. Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

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.



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.

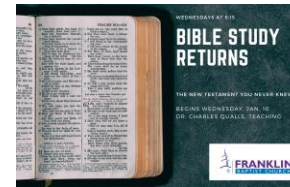
It will also be livestreamed on its own page. Look for **Franklin Baptist Weds Bible Studies** page on Facebook each time. Here's the link: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089014699051>



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.

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.



Winter Business Meeting

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



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 13th at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall

Shrove Tuesday is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Please join us for a pancake supper, games and other activities. To participate, you **MUST** make a reservation with the church office (757-562-5135).

The deadline to sign up for this free pancake supper is **Tuesday, February 6th by Noon** so that adequate food will be prepared.



Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a season that we prepare for Easter. It begins with Ash Wednesday, a time to confront death and to acknowledge God as our source of life. Lent is a time of self-examination where the individual seeks to emulate Christ, by studying the teaching and example of Christ. The color for Lent is purple, which represents its focus on penitence. Lent is also a time of renewal for Christians as we prepare to receive the Risen Christ once again. Lent comes from an Old English word for spring, indicating the anticipation of new growth and new life that comes with resurrection. Lent lasts 40 days (not including Sundays) before Easter and recalls Jesus' wilderness journey in which he confronted and overcame temptation.

Franklin Baptist marks Ash Wednesday with two services - **11:00 AM (at the Village) and 6:15 PM in the fellowship hall.** Come and join us as we begin our Lenten Journey on Ash Wednesday.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Rob Carter, William B. Evans, Sr. (Burt Evans' father),
Larry Johnson, Janna Qualls, Bobby Worrell

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 4

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

Monday, February 5

Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, February 6

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

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

Thursday, February 8

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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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.**

The first service and lunch begins on Wednesday, February 14th at Franklin Congregational Christian Church. **Franklin Baptist Church will be hosting the service and lunch on February 28th!**

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| February 14: | Franklin Congregational Christian Church |
| 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: | Hunderdale Christian Church |