

Franklin Baptist Church



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 6, 2026

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
COMMUNION SUNDAY
11:00 AM

*Please stand if you are able.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

This morning we gather around the table to celebrate communion. Our scripture text and hymns this morning invite us to turn our hearts to God and to serve God faithfully. So, as we come this day, let us awaken to the call of love, for love fulfills the law. May we live fully into the light, as children of the day, embracing the grace and hope of our salvation.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, as we gather in your presence, we seek to put on the armor of light, and to live as your children. Help us cast aside the darkness and embrace the love that fulfills your law of love. Awaken us to your call that we may walk in the light of Christ each day. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

GREETING

Charles Qualls

PRELUDE

Spiritual Medley
Jeremy Poplin and Barbara Salter, Piano

ARR. JOHN TURNER

THE CALL TO COME AND WORSHIP

Lin Bittick

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Lin Bittick

Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.

Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.

Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.

With our whole heart, we will turn to you and live!

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Lin Bittick

**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 296

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

PASTORAL PRAYER

Jeremy Poplin

*HYMN 605

And Can It Be

SAGINA

OFFERTORY

Benedictus
Barbara Salter, Organ

MAX REGER

DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

**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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Charles Qualls

ANTHEM

This Do In Remembrance of Me
Chancel Choir; Barbara Salter, Organ

JUDY HUNNICUTT

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119:33-40
Pew Bible Old Testament, Page 567
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Charles Qualls

MESSAGE

Laboring At Faithfulness

Charles Qualls

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION, BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS, DISTRIBUTION

THE INVITATION TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

If you desire membership or associate membership in this beloved community, you are invited to come forward at this time, and our pastor will greet you. Franklin Baptist Church is a community of faith that is open and welcoming to all who wish to be a part of our family. You can join by transfer of membership from another church or by statement of faith. If you have not made a confession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to commit themselves anew to Christ and to Christ's service in the world.

*HYMN 457

Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed

REGENT SQUARE

BENEDICTION

Charles Qualls

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

AZMON

**We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.**

POSTLUDE

Finale from Symphony No. 4
Barbara Salter, Organ

C.M. WIDOR

FRANKLIN BAPTIST CHURCH – SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

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.

Altar Flowers

Call the church office at 757-562-5135 to reserve a date in September.

Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry will be collecting hand soap, soap and women's deodorant during the month of September.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

You can pick up a copy of the new church directory at the church office during working hours. If you are a shut-in and are unable to come to the church office, please contact your deacon and they will get a copy to you.

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 Jim Walton (757-620-7099), chair of the deacon caregivers' support committee. When a request is received, Jim will notify volunteers of the opportunity to serve.



THE
VILLAGE
AT WOODS EDGE

DEMENTIA SUMMIT

EDUCATIONAL & SUPPORT SERIES

SAVE THE DATES
September 15th
September 22nd
September 29th

TIME: 5pm-8pm
Dinner Served

VILLAGE AT WOODS EDGE
1401 N. High St. Franklin, VA

- Guest Speakers
- Informative Discussion
- Resources for Support
- Advancements in Research

Call 757-562-3100 for more information and/or to reserve your space.



Franklin Baptist Church Annual Picnic

Join us at the Bronco Club for an afternoon of fun and fellowship

Bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert. Lawn chair and we'll supply the rest!

September 27, 2026

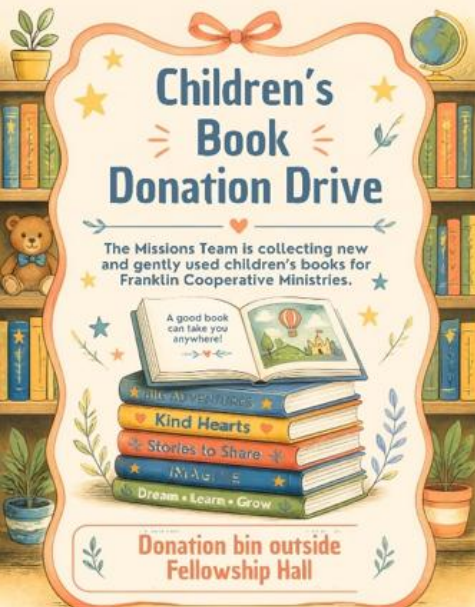
3-5 PM Rain or Shine

Bronco Rod and Gun Club
31040 Delaware Rd.
Franklin, VA.
Call 562-5135 to RSVP by September 15th



CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS WEDNESDAY AT 7PM IN THE CHOIR ROOM

Come and join us!



Children's Book Donation Drive

The Missions Team is collecting new and gently used children's books for Franklin Cooperative Ministries.

A good book can take you anywhere!

Kind Hearts
Stories to Share
Dream • Learn • Grow

Donation bin outside Fellowship Hall

FRANKLIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Night Dinners

5:30 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Make Your Reservations No Later Than Tuesdays at Noon!

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Lasagna	Fried Chicken	Meat Loaf	Soup & Ham Rolls
			

Meals Catered By
FRED'S RESTAURANT

Adults - \$9.00
Children - \$6.00
Family Max - \$20.00

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

11:00 AM At The Village

In some ways, following Jesus is simple, but it is rarely, if ever, easy. In this unit, Jesus is progressing toward Jerusalem and the cross. He is trying to prepare the disciples to take over His work to spread the gospel. This unit is called "Tough Love" and we'll talk about forgiveness, God's generosity, and justice. Jesus challenged everything they thought they knew, when they understood how to be, what they understood about God, and how they understood their role in community.

September 16 - Forgive and Receive
Matthew 18:21-35

September 23 - Work and Pay
Matthew 20:1-19

September 30 - Faith and Fruit
Matthew 21:15-27

Livestreaming on Franklin Baptist Weds Bible Studies page on Facebook

HANDBELL

Choir

REHEARSALS RESUME
MONDAY, SEPT. 14TH
AT 6PM

Markers Along the Way

A study of John's gospel
Begins September 16

FRANKLIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Adult Bible Study This Fall

Jesus was walking into his public ministry as John's gospel opens. But were there signs -- markers really -- as to where he was taking us?

Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:15 PM beginning September 16th in the fellowship hall. We'll explore this gospel and rediscover the

markers of our own faithfulness along the way. Led by Dr. Charles Qualls.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Susan Duke, Dan Fowler, Amelia Spivey, Floyd Wellons

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Sunday School	9:45 am	SS Classrooms
Worship (also FB Live/YouTube/Radio)	11:00 am	Sanctuary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Church Office Closed – Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Staff Meeting	9:00 am	Conference Room
Deacons Meeting	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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



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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Dr. Charles L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Jeremy Poplin, *Associate Pastor/Music*

Dr. Barbara Salter, *Organist*

Rev. 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