

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
AUGUST 17, 2025
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Even from a place of exile, from a position of despair, we trust, O God, in your power: to return and restore us, to enliven and empower us, to soothe and to save us. You can turn a desert into Eden, sorrow into joy, and silence into singing. The heavens may vanish above and the earth dissolve underneath, but your salvation and grace are forever. We wait for you, O God, attentive and hopeful, for with you, deliverance is always possible. AMEN.

GREETING

Charles Qualls

PRELUDE

Six Grandes Marches, No. 4
Jeremy Poplin and Barbara Salter, Piano

FRANZ SCHUBERT

THE CALL TO COME AND WORSHIP

Ryan Fisher

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Ashlynn Pearce

You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.

**We, who are many, are called to worship God,
the Three in One. Let us worship God.**

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Abby Pearce

**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 309

When, In Our Music, God is Glorified

ENGELBERG

PASTORAL PRAYER

Charles Qualls

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kayla Felts

Sisters and brothers, with hope in the mercies of God,
we confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kayla Felts

Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives
to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom.

We think of ourselves too highly and regard others as lowly.
We exalt possessions and power, when you alone are to be exalted.
We let conflicts prevail over grace and divisions over harmony.

Have mercy on us, we pray.

**Forgive and transform us, that we may be holy and acceptable to you,
discerning and doing your will. Through Jesus we pray. AMEN.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Kayla Felts

The steadfast love of the Lord never ends. When we call out to God, God answers.

**God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and helped to live in grace. Thanks be to God!**

*HYMN 254

Diverse In Culture, Nation, Race

CANONBURY

OFFERTORY

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Barbara Salter, Organ

J.S. BACH

*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

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Sheep May Safely Graze
Holly Poplin and Elizabeth Qualls, Handbells; Jeremy Poplin, Piano

J.S. BACH

SCRIPTURE READING

Charles Qualls

Romans 1:1-7, 14-17; 2:1; 5:1; 8:1; 12:1-2
Pew Bible New Testament, Pages 152; 153; 155; 157; 161-162
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE *One Story* Charles Qualls
To Greeks and to Barbarians, to the Wise and to the Foolish

*HYMN 474 *Softly and Tenderly* THOMPSON

BENEDICTION Charles Qualls

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *I'm Coming to Gather All Peoples of Earth* ST. DENIO

**O Spirit of Pentecost, vibrant and free,
surprise and surround us, unite us to be
one people of earth who respond to your call
to go, as we've gathered, with Good News for all!**

POSTLUDE *Finale From Symphony No. 6* C.M. WIDOR
Barbara Salter, Organ



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Betty Edwards and in loving memory of Jim Edwards, by a friend.



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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

FRANKLIN BAPTIST CHURCH – AUGUST 17, 2025

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 during the month of August. Shampoo goes into their household bags, so larger bottles are fine for this collection.

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. Call the church office to reserve your spot in September!



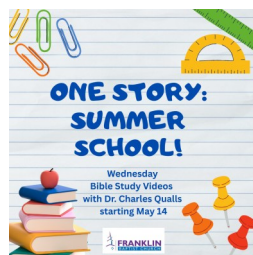
FAITH ON DRAFT

Returns this September. Details to follow soon.

Meanwhile, if you haven't joined the Facebook group "Faith on Draft-Franklin", please join us. We'll keep you up to date there and in church publications!

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ONE STORY: SUMMER SCHOOL

We are in our customary summer break where Wednesday nights are concerned. But what about our well-attended *One Story* studies?

Watch each week for *One Story: Summer School*! These brief video studies will give an overview of some new material that follows up the Sunday Sermon. There is no set time to "tune in," but they will drop each Wednesday. Watch at your leisure once they release.

Join Dr. Qualls each week as we continue with helpful background and fresh insights!



CBF is our denominational opportunity to impact in a situation like the Kerrville, TX floods.

As a strategy, while first-responder type operations are happening, CBF works with partners and field personnel to help out more with rehabilitative and long-term operations. The kinds of things that remain after initial cleanup, rescue and recovery begins to wind down.

As more information is available that will give some examples, we will provide that gladly. But for now, your opportunity to help out is open.

If you would like to make a donation, click here to be directed to the CBF website: <https://www.classy.org/give/144748/#!/donation/checkout>. You can also send a check to the church made out to "Franklin Baptist Church with CBF Disaster Response" in the memo line.

If you have any questions, please call the church at 757-562-5135.



WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 10TH!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

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>

Wednesday Night Dinner/Adult Bible Study

Wednesday Adult Bible Study resumes with dinner at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall, night time bible study at 6:15 PM (also on FB Live) and Chancel Choir at 7:00 PM in the choir room.



LABOR DAY – SEPTEMBER 1ST

In observance of Labor Day, the church office will be closed on **Monday, September 1st**. We will resume our normal Friday working hours beginning on September 5th. We wish you a safe and happy holiday!



**CHANCEL CHOIR
REHEARSALS RESUME
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH
AT 7PM**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Jim Briggs, David Drewry, Donna Evans, Joyce Kaplan,
Anita McLemore (Harvey McLemore's sister), Harvey McLemore,
Tamara Sloop (Avis and Martin Shockley's daughter),
Amelia Spivey, Everett Williams

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Sunday School	9:45 am	SS Classrooms
Worship (also FB Live/YouTube/Radio)	11:00 am	Sanctuary
Cookies & Lemonade	12:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

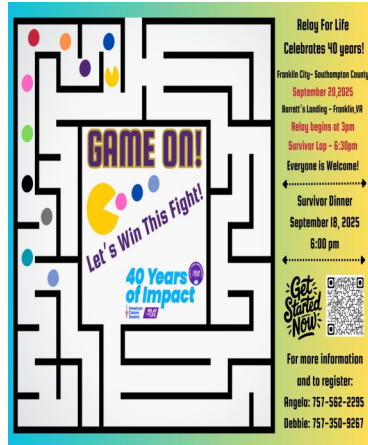
Endowment Committee Meeting	7:00 pm	Conference Room
AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

Chancel Choir	7:00 pm	Choir Room
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

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



RELAY FOR LIFE CELEBRATES SURVIVORS!

Calling All Cancer Survivors!!!!

Are you a cancer Survivor? Do you know someone who is? Are you currently or have you been a cancer patient Caregiver? Let us provide your dinner as we celebrate YOU!

Relay for Life of Franklin/Southampton Survivor Dinner
September 18, 2025 - 6:00 PM - Franklin Baptist Church
(Fellowship Hall)

Please RSVP by September 10, 2025 (Angela 757-562-2295 or
Debbie 757-350-9267)

Printable Luminaria forms can be found on our website, Facebook page or in the church office. If you would like to participate in our candle lighting, please complete the form and return it to the address listed on the form. **Please make all checks payable to the American Cancer Society.**



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVERS NEEDED!

We are looking for several volunteers to join our second week team! If you are able to help out this team each month, please call the church office at 757-562-5135.