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THE MAJESTY OF GOD’S CREATION

Happy Mother’s Day

We praise God this month for all our mothers.

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The DISCIPLE

“...go and make disciples in all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and then teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you; and be sure of this—that I am with you always, even to the end of the world.” Matt. 28:19-20

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Pastor, how much longer before everything is back to normal? Where do we go from here now that more people are being vaccinated? What are our next steps moving forward as a church? When will we loosen the restrictions and protocols we have had in place for what seems like “forever”? When will the choir begin to meet, rehearse, and present their music? How about Sunday School, for all ages? Youth? Children? Nursery? Wednesday nights? Will we continue to Facebook Live Feed our services after things return to normal?

These are just a sampling of the questions and comments that have been presented to me over the past several weeks. Some of these we are prepared to answer, some of them we are preparing to answer, and some of them we cannot answer just yet. But I can tell you this – I am excited and hopeful about all that God is doing at, in, and through Franklinton Baptist Church.

Easter has delivered the renewed and resurrected hope for which we all long. It is the bursting forth of Spring! There is evidence of a newness of life, erupting from the dark of winter. As we stand here just past the 4th Sunday of Easter, we are reminded that the celebration of Easter is the assurance and revelation of the presence of the Risen Christ in our midst. As He continued to appear to His disciples after the resurrection, filling them with joy, awe, wonder, and amazement, I pray that the presence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers will have the same impact. Hallelujah! He is Risen and He Reigns!

On another note, there are events in our fellowship of which we want to make sure you are aware:

First, we will be having our next deacon election in June, which will put us back on our regular rotation. We realize that this adjustment comes on the heels of our previous election a couple of months ago, but we feel it best to move forward in order to bring this process into compliance. This election will be conducted as the most recent election, with nominations and voting taking place via mail-in and drop off ballots. Keep watch as we share and disseminate the information needed for this important process. Be in prayer for those God is calling out for servant leadership.

Second, you know it is Spring at Franklinton Baptist when the cookers come out and smoky aroma fills the air around our church! The FBC youth will hold their annual BBQ Chicken Plate Sale on Saturday, May 8, beginning at 11 A.M. until. As before, the plates will include ½ chicken, potatoes, slaw, bread, and dessert for \$8.00 per plate. This is a drive through event only! Many of you have supported these young people through your upfront contributions of chickens, potatoes,

and cakes, now come out and enjoy!

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Third, Mother's Day is approaching and we will recognize our mothers both virtually and in-person during our May 9th 11 A.M. worship service. We celebrate each day the gift of love and life that these women have given us, and we honor them on this special day!

And there is more to come....God is moving in our midst.

Share the Good News!

In His Service,
David

Announcements

Medical Equipment

The church has walkers, canes, and wheelchairs available for those who need them. Please call the church office at 919-494-5121 if you are in need of any of these items.



Prayer Chain

Just a reminder to all of you that we have an active prayer chain. If you or someone you know needs immediate prayer, please call our prayer chain. Prayer is available 24/7. If you need to request prayer during the hours of 6 A.M. and 6 P.M., please call Rosemary Champion at 919-494-2200. If you need to request prayer during the hours of 6 P.M. and 6 A.M., please contact Ann Goswick at 919-496-8448.



Something to Think About...

Justice is God giving us what we deserve.

Mercy is God not giving us what we deserve.



Grace is God giving us what we don't deserve.

(unknown author)

Our Giving Continues.....

We praise God for your faithfulness in giving. Contributions so far for the month of April are as follows:

April 4: \$7,951.37

April 11: \$1,951.00

April 18: \$5,382.00

Three ways to participate in the worship of giving:

1. Bring your tithes and offerings with you on Sunday mornings.
2. Mail in or drop off your tithes and offerings at the slotted mail box on the porch at the glass door. It is locked for added security.
3. Use our on-line giving option by accessing our church web site at www.franklintonbaptist.org and scroll to the bottom of the front page.

May Birthdays

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| 1 | Scott Bowman |
| 2 | Eddie Holmes |
| 3 | Hudson Hardy |
| | Diane Moore |
| 5 | Sherry Parker |
| 8 | Elijah King |
| 10 | Sarah Fuller |
| 13 | Cindy Hardy |
| 15 | Thomas Reid |
| 16 | Kassidy Grissom |
| 17 | James Caudle |
| | Bill Kimbrough |
| 18 | Will Champion |
| | Jenny Edwards |
| 21 | Aidan Smith |
| 22 | Betty Arnold |
| | Evelyn Smith |
| 25 | Delon Nelms |
| | Caroline Woodlief |
| 27 | Jacob Roberson |
| 31 | Anita Fuller |

A Word from.....

Our Music Director Patrick Woods

Rise up with Christ

Horacio Spafford pinned the third verse of *It Is Well With My Soul*. "My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin not in part but the whole." Yes, my sin, all of it. It's my cursed nature I force myself to face every day. Way short of His glory. Not a glorious thought at all.

Why face this painful sinful condition every day? So I can begin again to discover His mercies, new every morning. I face my truth and believe His truth. This is the "glorious thought," this great contrast that I live every day. Christ bore my sin, "nailed to the cross and I bear it no more." Forgiven, I begin again every day. Raised, not in my strength but His strength, every day. A new life, free from guilt. An opportunity to move now in the Spirit with acts of righteousness and service each day.

Yes, I'm weak, but He gives strength! I lose, but He gives victory! I'm poor in spirit,

but His riches are mine. All mine because I trust His truth. I live it every day. The reality of Christ in me. He's still here. He has looked at my struggles every day and His truth is still mine. Never forsaken, always loved, secure in His promises. Able to stand righteous in His presence at the last trumpet. Indeed a glorious and blissful thought. "Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul."



It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.

Our Minister of Missions and Outreach Thomas Reid

Children and Youth Ministries: Our children's church started back on April 11th at 11 A.M. in the fellowship hall. Our youth also began meeting again on Wednesday evenings at 7 P.M.



Produce Box/Blessing Box Ministries: The blessing box ministry continues to be a blessing to many to our community. Also, our food box ministry is set to continue through the month of May. This ministry has been vital in our community. We usually meet at 11 A.M. on Tuesdays in the parking lot behind the church.

Outreach: We praise God that, with the help of a friend who works for United Way, we were able to construct a 24-foot handicap ramp for a family in need.

Operation Christmas Child: In response to a request by Operation Christmas Child for us to serve as a drop-off location for Franklin county, we are seeking 25-30 people to help pack shoeboxes for two hours a day at FBC from November 15-22. Please let me or David know if you are interested in serving.

