

Franklin United Methodist Church
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Purpose Statement

Franklin United Methodist Church is a fellowship of believers who have come together as a family of faith. Together we have established the following purpose, vision, and mission statement:

Purpose: “Willing and ready to follow and serve Jesus Christ.”

Vision: “Franklin UMC shares God’s love, Christ’s sacrifice, and our faith for the salvation of the world.”

Mission: “We believe in Jesus Christ whom we follow, serve, and share.”

Key Verse:

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” John 3:16 & 17

POLLY'S PONDERING

Dr. Joe Rubino says that 85% of the world's population is affected by low self-esteem. This is an incredibly sad statement since we know that low self-esteem is directly related to many negative attitudes, actions and addictions. Some of those negative reactions include: initiating sexual intercourse (both early and often), teen pregnancy, violent behavior, low academic achievement and dropping out of school altogether. Also included are addictive behaviors such as drugs, sex, pornography, alcohol, gaming, cutting and other means of self-harm including suicide. But the most troubling statistic reported by The World Health Organization stated that more deaths are caused by suicide than homicide or war. So where is the good news?

A survey carried out by Yong Dai Ph.D, Rebecca F. Nolan Ph.D, and Oing Zeng Ph.D. revealed that adolescents who attended church are more likely to have a higher self-esteem than their peers. Yes, that is Good News. Here is why I believe this statement is true.

Psalm 139:13-15 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

The Bible tells us that God's work is fearful and wonderful. And we are one of God's works. Therefore, we too are fearfully and wonderfully made. In fact, we are created in His image. So, what if we would start seeing ourselves through God's eyes?

Kate Spade, Christian Dior, Prada, Versace, Coach, Michael Kors are all names of designers whose products bring in big bucks. In other words, we recognize that the quality of the designer elevates the value of the product. Well, we are designed by God. God is our designer. No question that our value is elevated because we are created by Him. Yes, we are fearfully and wonderfully made by a designer who loves us so much that He would send His only begotten Son to come and live and die for us.

When we use words like, useless, stupid, worthless, idiot, to describe ourselves we are really making a critique of the work of God. When we allow the enemy to demean us with negative thoughts, we are giving the enemy's words greater value than the God who speaks lovingly to us.

When the tough times come, and the thought's running through your mind seem overwhelming – add a few more. I suggest these: Beloved, bought with a price, adopted, a child of God, Loved, known, adopted brother/sister of Christ, and joint heir to the throne. These are the words God whispers to your heart and this is the worth with which God's Holy Spirit longs to comfort you in difficult times. Yes, you are fearfully and wonderfully made. Don't let anyone or anything tell you differently.

Blessings,

Pastor Polly

Post Script: I don't know what I would have done, if there had not been people along the way who made the truth of God's love for me come alive. There was the neighbor who allowed me to help her around the house and in the process taught me that being a servant could turn a person away from their own struggles and allow them to be a positive force for another. There was the friend who brought me to church and introduced me to Christ. Another who has stayed by my side, reminding me that I am never alone. Others who encouraged me to sing when my own family told me I was not talented musically – letting me know that God really does know the desires of our hearts. I could go on and on. But really, I want to ask us all to carefully look at our programs for children and youth and to see what can be done to improve them. Remember, it makes a difference. Someone's self esteem needs the Good News.

YOUTH NEWS

June was very busy and so very wonderful. We had youth helping with VBS then immediately going to Gulfport, Mississippi to serve with UMARMY and even some of that group turned right around and went to Lakeview Summer Camp. The big takeaway for the month is that God provides. We had fundraising ideas that just sort of came out of nowhere (God) that provided so much towards both the mission trip and church camp. Not one of our youth had to pay more than the required registration fee for our Mission trip. The bulk was covered by His provision through fund raising. UMARMY was a huge success. 7 youth and 6 adults from our church experienced God's immense love through service in Gulfport. 7 youth (also) joined up with 9 of our younger kids to attend Lakeview where they had the opportunity to connect with kids their age from other areas of our conference, enjoy exciting games and activities, and most importantly had an opportunity to worship our Lord, corporately and individually. Looking forward, we will start up Wednesday night youth again the 11th of July and plan to continue through to the end of the summer.

