

PRAYER CONCERNS

William Brown (Beverly and Charlie Brown's son), Brian Carter, Donna Evans,
Betty Jo Ipock (Jo Culpepper's cousin), Johnson Scarboro

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Carol Parham Simms
(Peggy Morgan and Dot Bunting's sister), who passed away on December 25, 2025.

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

Sunday School	9:45 am	SS Classrooms
Worship (also FB Live/YouTube/Radio)	11:00 am	Sanctuary
Fellowship Coffee	12:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Vision Oversight Committee Meeting	12:00 pm	Conference Room

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

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 8

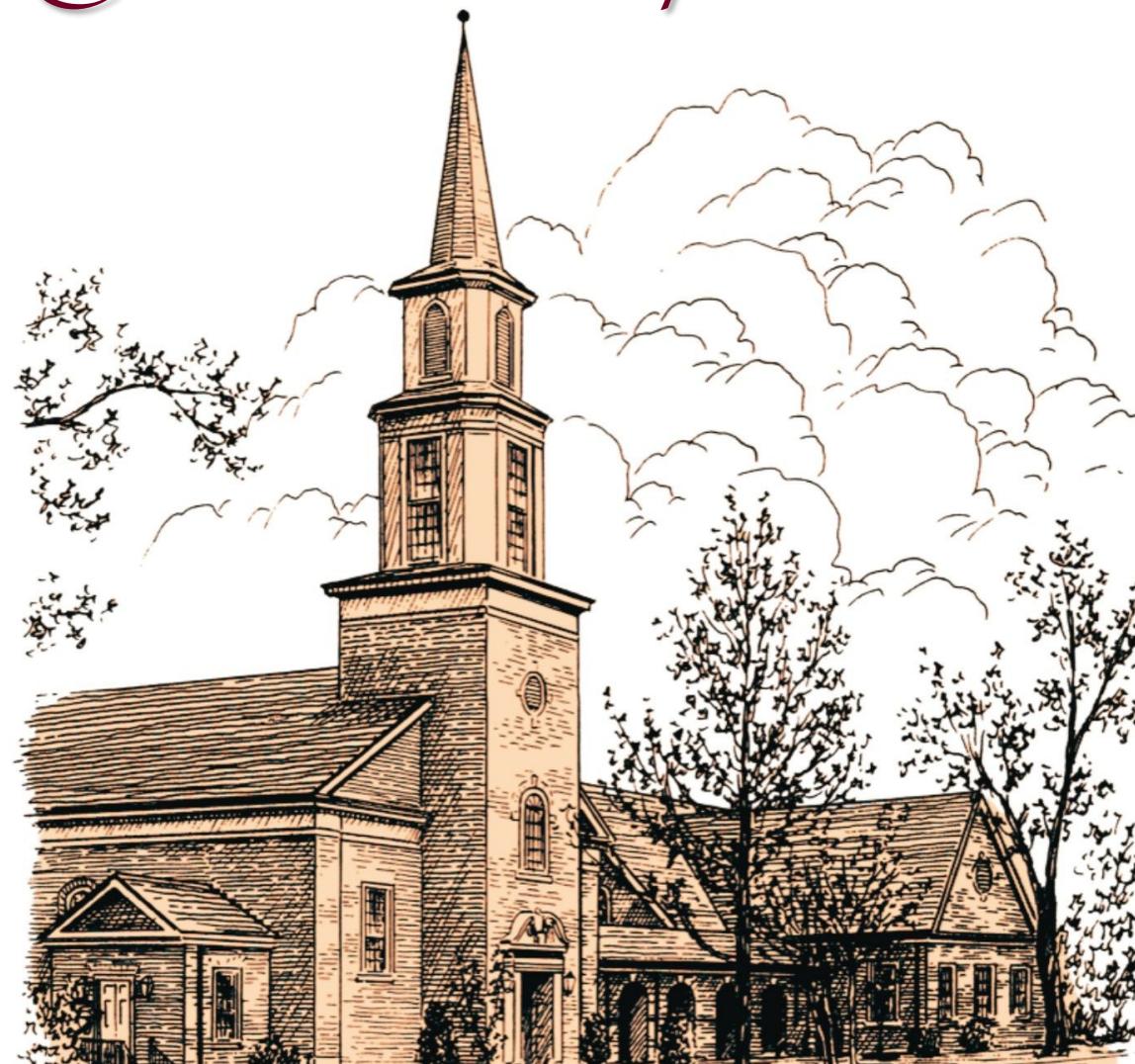
High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room



CHRISTMAS CARD MAILBOX

This is the **LAST** weekend to check if you have any mail.

Franklin Baptist Church



Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
 JANUARY 4, 2026
 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 COMMUNION SUNDAY
 11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of wonder, as that ancient star rose and guided the magi, illuminating the place where Jesus was, so now may the light of your Holy Spirit shine in our hearts and minds as the Word is read and proclaimed. Guide us again to Christ, and direct us in new paths of faithfulness. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN.

