

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the poor and the needy, thank you for taking up our case and making us your priority. Jesus, you showed us perfectly the essence of God as love by welcoming us, dirt and all. Holy Spirit, gather our hearts and minds, so our worship can be sincere, from hearts aflame with the love of God. AMEN.

GREETING

Charles Qualls

PRELUDE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Jeremy Poplin and Barbara Salter, Piano

ARR. JOEL RANEY

THE CALL TO COME AND WORSHIP

Rob Carter

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rob Carter

There is a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea.

Let us swim in that sea and play in its waves!

The love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.

May we trust today in God's unfathomable goodness.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rob Carter

**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 41

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

PASTORAL PRAYER

Jeremy Poplin

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Rob Carter

Christ is our great advocate who sits at God's right hand.

Christ understands the travail of the human life.

This morning, let us come and pray together.

In your empathy, hear our prayer.

Holy God, for your church all around the earth, that we would not side with the powerful but side with you, the God of the vulnerable.

For the leaders of the nations, that they would fear your judgement that their fear would lead to repentance, O God, hear our prayer.

For the earth you have made, that it would be cherished for its beauty, and that it would be honored and protected for the essential nourishment it provides for all creatures.

For the poor that are thrown aside, we pray that they would know you champion them, and that the church would invite them to sit in places of honor.

For those who are facing death, we pray that you would strengthen their faith in your power of resurrection.

Lord, our tongues tend toward deceit. Forgive and train our tongues.

You heard the truth in all our prayers. May those truths bear fruit.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

*HYMN 158

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

OFFERTORY

Deck Thyself My Soul, With Gladness
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

ANTHEM

Because You Are God's Chosen Ones
Chancel Choir; Barbara Salter, Organ

G. ALAN SMITH

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:1-2, 15-20, 24, 27; 2:6-10; 3: 1
Pew Bible New Testament, Pages 199, 200, 201
This is the Word of the Lord.

Charles Qualls

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

One Story
Do You Want to Live?

Charles Qualls

*HYMN 223

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

BENEDICTION

Charles Qualls

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him*

HOLY MANNA

Christians, let us go and serve him, serve the one who gives us life.

Let us serve in love and power, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Serve in love and serve in wisdom, reaching all we know and see.

Christians, let us go and serve him, now and through eternity.

POSTLUDE

Fugue In C
Barbara Salter, Organ

D. BUXTEHUDE



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Shirley Warren and in loving memory of Earl Warren, 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

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

FRANKLIN COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

Franklin Cooperative Ministry will be collecting deodorant during the month of September.

MISSIONS TEAM PROJECT

The Missions Team is collecting pop-tops to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities, in honor of Riley, a local eleven year old, who received a heart transplant when she was four. Riley is very thankful for the Ronald McDonald House and wants to help other families that need their services. A collection station is just outside the Fellowship Hall.

JUBELLATION RINGERS

JuBELLation Ringers meet on **Mondays at 6:00 PM in the Ringer's room.** We are always on the lookout for additional ringers! Please contact Jeremy Poplin for further information.

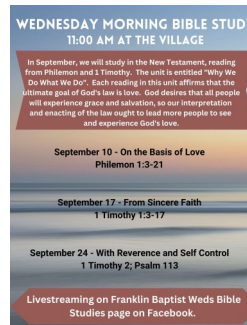
Show Your Pride with Franklin Baptist embroidered logo items!

- **Black vest**- \$60 ea (Men's and Ladies, XS-4XL These run a size small)
- **Soft Blanket** -Gray- \$30 ea. (Prices based on us ordering a minimum qty.)



Order Yours Today:

Please contact Josephine at the church office. 757-562-5135 or fbc@franklinbaptist.org
Deadline: October 6



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY— THE VILLAGE

Join our Wednesday Morning Bible Study each week at 11:00 AM at the Village at Woods Edge.

In September, we will study in the New Testament, reading from Philemon and 1 Timothy. The unit is entitled "Why We Do What We Do". Each reading in this unit affirms that the ultimate goal of God's law is love. God desires that all people will experience grace and salvation, so our interpretation and enacting of the law ought to lead more people to see and experience God's love.

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:

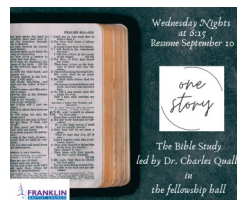
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER, 5:30 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

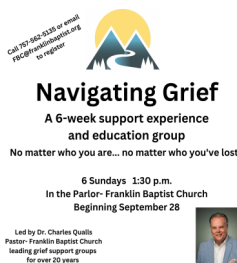
To make a reservation, please CALL the church office at 757-562-5135 by **Tuesday at noon!** You will be responsible for paying for any meals not cancelled by Noon on Tuesday!

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



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY, 6:15 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Each week, we're going to continue the *One Story* theme by drilling down a little deeper in each book. We'll try to survey each book of the Bible with material that didn't make it into the sermon. We'll dialogue around key themes and see what questions you might have.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP STARTING SOON!

You've lost a loved one and found that the hurt lingers. The world around you has moved on, but you're still lingering. Come join in on a 6-week support experience with others who are ready to learn more about their pain. No fee, but please do register. We'll begin at 1:30 PM on **Sunday September 28th in the Parlor.** Group size is limited, so don't wait! Please call the church office at 757-562-5135 or email Josephine at fbc@franklinbaptist.org. Dr. Charles Qualls, leading.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Mark Dillon (Gerry Lewis' son), Patty Murphy, Carol Simms (Peggy Morgan and Dot Bunting's sister), Amelia Spivey, Everett Williams

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Sunday School	9:45 am	SS Classrooms
Worship (also FB Live/YouTube/Radio)	11:00 am	Sanctuary
Church Picnic	3:00 pm	Bronco Club

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	JuBELLation Ringers Room
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Wednesday Morning Bible Study	11:00 am	The Village
Wednesday Night Dinner	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Adult Bible Study	6:15 pm	Fellowship Hall
Christmas Choir Rehearsals	7:00 pm	Choir Room
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

CHURCH PICNIC – TODAY!

The Church picnic is this afternoon at the Bronco Club from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Rain or Shine! There will be indoor air-conditioned seating. Bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert, lawn chair and we will supply the rest! Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship!