God bless you,
John Kamas



Greetings Church Family,

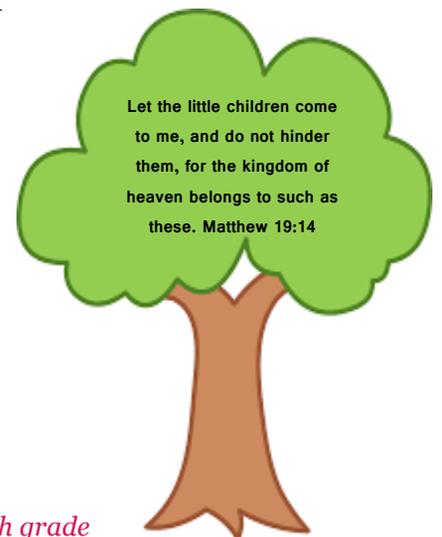


I'm so proud to say that the children of our congregation, along with a few friends, raised over \$200 for Rice Bowls. Way to go! If your child was able to attend our Bowl Bash, please bring \$10 to help cover the cost of our Altitude party! As many of you have heard by now, I have resigned from my position as Children's Ministry Director. These past two years have been such a blessing, but working full-time in the church office is keeping me quite busy and I need to be able to focus on my family during our time of transition. Thank you for allowing me to serve you & your children! If you are interested in volunteering for any of our Children's Sermon segments (Every Sunday, except the 1st Sunday of the month) please let me know! Additionally, if you are interested in learning more about the Children's Ministry Director position, Pastor Polly would LOVE to chat with you!

With joy & gratitude,
LeAnn Lennie



Children's Ministry serves ages 3 - 6th grade



"This year UM Army was a huge opportunity for creating relationships with our clients and celebrating the service of our youth. One of my favorite memories was eating lunch with our team and our client, including 4 generations of her family members." - Katie Kamas



PRAYING PIECERS NEWS

The Praying Piecers voted at the last meeting to continue with our regular monthly meetings on July 9th and 28th. We will be meeting in the Activity Building Kitchen and salad luncheons will be the menu for these hot summer months. We welcome anyone who is interested in quilting, sewing or hand crafts. All are welcome.

Happy Stitching,
Donna Otto



Music Note:

The Sunshine Strummers were very busy last month with performances. We really enjoyed playing in our library here in Franklin. The choir is missing two great singers: Laura and Robert Hailey. We've been seeing them in church lately and hope that Robert's shoulder will allow him to come back and help us sing again. We are taking the month of July off to rest and re-charge and we'll start up again in August. I'll also be teaching a beginner ukulele class so be thinking about this. More information to come!

"Sing"cerely, Rhonda

**Congratulations to our team on their
2nd place
win!**



**They raised
\$1,000.00
for the
children
that call
Still Creek
Ranch
home.**

Still Creek Golf Scramble

PEACE 107

One of our very own kiddos will be joining the
Peace 107 Morning Show as a Peace Pal on
July 24, 2018
8am - 9am.

We hope you'll listen in!

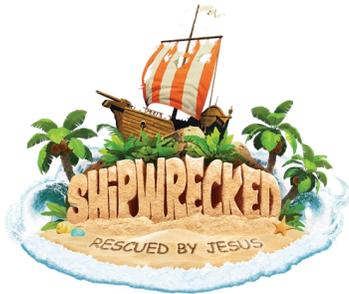
Congratulations Brent!



Having a **BLAST** at **Lakeview Summer Camp!**

We would **LOVE** for you to join us next year!
Did you know: You can actually **GIFT** a Summer Camp experience for a child that may not otherwise ever experience this amazing week of growing closer to God and creating lifelong friendships. You can make monthly payments, so that you don't have to come up with the money all at once! This **CHRISTMAS**, will you consider gifting a Lakeview experience for one of our Christmas Tree Angels?

Will you be Team Wohali or Team Tsula?



**Wow. Way to go Church.
VBS was a HUGE success!**

**Four churches.
Two campuses.
275 attendees.
120 adult & youth volunteers.
\$1,700.00 raised for Haiti.**





SAVE THE DATE!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11TH at 6:00 pm

FOR ALL AGES

Bunco Tournament & Taco/Nacho Stackups



A note from Bishop Scott Jones

Bishop Jones would like to extend an invitation for you to join him at one of the 18 upcoming *Table Talk With Bishop Jones* sessions to be held August 11th - August 23rd. Each one will have 1 1/2 hours of content time and some will include lunch or refreshments.

The purpose of these meetings is to help you understand more fully the three models being proposed for consideration by the special session of the General Conference next February.

In July links will be posted to the report of the Commission on a Way Forward and the Council of Bishops. There will also be additional interpretive information to help you understand the proposals more fully on the conference website at www.txcumc.org/thewayforward.

