

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY
FOR OUR LORD (1871-2021)
OCTOBER 31, 2021
REFORMATION SUNDAY
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please welcome our guest organist, Ron Cornwell.

GREETING Steve Gibson

VOLUNTARY *Toccata and Fugue in D Minor* J.S. BACH
Ron Cornwell, Guest Organist

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Maggie Swain

The Lord offered himself –
once and for all –
so that our conscience can be free
from all things that lead to death.
Let us worship the living God!

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.**

VOLUNTARY *The Lord's Prayer* ALBERT MALOTTE
Ron Cornwell, Guest Organist

RESPONSIVE PSALTER 146 Praise for God's Help Maggie Swain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**
Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
**When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever; who executes justice
for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.
**The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
**The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,**
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
**The Lord will reign forever, your God,
O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!**

PASTORAL PRAYER Steve Gibson

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 12:28-34 Steve Gibson
Pew Bible New Testament, Page 49
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY *The Heavens Declare God's Glory* ROBERT POWELL
Ron Cornwell, Guest Organist

SERMON Trick or Treat Steve Gibson

*“Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one;
you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with
all your mind, and with all your strength.
(Mark 12:29 b)*

*VOLUNTARY *Trumpet Tune in D* DAVID JOHNSON
Ron Cornwell, Guest Organist

*BENEDICTION Steve Gibson



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Wallace E. “Buddy” Butler, by his family.



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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER
Charles. L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*
Steven R. Gibson, *Associate Pastor/Music*
Sharon James, *Associate Pastor/Education Emeritus*

This worship service is broadcast on radio WLQM - 1250 AM and PRAISE 99.1 FM
Facebook Live @ 11:00 AM

Franklin Baptist Church – October 31, 2021

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.

Worship Service

In response to CDC and VA Adjustments in Covid-19 policies, masks are optional and pews are marked for physical distancing guidelines.

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!

COVID-19 Adjustments

Due to Covid increases in Franklin, it was decided that the following food related activities will be cancelled until further notice:

- Wednesday night meals.
- Fellowship coffee in the fellowship hall.

Sunday morning activities and Wednesday Bible Studies will continue as scheduled, albeit with the encouragement of masks and physical distancing as much as possible. Additional seating will be provided.

We hope these adjustments will prove to only be temporary. We are prayerful in these days, and grateful for your understanding and support. Please see Peggy Morgan or an Administrative Council member with concerns or questions.

Singing has continued to be one of the activities that continues to spread Covid-19, especially the highly contagious Delta Variant. To this end, congregational and choral singing will be cancelled until further notice.

Angel Tree Project - 2021

The Missions Team, working with the Salvation Army, has decided that again this year as a church, we will make a monetary donation to the Angel Tree Program. The uncertainty of the Covid virus lingers, and we do not want to ask our church congregation to be out shopping. We are thankful that the Salvation Army has volunteers who will do the shopping and prepare the gifts.

All contributions are due in to the church by **Wednesday, November 17th**. Please make checks payable to **Franklin Baptist Church with Salvation Army on the notes line**.

Last year you donated \$4,110 for the children. This year has been equally difficult for those families. Let's say Merry Christmas to them again!

Wednesday Bible Studies

Join us for Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 11:00 AM in the fellowship hall (will also be live-streamed on Facebook). We are studying Galatians and Thessalonians by N. T. Wright. If you would like to order a book, please call the office. Books are \$13.00. Please make checks payable to Franklin Baptist Church and put Wednesday Bible Study Book on the memo line.



Note: The November 3rd Wednesday School Adult Bible Study will only be live-streamed on Facebook (not meeting in-person). Join us next week in-person in the fellowship hall for our annual fall business meeting.



Daylight Saving Time ends on **November 7, 2021**. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

Flowers for the Altar

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.

To reserve your preferred date, simply call the church office to be added to the Sunday Flower List.



Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items:

- ◆ Stuffing
- ◆ Instant Potatoes
- ◆ Crackers in Sleeve



The worship committee is working with the City to have the Community Living Nativity again this year. Amanda Jarratt said it well, "It was a fabulous event and wonderful for the City." The plans include changes to ensure the safety of our participants while still providing this ministry to Franklin and surrounding areas.

The Living Nativity will be held 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Wednesday, December 15th through Friday, December 17th.

We are in need of volunteers to participate in scenes and to help with the set up. Please call or text Kay Drumheller, 377-6557 or Eliza Rainey, 377-7523 if you would like to participate.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Opal Elks, David Flythe, Louise Hedgepeth, Gerry Lewis, Susan Vick

Welcome New Members: Beverly and Charles Brown

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 31

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| Bible Study | 9:45 am | SS Classrooms |
| Worship (also Facebook Live/Radio) | 11:00 am | Sanctuary |

Monday, November 1

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| JuBELLation Ringers | 6:00 pm | Fellowship Hall |
| Deacon's Meeting | 7:00 pm | Fellowship Hall |

Tuesday, November 2

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| AA Group | 8:00 pm | Community Room |
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Wednesday, November 3

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| Morning Bible Study | 11:00 am | Fellowship Hall/FB Live |
| Adult Bible School | 6:15 pm | FB Live Only |
| NA Group | 7:30 pm | Community Room |

Thursday, November 4

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| High Street Seniors | 10:00 am | Fellowship Hall |
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Annual Fall Business Conference

The annual fall business conference will be held on **Wednesday, November 10, 2021** at 6:15 PM in the fellowship hall.



The Administrative Council, after reviewing current Covid trends, has made the decision to have our annual Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 21st, at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Instead of a covered dish meal, as in the past, a roast beef dinner with sides will be prepared in-house. It will be served to tables to avoid close contact in a serving line. Recommended safety guidelines will be followed throughout the process. If current trends continue, it is our hope to use this dinner as a kick-off for resuming other events in December. As with all other in-person activities, we understand each member is different and encourage them to make their own individual decision regarding participation.

There will be no cost to individuals, but **sign-up is required by November 15th** for planning purposes. A missions donation opportunity will be available at the dinner.