

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
COMMUNION SUNDAY
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Shepherding God, call us away to a deserted place, for we need your loving care. We need your Spirit to guide us. We need your peace to heal our divisions. We yearn to abandon old grievances and embrace wholeness in our lives. We long to see all people, friends and adversaries alike, as beloved members of your household. In this we will find peace. AMEN.

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *O God Our Help In Ages Past* ARR. YOUNG AND NELSON
Jeremy Poplin and Barbara Salter, Piano

THE CALL TO COME AND WORSHIP Maggie Swain

We all love a good story. But we want and need a story to go somewhere and have a point, an end, a purpose. Today, in our *one story* we see Paul throughout the pages and words of his letter to the Ephesians retelling the greatest story—the story of Jesus! However, he tells this story again not just to tell it, but to shape it and show the people where it is headed and how it will end. Through Paul’s retelling, we see under the lordship of Jesus Christ, walls torn down and bridges built. Christ’s life and ministry, death and resurrection burst forth with love, grace, and freedom for all people. No longer are we marked and separated by class, race, gender, or any other distinction of society, but we belong to one faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which Christ died. Throughout this masterwork of theology and prose, Paul in this letter sets forth the declaration that peace and unity has come through the Lordship of Jesus Christ! May we be the beacons of that peace, may we be the messengers of that unity today. Let us call ourselves to worship.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Maggie Swain
When you are weary in your bones...
here you will find rest.

When you are divided from family and friends...
here you will find peace.
When you are discouraged and downhearted...
here you will find hope and courage.
When you are looking for a shepherd to guide you...
here you will find help and relief.

INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER Maggie Swain

**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 272 *They’ll Know We Are Christians* ST. BRENDAN’S

PASTORAL PRAYER Jeremy Poplin

*HYMN 629 *Be Strong in the Lord* STRENGTH

OFFERTORY *Aria* FLOR PETERS
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

ANTHEM *One Faith, One Hope, One Lord* CRAIG COURTNEY
Chancel Choir; Barbara Salter, Organ

SCRIPTURE READING Charles Qualls
Ephesians 1:1-3; 2:8-10, 13-16; 4:1-8, 11-12; 6:10-20
Pew Bible New Testament, Pages 191,192, 193, 194,195
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

One Story
Be a Bridge Builder

Charles Qualls

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION, BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS, DISTRIBUTION

*HYMN 467

We Are One in Christ

THAXTED

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

We All Believe In One True God
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

FRANKLIN BAPTIST CHURCH – SEPTEMBER 7, 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

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. There is a collection station just outside the Fellowship Hall.

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!**



CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS

Christmas Choir rehearsals begin **September 17th at 7:00 PM in the Choir Room.** Come and join us as we prepare to bring "The Sounds of Christmas" on December 7th .

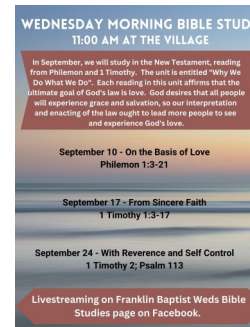


FAITH ON

FAITH ON DRAFT – SEPTEMBER 16TH

Every third Tuesday at 6:30 PM at Serve (private room). Come about 5:00 PM for an enjoyable meal.

Faith on Draft returns on **Tuesday, September 16th at 6:30 PM** at Serve (private room). If you haven't joined the Facebook Group "Faith on Draft-Franklin", please join us.



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RETURNS SEPTEMBER 10TH

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:

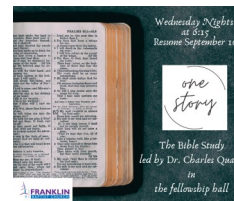
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER RETURNS SEPTEMBER 10TH

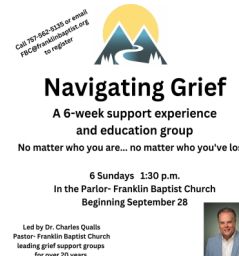
Wednesday night dinners resume at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Come join us as our welcome back meal will be "fried chicken". To make a reservation, please CALL the church office at 757-562-5135 by **Tuesday at noon!** You will be responsible for paying for any meals not cancelled by Noon on Tuesday!

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



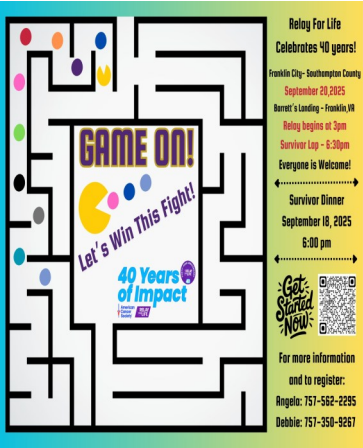
WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY RETURNS SEPTEMBER 10TH

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.



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.**



CHURCH PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 21ST

The Church picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 21st** 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!



JUBELLATION RINGERS

JuBELLation Ringers resume **tomorrow, September 8th at 6:00 PM.** We are always on the lookout for additional ringers! Please contact Jeremy Poplin for further information.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mark Dillon (Gerry Lewis’ son),
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 7

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	JuBELLation Ringers Room
Administrative Council Meeting	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Missions Team Meeting	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room