The meeting closest to us will be Thursday, August 23rd at FUMC, Bryan at 7:00pm for Laity.

Should you want more information on other dates, times & locations, please contact our church office!

Vacation Liberty School

This camp is intended to teach about our Nation's history. Come learn and enjoy fun & fellowship.

Option 1: New Baden Community Center July 16-19

Option 2: Grace Methodist Church Hearne July 23-26

Option 3: St. Mary's Catholic Church Bremond July 30-Aug 2

*If we have at least 4 kids that would like to go on the same week, we would be willing to provide transportation on the church van!

(All camps are 10am - 2pm and lunch is provided!)

Church members may get an application in the church office. Others may apply at Carnegie or Hearne Library or contact Jo Miller 979-571-5709 or mama85joe@excede.net

This event has been sponsored by many and is provided free of charge!



PRAYER requests

To keep the prayer list as up-to-date as possible, please contact the church office with any changes to the specific need for each one on the list.

Dornbush Family
 Reeves Family
 Katherine Scasta
 Tom Fuller
 Ginger Mareth
 Joey Mickelwitz
 Marie Kellum

Madison Wilcox
 Jim Hanks
 John Callaway
 Archer Foltermann
 Rhonda Toups
 Ronny Hibler

Eric Michael (Air Force)
 Benjamin Standing (National Guard)
 PFC Joseph Pawley (Army, Afghanistan)



Lay Readers

1st Olivia Campbell
 8th Evelyn Huggins
 17th Sandra Hoegemeyer
 24th Wayne Huggins



Tithes & Offering for Last Month

Average Attendance	82.75
Offering Income	\$ 16,453.00
New Building Fund	\$ 1,850.00
Grant for Education Bldg.	\$ 4,000.00

Ushers

Donna Otto
Bob Otto

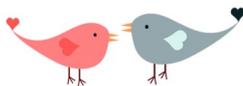
Need a helping hand?

Know someone that does?

If you or a loved one or neighbor are struggling with small tasks, such as changing the air filter, getting the grass mowed, etc...

We would like to arrange help!

You may call the Church at 979-828-3355



July Anniversaries

5th Scott & Amy Huggins
 9th Chip & Marla Zahn

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 st Cadie Martin James Buckner	16 th Rylie McKinney Mason Corn
2 nd Mac Mareth	17 th Cade Rue
4 th Hanna Westerman	20 th Carlee Thompson
5 th Elizabeth Reinhardt Frank Cates Justin Frieda Tessa Frieda	22 nd John Harris Barbara Eller Maloree Neichoy James Miller
6 th Joanne Braswell	23 rd Toni Baxter
7 th Kevin Foltermann David Bailey	24 th Molly Dean
8 th Jill Foltermann Keith Kamas Lloyd Scasta	27 th Kylie Caubarreaux
9 th Melvin Bailey Thad Allen	28 th Sadie Buckner
10 th Bo Campbell Aaron Huggins	29 th Marie Stern Karlie Kissinger Drew Neyland Hap Campbell Addie Nelson
14 th Cynthia Hobart Evelyn Huggins	
15 th Louise Cates Lee Ann Scasta	

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Fireworks at The Ranch 7pm	3	4 Office Closed	5	6	7 FUMC Food Pantry
8 Finance Meeting/ Trustees Meeting After Service	9 Education Mtg. 6pm	10	11  Family Fun Night 6pm	12	13	14
15 Admin Meeting After Service	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Sewing Camp	24 All Week in Activity Building	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<i>John & Polly would like you to mark your calendars & make plans to attend a Graduation & Teaching Contract Signing celebration honoring Christina Martin on Sunday, August 5th following church service! Lunch will be provided.</i>			

Choir—Wednesdays 5:45pm-6:30pm

Clothes Closet Volunteer—

Mondays 3:00-5:00 Wednesdays 5:00-8:00 Thursdays 9:00-11:00

Men's Bible Study—Mondays at 6:30pm

Men's Emmaus—Thursdays at 6:30am

MOPS—Select Fridays, this coming Fall

Praying Piecers—Select Mondays 9:00am-12:00pm

Preschool—Preparing for Fall

Ukulele—No Practice During July!

United Methodist Women—1st Wed at 9:30am

Women's Emmaus—Wednesdays at 7:00am

Reading for the Weekly Worship

July 1	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27	Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43
July 8	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	Psalm 48	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
July 15	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19	Psalm 24	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
July 22	2 Samuel 7:1-14	Psalm 89:20-37	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34. 53-56
July 29	2 Samuel 11:1-15	Psalm 14	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21