GREETING

Charles Qualls

PRELUDE

We Three Kings
 Jeremy Poplin and Barbara Salter, Piano

ARR. JOEL RANEY

THE CALL TO COME AND WORSHIP

Travis Felts

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Travis Felts

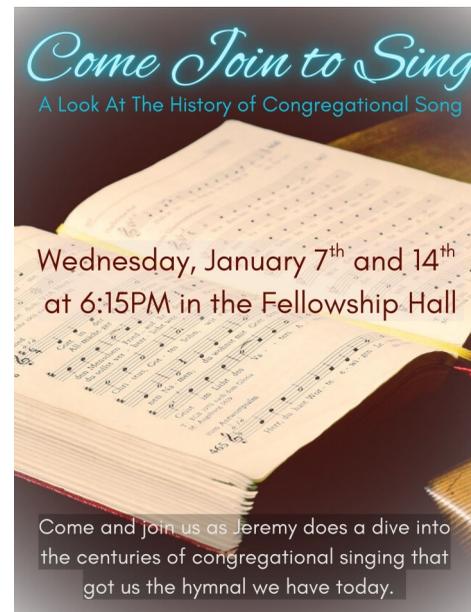
Arise, shine, for your light has come,
 and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

The brightness of God's light shines upon the nations.

All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.

God gathers us from far away and carries us. With radiant eyes,
 with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance that God gives.

We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.



FAITH ON DRAFT – JANUARY 20TH, 6:30 PM AT SERVE

We say that faith is a must. We say our faith is essential. But what is different about your life that wouldn't be possible without your faith? Let's gather and explore how our faith truly makes our very real lives different. Come join us on January 20th at 6:30 PM in the special events room at Serve!



WINTER SERMON SERIES

Community ... curiosities explored ... bold action ... and a most unpredictable Jesus. These are only a few of the gifts our faith waits to give us. *Gifts That Keep On Giving* is our winter sermon theme. We'll explore Matthew's gospel most of the winter, watching for some of the gifts our faith could offer us -- if we're active enough to accept.



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 at Woods Edge. 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>

We begin the new year with prophecy and praise. The Old Testament prophets Jeremiah and Isaiah did not only proclaim punishment and pain. The prophets never paint a falsely rosy picture, but they never give up hope. No matter the suffering the people face, even when it comes as a result of their own actions, there is still a reason to praise. God's promises are still intact and he would not abandon them forever.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER, 5:30 PM, 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!

If you need your meal to be a "takeout" meal, takeout containers will be available.



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES THIS WINTER

Ephesians: God Calls a New People. God was going to do a new thing. What was that? Well, it might not sound quite so new to us 2,000 odd years later. But for a few weeks before Lent, let's see what Paul told the Ephesians about where God was headed. We'll do well to wonder

what that had to do with us. Because he was right!

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Travis Felts

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 150 *As With Gladness Men of Old* DIX

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

*HYMN 158 *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET

OFFERTORY *Das Alte Jahr Vergangen Ist* J.S. BACH
Barbara Salter, Organ

*DOXOLOGY **Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.** OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Charles Qualls

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *What Child Is This?* ARR. LLOYD LARSON
Charles Qualls and Jeremy Poplin, Tenors; Barbara Salter, Organ

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60:1-6 Charles Qualls
Pew Bible Old Testament, Page 690
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE *Who Are You?* Charles Qualls

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION
INVITATION, BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS, DISTRIBUTION

*HYMN 159

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

FRANKLIN BAPTIST CHURCH - JANUARY 4, 2026

BENEDICTION

Charles Qualls

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve*

AZMON

**The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name,
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.**

POSTLUDE

In Dir Ist Freude
Barbara Salter, Organ

J.S. BACH



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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Dr. Charles L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*

Jeremy Poplin, *Associate Pastor/Music*

Dr. Barbara Salter, *Organist*

Steven R. Gibson, *Associate Pastor/Music Emeritus*

This worship service is broadcast on radio WLQM - 1250 AM and PRAISE 99.1 FM

Facebook Live and YouTube @ 11:00 AM

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 as it passes.

CHURCH OFFERINGS

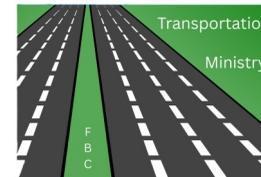
Help our church remain vital by continuing to give. Gifts can be made online on our website at franklinbaptist.org/onlinegiving or mail your offering to the church. Thank you for your faithful and generous support.

FRANKLIN COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

Franklin Cooperative Ministry will be collecting shampoo and household surface cleaner during the month of January.

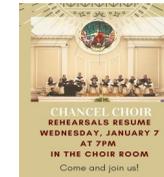
ALTAR FLOWERS

To reserve your preferred date, simply call the church office to be added to the Sunday Flower List. Call now to reserve a Sunday in February.



TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Franklin Baptist's deacon transportation ministry is seeking drivers to assist church members in need of healthcare transportation. If you are willing to help provide this valuable service to our church family, please share your contact information with the church office or Greg Jackson (757-647-9411), chair of the deacon caregivers' support committee. When a request is received, Greg will notify volunteers of the opportunity to serve.



CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS

Chancel Choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday, January 7th at 7:00 PM in the choir room. Come and join us!



HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

Handbell Choir rehearsals resume on Monday, January 12th at 6:00 PM in the Jubellation Ringers room.