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# The Lamplighter

The monthly newsletter of Franklin Presbyterian Church  
August 2024

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## ANNUAL CHURCH YARD SALE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00 am—1 pm

*If you would like to help set up, please be at the Cornerstone on Friday August 2 at 1 pm. If you have last minute donations, please contact Curry Davis. All proceeds benefit our Non-Local Christian Missions.*



# Pastor's Pen

## **God's Got This (and Us)**

One word defines my time here at Franklin Presbyterian Church. **BOLD.**

When I interviewed with the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in the spring of 2020, I was introduced to an idea called The Bold Approach. In my profile, I noted that I strove to Boldly Love God and Boldly Love My Neighbor. Seeing a confluence of Boldness led to my calling here.

I was excited to come to Franklin, I was excited to have a church call set as I was concluding my seminary education. I was not entirely sure what to expect or how things would go. I knew that God's Got This, however.

I expected to have opportunities to engage with a wonderful congregation in a growing and interesting community. I didn't expect to be so incredibly welcomed and embraced by both church and city. I knew then that God's Got Us.

As we enter into a new horizon, as we adapt to the new realities of a changing relationship, we must remember that God's Still Got This (and Us). That as we Boldly Go (where none of us have gone before), at least in regard to one another, that we listen for the Spirit, that we rely on the love of Jesus Christ that got us here.

August 2024 feels a lot different than July 2020, doesn't it? It's more than just a little more than four years later. We've gone from the early stages of a global pandemic to analyzing the long-standing effects of that upon our families, our churches, and our communities. We've gone from one contentious presidential election to... another contentious presidential election.

Yet there is so much more that God has done in our lives. We have lost a lot of good friends, we've said goodbye to brilliant people who have joined the church triumphant, and others who have moved to other places. And we've also boldly welcomed 27 new members since July 2020! That's more than 40% of our current membership. For those who have been faithful members well before I arrived, and those who have joined while I've been here: Y'all are family, the children of God, called to be the hands and feet of Christ, each and every day. And by the power of the Holy Spirit, y'all have been doing so, and you will continue to.

God has begun a great work in you. Not my words, but Paul's, from Philippians. I can think of no better way to close this time.

*I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace.. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.*

There's not much more I can say, other than this has been an incredible honor and privilege to be your pastor. I will carry Franklin with me wherever God calls, and my prayers will be with you always. Remember, God's Got This, no matter how BOLD the next "This" is!

*Grace and Peace,  
Daniel*

# A Grateful Heart



**THANK YOU,  
ART IN THE PARK  
AND VBS VOLUNTEERS!!!!!**

**A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with Art in the Park and Vacation Bible School this summer. It has been non-stop around this church for six weeks and none of it would have happened without all of you. Thanks to you, kids painted, sculpted, cut, glued, ran, laughed, tried new foods, showed off to their parents, and heard stories about God's grace and blessings, some of them for the first time!**

**THANK YOU!**



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED  
TO OUR 'UNDIE SUNDAY' AND  
MADE IT A SUCCESS!**

# News to Know

**The FPC Columbarium committee is ready to report!**

**As you know, we have been investigating the feasibility of constructing a columbarium and surrounding garden area on the church grounds to house the cremated remains for those who would like an alternative to traditional burial. After more than two years of research, discussion, and planning the committee—comprised of Chairman Diane Shutt, Justin Henninger, Bob & Deb Thompson, and Cathy Ware—would like to share its findings with you at the August 25 worship service.**

**There could be a brief PowerPoint, technology permitting. Please have your questions ready. We are looking for feedback.**

# Extra, Extra



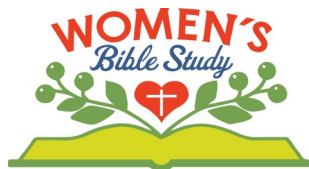
Let's kick off the new school year with a SPLASH! Join us for fun and fellowship after worship as we celebrate week one of the school year in the books. Join us after worship at 12:30 on Sunday, August 18 at the Kessler's, 528 Meadowlawn Drive. Lunch will be provided!

JOIN US FOR HYMN SING SUNDAY ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 AS WE ENJOY SELECTIONS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!

## Women's Bible Study

You are invited to join a Bible study on Monday evenings beginning September 16, 2024 at 5 PM. This will be our first dinner meeting. Come join us at D'Legion at 3478 Nashville Road as we begin to look at the women in the genealogy of Jesus that is found in Matthew 1. ***What My Grandmothers Taught Me*** will provide us with a look at women from the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. There will be a \$10.00 study, that will be available to you. We will let you know as soon as they arrive.

