

FRANKLIN Church of Christ

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SUNDAY: Bible Class For All Ages 9:30 A.M. | Worship 10:30 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY: Meal 6:00 P.M. | Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS: M - Th. 9:00-12:30 P.M.

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God Bless Moms

Elizabeth was an old woman. If we are being polite like the Holy Spirit was when He inspired Luke to write this, then she was “advanced in years” (Luke 1:7; NASB). She didn’t have any children because she was “barren”. Now at the other end of the spectrum, when it comes to age, was Mary. History would tell us that a Jewish woman in her betrothal age could have been 16 or even younger. She wasn’t expecting a child either. Not because she was barren, but because she was a virgin and had never known a man (Luke 1:27). Elizabeth was the reproach of women, at least she felt like it. She and her husband, without a doubt, prayed for their lot to change (Luke 1:13). The Lord answered and her reproach was lifted (Luke 1:25). Even though there is no indication that Mary had prayed for children, this is what she felt about the Lord who had blessed her with a son:

“And Mary said: ‘My soul exalts the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has had regard for the humble state of His bondservant; For behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed. For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name. AND HIS MERCY IS UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM. He has done mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their heart. He has brought down rulers from their thrones, And has exalted those who were humble. HE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS; And sent away the rich empty-handed. He has given help to Israel His servant, In remembrance of His mercy, As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and his descendants forever.’” Luke 1:46-55

Mary and Elizabeth counted their blessings. The Lord didn’t owe them anything. He didn’t promise them anything. But He saw the desperate status of Elizabeth, and the humble state of Mary. He took Elizabeth from being the “disgrace of man” to being someone that “the Lord had displayed His great mercy toward” (Luke 1:25, 58). He took Mary from being a handmaiden of low estate to a woman that all generations would call blessed (Luke 1:48; KJV). Without question, these two babies were a blessing to these women. However, God through the birth of John and Jesus did not only bless these women, but has blessed all men. John would “turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God” (Luke 1:16). Through Jesus, God has given provision to all the “needy” and has made it so that any man can have the “reproach” of sin taken away.

Blessed be our God who can take away our reproach, and exalt us above what we could ever exalt ourselves! He took away the reproach of Elizabeth, and He exalted the humble Mary. He will do the same for you! God is faithful. He has been faithful to mothers and that’s something good to meditate on this Mother’s Day.

*In service to Him,
Jonny Royal*

Elders

Les Lierman	979-268-1959
Jerry Paceley	979-985-6689
Joe Phillips	979-417-9617
Terry Smitherman	979-828-4435

Deacons

Harrison Armstrong	Robin Lee
Steve Beasley	Kevin Mitchell
Ross Bush	Cole Montgomery
Don Feauto	Tim Neff

Ministers

Pulpit—Jonny Royal 615-561-0502
Youth—Matt Parker 817-932-5979
<u>Office Administrator</u>
Alicia Parker

WELCOME!

We are thrilled to meet with you all today and hope you are blessed just as much as we are to have you here!

Prayer, visitor and encouragement cards are in the back of the pews and special contribution envelopes are in the foyer and fellowship hall. These can all be placed in the collection plate following communion. Communion kits can also be found in a basket in the foyer if desired.

For guests, we encourage you to [fill out a visitor's card](#) so that we may have a record of your visit. We'd love to be able to contact you and pray for any needs you may have.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Wednesday Meal this week, at 6:00PM, will be BBQ Sandwiches. Team Burning Bushes is in charge of set up and clean up and bringing the main meal. Everyone else is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Sunny Glen Children's Home has requested *Toilet Paper, Mayonnaise, Dish Soap, & Kid Snacks (fruit snacks, goldfish, etc.)*. Any items purchased will be appreciated and can be left in the foyer. The items will be picked up May 16th.

