

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY  
FOR OUR LORD (1871-2021)  
NOVEMBER 7, 2021  
ALL SAINT'S AND COMMUNION SUNDAY  
11:00 A.M.

\*Please stand if you are able.

All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles...the noble fellowship of prophets...the white-robed army of martyrs" (Te Deum). It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed God's justice and peace in every nation.

To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12:1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own immediate situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. In this context, it is appropriate for a congregation on All Saints' Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year. This year, we will remember those who died in 2020 and 2021.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joy you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING

Charles Qualls

VOLUNTARY

*Voluntary on Sine Nomine*  
Steve Gibson, Organist

ETHAN HAMAN

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Lin Bittick

Fling wide the temple gates!  
**Open up the ancient doors!**  
The mighty and glorious one is coming.  
**Who is this mighty and glorious one?**  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited,  
**let us be glad and rejoice in God!**

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.**

VOLUNTARY

*Sine Nomine*  
Steve Gibson, Organist

PHIL LEHENBAUER

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

Lin Bittick

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;  
**for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...**  
And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem...  
**prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**  
And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
**"See, the home of God is among mortals.**

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,  
**and God himself will be with them;**  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

**Death will be no more...**  
And the one who was seated on the throne said,  
**"See, I am making all things new."  
Then he said to me, "It is done!**

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.  
**To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."**

VOLUNTARY	<i>It is Well With My Soul</i> Steve Gibson, Organist	ROBERT LAU
LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE (SEE INSERT)		Charles Qualls
CALLING OF NAMES		Charles Qualls, Steve Gibson
PRAYER		Steve Gibson
SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 25:6-9 Pew Bible Old Testament, Page 652 This is the Word of the Lord <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	Charles Qualls
SERMON	Wiping the Tears	Charles Qualls
CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION INVITATION, BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS, DISTRIBUTION		
RESPONSE	<i>Blest Be The Tie</i>	Charles Qualls, Steve Gibson
*VOLUNTARY	<i>Improvisation on Sine Nomine</i> Steve Gibson, Organist	S.R. GIBSON
* BENEDICTION		Charles Qualls



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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 – November 7, 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.

### 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.

### Church Offerings

Help our church remain vital by continuing to give. Gifts can be made online on our website at [franklinbaptist.org/onlinegiving](http://franklinbaptist.org/onlinegiving) or mail your offering to the church. Thank you for your faithful and generous support!



### 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.

### 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 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please make checks payable to **Franklin Baptist Church with Salvation Army on the notes line**.

### 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.

Join us for Wednesday School Adult Bible Study at 6:15 PM (will also be live-streamed on Facebook). We will be studying The Revelation of John, led by Dr. Charles Qualls. Let's unlock truth so that the mystery becomes relevant!



Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items for homeless bags: small canned food with pop-tops, single-serve meals such as tuna in a pouch or little tuna and cracker combos, individually wrapped items such as Pop Tarts, nabs, cheese and crackers and granola bars.



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 15<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

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, Gerry Lewis, Susan Vick

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Ann McLenny Copeland, who passed away on October 31, 2021.

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Hannah Earley Toler Lupton (Bill Earley's sister), who passed away on October 27, 2021.

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, November 7

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

### Monday, November 8

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

### Tuesday, November 9

AA Group	8:00 pm	Community Room
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### Wednesday, November 10

Morning Bible Study	11:00 am	Fellowship Hall/FB Live
Fall Business Conference	6:15 pm	Fellowship Hall
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room

### Thursday, November 11

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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The Administrative Council, after reviewing current Covid trends, has made the decision to have our annual Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>** for planning purposes. A missions donation opportunity will be available at the dinner.

## LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

Charles Qualls

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:  
**Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:  
**Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:  
**Family of our faith, we remember you.**

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon:  
**Those close in our heart, we remember you.**

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with You forever. As we read their names, we will pause after every name to remember, to pray, and to give thanks for their life and witness. We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts.

**Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.**

We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join You beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ. Remind us that in our grief and remembrance, O God, You are with us through it all, and we are never alone.

We ask this in the matchless name of Christ, in whom love lives forever.

**Amen.**

*Mary Frances Abbitt, Robert L. Adkins, Martha Lee Williams Bell, Olivia Ann Benn, Bessie Francis Best, Howard D. Boone, Betty Chapman Boynton, Fannie Spain Bristow, J. Floyd Clingenpeel, Kathryn Harrell "Kitty" Earley, Dewey Wayne Edwards, Sr., Harry Ray Gibson, Barbara Vinson Gray, George Horace "Top" Hedgepeth, Jonathan Allen Hudgins, Michael Joseph "Mike" Magee, Horace Leon Pierce, Jr., Shirley Maddrey Pope, Winston Qualls, Bernice Cutchins Rogers, Beatrice Benson "Bea" Ross, Dorothy "Dot" Saunders, Don William "Bill" Scarborough, Edward Hudson Spivey, Jerry Joel Standahl, Jake Massie Stone, George Lee Story, Jr., Louise Whitfield Story, Ralph Pritchard Tayloe, Bobby M. Vick, Constance O'Berry "Connie" Vick, Barbara Wade, Bobby Wade, Lena Kirkland Wall, Earl J. Warren*

*The extra rose represents all the loved ones our church members have lost who were not part of our membership.*