At our first meeting you can order dinner or not as we discuss the first lesson. Each lesson will be approximately one hour. As with all new beginnings, we will muddle our way through until we develop a sense of where the group would like to go and how to best meet the needs of our group. This is a work in progress so if you have questions, feel free to ask Chris Kessler, Sylvia Pulliam, Sharon Smith, Debbie Wyatt, or Jan Albert. We hope you will join us in this adventure.



September:

ELDER/HELPER OF THE MONTH:

*Jane Rahm/Justin Henninger*

FRIEND OF THE MONTH:

*Nancy Thomas*

September:

2nd: Labor Day (office closed)



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**AUGUST ELDER/ELDER  
HELPER OF THE MONTH**  
Chris Kessler/Bob Thompson

**AUGUST  
FRIEND OF THE MONTH**  
Debbie Wyatt



## Stewardship Corner

### July Average Attendance: 57

July 7	51
July 14	68
July 21	60
July 28	50

### July Weekly Offering Average: \$1,512.50

July 7	\$1,466.00
July 14	\$2,253.00
July 21	\$1,681.00
July 28	\$650.00

July Online Giving: \$1,949.10

Average Weekly Income Needed for Budget:  
\$2,692.31

## Ruling Elders Serving on Session

Barry Hain  
John Halcomb  
Bob Thompson  
Bob Heidbrink  
Jane Rahm  
Nancy Thomas  
Chris Kessler  
Justin Henninger

### DEACONS:

Linda Knight  
Marcella Davis  
Meredith Halcomb  
Sylvia Pulliam

*Next Regularly Stated  
Session Meeting:  
Monday, August 19*



**Remember  
Your Pledge  
This Summer**

## August 2024 Daily Lectionary

*These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 2018). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.*

### **[Year Two]**

#### **Thursday, August 1**

Morning: Pss. 143;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 81; 116  
Judg. 4:4–23  
Acts 1:15–26  
Matt. 27:55–66

#### **Friday, August 2**

Morning: Pss. 88; 148  
Evening: Pss. 6; 20  
Judg. 5:1–18  
Acts 2:1–21  
Matt. 28:1–10

#### **Saturday, August 3**

Morning: Pss. 122; 149  
Evening: Pss. 100; 63  
Judg. 5:19–31  
Acts 2:22–36  
Matt. 28:11–20

#### **Sunday, August 4**

Morning: Pss. 108; 150  
Evening: Pss. 66; 23  
Judg. 6:1–24  
2 Cor. 9:6–15  
Mark 3:20–30

#### **Monday, August 5**

Morning: Pss. 62; 145  
Evening: Pss. 73; 9  
Judg. 6:25–40  
Acts 2:37–47  
John 1:1–18

#### **Tuesday, August 6**

Morning: Pss. 12; 146  
Evening: Pss. 36; 7  
Judg. 7:1–18  
Acts 3:1–11  
John 1:19–28

#### **Wednesday, August 7**

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 132; 134  
Judg. 7:19–8:12  
Acts 3:12–26  
John 1:29–42

#### **Thursday, August 8**

Morning: Pss. 116;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 26; 130  
Judg. 8:22–35  
Acts 4:1–12  
John 1:43–51

#### **Friday, August 9**

Morning: Pss. 84; 148  
Evening: Pss. 25; 40  
Judg. 9:1–16, 19–21  
Acts 4:13–31  
John 2:1–12

#### **Saturday, August 10**

Morning: Pss. 63; 149  
Evening: Pss. 125; 90  
Judg. 9:22–25, 50–57  
Acts 4:32–5:11  
John 2:13–25

#### **Sunday, August 11**

Morning: Pss. 103; 150  
Evening: Pss. 117; 139  
Judg. 11:1–11, 29–40  
2 Cor. 11:21b–31  
Mark 4:35–41

#### **Monday, August 12**

Morning: Pss. 5; 145  
Evening: Pss. 82; 29  
Judg. 12:1–7  
Acts 5:12–26  
John 3:1–21

#### **Tuesday, August 13**

Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
Judg. 13:1–15  
Acts 5:27–42  
John 3:22–36

#### **Wednesday, August 14**

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 1; 33  
Judg. 13:15–24  
Acts 6:1–15  
John 4:1–26

#### **Thursday, August 15**

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 16; 62  
Judg. 14:1–19  
Acts 6:15–7:16  
John 4:27–42

**Friday, August 16**

Morning: Pss. 51; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 142; 65  
 Judg. 14:20–15:20  
 Acts 7:17–29  
 John 4:43–54