Senior Sunday will be May 19th. We have 13 seniors: Josh Atomanczyk, Blake Autrey, Gunner Brown, Josh Bush, Haley Caubarreaux, Reese Cottrell, Cort Lowry, Allie McCauley, Will Prochazka, Brady Rhoden, Gracie Stallones, Ryan Tucker, & Ayla Wolf. Tables have been set up in the fellowship hall where gifts and cards can be left for the seniors at any time. We will have a meal to honor the seniors after services that morning. Everyone is welcome to stay. The meal will be catered by Frank's Country Store. The congregation is asked to bring desserts.

Nursing Home Devo is Sunday, May 19th, at 2:00PM.

Sew & Sew Ladies meet on May 24th at 9:30AM.

VBS Decoration Day is May 31st. A list of items needed is posted in the fellowship hall.

Super Saturday VBS is June 1st from 10:00AM-3:00PM. Volunteers are needed! Sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

A Couple's Shower for Alysta Feauto and her fiancé, Jaxon Maxwell, will be held on Saturday, June 15th at 1:00PM. The couple is registered on amazon.com

Congratulations to the Lierman family! Drake Lierman was born to Zach & Claire on May 7th, weighing 10lbs 3oz!



May 12th, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30AM

Morning Greeters	Phillips Januse
Opening Prayer	Steve Beasley
Direct Singing	Billy Wallingford
Communion Devo.	N/A
Serving Communion	Randy Sullivan Ross Bush Tim Neff Parker Januse
Scripture Reading	Sawyer Januse Luke 1:46-55
Shepherd's Prayer	Joe Phillips
Announcements	Michael Head Harrison Armstrong
Closing Prayer	Kevin Mitchell
Media	Matt Parker Jack Bush
Nursery	Donna-Marie Lee
ERT	Colton B., Coby W., Kevin R.

WEDNESDAY 5/15/24

Song Leading	Michael Williams
Closing Prayer	Dalton Vann

MONTHLY DUTIES

Building Lock Up	Ross & Karen Mitchell
Communion Prep.	Robin & Donna-Marie Lee
Counting	Harrison Armstrong
Order of Worship	Jeff Januse

	Sunday: 5-5-24	Wednesday: 5-8-24
Bible Class	74	Bible Study 72
Worship A.M.	131	Membership 258
Contribution	\$5,199	2024 Baptisms 5
2024 Weekly Budget	\$5,650	Placing Membership 0

PRAYER LIST

Special Requests:

Armstrong family—Peggy Norris, Beth Armstrong's aunt and the last remaining matriarch of their family, passed away on Tuesday.

Nursing Home/Assisted Living: Laverne Currie, Pearl Howard, Sandra Jackson, Jimmie Kay, Laura King, Geraldine Marshal, Johnine Phillips, Gary & Ruth Ray, Richard Stone.

Cancer Patients: Skeeter Ivy, Rocio Vargas, John Widders (friend of the Phillips), Hudson Swinnea, Kaylie Dyniewski (Kevin & Paula Reed's granddaughter), Robert Maris, Margie Fulks, Wendell Hall, Lesleigh Jutson, Jessica Paulson, Rob Smith, Becky Tyree, Mary Whitworth, Mike Fisher (Gwen Biggs' neighbor).

Military: Ethan Jetton, Alexis Bowen, Seth Cook, Brent Cook, Trent Ellison, James Wallingford.

Congregation:

Charles & LeAnn Nowlin, Morris Fulks, Sandy Perry, Beth Armstrong, Priscilla Drennan, Elaine Beasley, Mike Lewis, Rex Neff, Ruth Rhodes, Jean Wylie, Kay Johnson & Geneva Mitchell.

Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Kutter (cousin of Ashley Warren), Celestina Cruz, Emmett (Phillips' grandson), JJ & Cherry Ruffino (friends of the Beasleys), Riker Stippick (friend of the Brewers), Polly Haberkorn (Kristin Williams' MIL), Donna Spears (Elain Beasley's sister), Shirley Ellis, John Duncum, Leslie Nolan.