

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
APRIL 21, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Lord God, good shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit, help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths all the days of our lives; in Jesus' name. AMEN.

GREETING

Charles Qualls

PRELUDE

How Can I Keep From Singing? ARR. HOWARD HELVEY
Jeremy Poplin, Piano

THE CALL TO COME AND WORSHIP

Dan Lakeman

Are we eager to show Christ's love for one another in truth and action? Are we ready to study the example of Jesus, who laid down his life for us? As we consider how to absorb God's lessons, may we bring others to Christ's fold. Be bold before God, for Christ, the rejected one, has become the cornerstone of our faith. Through the Good Shepherd, you are found, comforted, and loved. Let us call ourselves to worship.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Lakeman

The Lord is my shepherd, I will fear no darkness.

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Dan Lakeman

**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 332

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

PASTORAL PRAYER

Jeremy Poplin

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dan Lakeman

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us. But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts; and God's deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. Therefore let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dan Lakeman

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. AMEN.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Dan Lakeman

We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the one who loves us and laid down his life for us. This is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 272

*They'll Know We are
Christians by Our Love*

ST. BRENDAN'S

OFFERTORY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Barbara Salter, Organ

ARR. DAN MILLER

*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

More Love
Chancel Choir
Barbara Salter, Organ

SID DAVIS

SCRIPTURE READING	1 John 1:3:16-24 Pew Bible New Testament, Page 240 This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.	Charles Qualls
MESSAGE	<i>Never the Same: Life After the Resurrection</i> To All the Things I Said I Would Do	Charles Qualls
*HYMN 543	<i>Abide With Me</i>	EVENTIDE
*BENEDICTION		Charles Qualls
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i>	EASTER HYMN
	Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!	
*POSTLUDE	<i>Carillon Sortie</i> Barbara Salter, Organ	HENRI MULET



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Nellie Kauss' 90th birthday, by her family.



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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Dr. Charles L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*

Jeremy Poplin, *Associate Pastor/Music*

Dr. Barbara Salter, *Interim Organist*

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 – April 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!

Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry needs the following items: Men's shaving cream, toothpaste and toilet paper!

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. We have spots available for May!

Updated Church Directory

We are currently working on updating the church directory. If you have moved, have a new email address, no longer have a landline phone, or have changed your cell phone number in the past year or so, please notify the church office. We'd like to update your record so that your correct information will be in the new directory. If you wish to include a photo, please email one along with any updated information to fbc@franklinbaptist.org by **May 31st**.



Come and join the Chancel Choir on **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM** in the Choir Room. Sing together, fellowship together, worship together!



Handbell Choir rehearsals meet on **Mondays at 6:00 PM** in the JuBELLation Ringers Room.



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

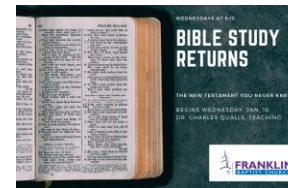
Join our Wednesday Morning Bible Study each week at 11:00 AM at the Village. With the resurrection of Christ, we will witness his interaction with his followers as he prepares them to go out and continue his ministry. In his earthly life and in his resurrected life, and throughout the centuries of believers who recognize him, Jesus brings new life to all.

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>



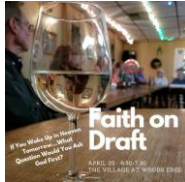
Wednesday Night Dinners - 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall

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!



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 – April 25th at 6:30 PM, The Village (Back Porch)
 Come on, admit it. We’ve all mused on the question. Why don’t you be with us for a fascinating conversation on **Thursday, April 25th** at The Village (Back Porch) at 6:30 PM.

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 April 25th!



Scholarship applications for members of Franklin Baptist Church can be mailed or emailed to you by calling or emailing Peggy Morgan, scholarship committee chair at 757-353-8223, morganpact@yahoo.com. The deadline for returning applications is **Friday, May 31st**.

If the application is emailed to you, please print it out, complete it, and return with required documents by mail to:

Peggy Morgan
 214 North Drive
 Franklin, VA 23851

If you have questions, you may call or text Peggy.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Brian Carter, Sara Hagler (Cindy Jackson’s mother),
 Betty Hatfield, Mike Johnson, Patty Murphy

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

<u>Sunday, April 21</u>		
Sunday School	9:45 am	SS Classrooms
Worship (also Facebook Live/Radio)	11:00 am	Sanctuary
Fellowship Coffee	12:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
<u>Monday, April 22</u>		
JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	JuBELLation Ringers Room
Endowment Committee Meeting	7:00 pm	Conference Room
<u>Tuesday, April 23</u>		
AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
<u>Wednesday, April 24</u>		
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
<u>Thursday, April 25</u>		
High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Faith on Draft	6:30 pm	The Village, Back Porch



Spring Quartet Concert – Sunday, May 5th in the Chapel

Please come and join us on Sunday, May 5th at 2:00 PM in the Chapel for a special concert by Johnathan Spence and his string quartet. The program will include music by renowned Italian composer Giuseppe Verdi and a string quartet by Beethoven. The concert is free and all are welcome to attend!

Hymn Sing – Wednesday, May 8th at 6:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Come and join us for a Hymn Sing, Wednesday, May 8th at 6:15 PM in the fellowship hall. Pick your favorite hymn from the hymnal (we’ll have copies in the fellowship hall) and we will all sing it together! See Jeremy for more details.