**Saturday, August 17**

Morning: Pss. 104; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 138; 98  
 Judg. 16:1–14  
 Acts 7:30–43  
 John 5:1–18

**Sunday, August 18**

Morning: Pss. 19; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 81; 113  
 Judg. 16:15–31  
 2 Cor. 13:1–11  
 Mark 5:25–34

**Monday, August 19**

Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
 Judg. 17:1–13  
 Acts 7:44–8:1a  
 John 5:19–29

**Tuesday, August 20**

Morning: Pss. 123; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 30; 86  
 Judg. 18:1–15  
 Acts 8:1–13  
 John 5:30–47

**Wednesday, August 21**

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 48; 4  
 Judg. 18:16–31  
 Acts 8:14–25  
 John 6:1–15

**Thursday, August 22**

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 80; 27  
 Job 1:1–22  
 Acts 8:26–40  
 John 6:16–27

**Friday, August 23**

Morning: Pss. 130; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 32; 139  
 Job 2:1–13  
 Acts 9:1–9  
 John 6:27–40

**Saturday, August 24**

Morning: Pss. 56; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 118; 111  
 Job 3:1–26  
 Acts 9:10–19a  
 John 6:41–51

**Sunday, August 25**

Morning: Pss. 67; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 46; 93  
 Job 4:1–6, 12–21  
 Rev. 4:1–11  
 Mark 6:1–6a

**Monday, August 26**

Morning: Pss. 57; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 85; 47  
 Job 4:1; 5:1–11,  
 17–21, 26–27  
 Acts 9:19b–31  
 John 6:52–59

**Tuesday, August 27**

Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
 Job 6:1–4, 8–15, 21  
 Acts 9:32–43  
 John 6:60–71

**Wednesday, August 28**

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 125; 91  
 Job 6:1; 7:1–21  
 Acts 10:1–16  
 John 7:1–13

**Thursday, August 29**

Morning: Pss. 143;  
 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 81; 116  
 Job 8:1–10, 20–22  
 Acts 10:17–33  
 John 7:14–36

**Friday, August 30**

Morning: Pss. 88; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 6; 20  
 Job 9:1–15, 32–35  
 Acts 10:34–48  
 John 7:37–52

**Saturday, August 31**

Morning: Pss. 122; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 100; 63  
 Job 9:1; 10:1–9, 16–22  
 Acts 11:1–18  
 John 8:12–20



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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

**Elder of the Month:**

*Chris Kessler*

**Elder Helper:**

*Bob Thompson*

**Ushers:**

*Debbie Wyatt  
Linda Knight*

**Lector**

*Prentice Knight*

**MEETINGS**

**BIBLE STUDY:** Weds at 5:30 pm

**Fellowship:** 07/9 at 2 pm

**Facilities:** 07/14 at 4 pm

**SESSION:** Mon. Aug. 19 at 5 pm

FPC Men-Aug. 17

# AUGUST 2024

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 YARD SALE PREP 1 PM	3 YARD SALE 7-1
4 Communion	5 <i>Larry Gibson</i>	6	7	8 <i>Zipporch Bley</i>	9	10 <i>Caren Gibson Amy Gant</i>
11	12 <i>Sarah Halcomb</i>	13	14 <i>Gwen Stubbs</i>	15 <i>Terri Mitchell</i>	16	17
18 Pastor Daniel's last Sunday	19 SESSION <i>Brandon Stubbs</i>	20	21 <i>Janet Crocker</i>	22	23	24
25 HYMN SING SUNDAY <i>Daniel Van Beek</i>	26	27	28 <i>Becky Stubbs</i>	29 <i>Tomas Williams</i>	30	31 <i>Linda Knight</i>

\* Birthdays in italics



## CONNECT TO FPC!

Have you visited our website lately? ([www.franklinpresbyterian.org](http://www.franklinpresbyterian.org)) This is the way to find out the latest news, watch the latest worship services online, get information on upcoming events, and download copies of the monthly Lamplighter newsletter. If your information is not up to date, please contact the office so we have your correct address, phone, email, etc.

### ONLINE DIRECTORY

If we have your e-mail address, you will be able to access the mobile app with your smart phone. **You can also print a copy of the directory from our website!** To access, use: fpc5864535 as the password.

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Search for other members, and then email, call or text — right from the directory app.

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2. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
3. Enter the assigned password into the app to begin syncing.



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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:30 AM

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:30 AM

**STAY TUNED FOR  
INFORMATION ON THE  
NEXT ADULT BIBLE STUDY  
COMING IN MID-AUGUST!**



*Anything you would like added to the  
September Lamplighter, please submit it to the  
office on or before Wednesday, August 28.*



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