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# Frankston Methodist Messenger

*"Making Disciples of Jesus Christ Who Worship Passionately, Love Extravagantly, and Witness Boldly"*

I hope this newsletter finds y'all well! Each year, on the first Thursday in May, believers across the United States come together for a special observance: The National Day of Prayer. For 2025, it just so happens that it falls on the very first day of May, the day many of you will be reading this. While you might think this is a new phenomenon, the National Day of Prayer has been around for several decades. The National Day of Prayer was formally established in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. Since then, millions of Christians have gathered in churches, homes, schools, and public spaces to intercede for our leaders, communities, and country. It is a powerful reminder that no matter our background or denomination, we are one people under God, united in our desire to seek His guidance, mercy, and blessing upon our nation.

But why should we pray for our nation? Well, Scripture reminds us again and again of the importance of prayer. 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, *"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* Prayer is not just a spiritual discipline—it is a lifeline. When things are important to us, God wants us to pray about them. When we pray, we align our hearts with God's will, invite His presence into our circumstances, and release His power into situations we cannot control. In times of uncertainty, division, or need, prayer brings healing, hope, and clarity.

There are several things to pray for this year. We should pray for National and local leaders, Schools and students, First responders and healthcare workers, the Church in America, as well as Revival and spiritual awakening in this country, so that we can once again be one country under God. If you turn to the back of this newsletter, you will find a HUGE list of people and situations that need our prayers. On this National Day of Prayer, as well as every week in every month of the year, we should take the time to pray for those on our prayer list. This is why they're included in our newsletter, email chain, and Sunday Bulletin.

At a time when our world is in need of truth, healing, and hope, let us be a church that stands in the gap through prayer. May we humble ourselves before the Lord and call upon His name, not only on the National Day of Prayer but as a regular rhythm of our lives. As it says in James 5:16: *"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."* Let's come together as a body of believers to cry out for our nation. God is listening—and He is able.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jacob

## MAY CALENDAR

May 1 2 – 6 pm National Day of Prayer – Our Sanctuary is open for you to go and pray.  
 May 1 5 pm Staff-Parish Relations Committee meets, FLC  
 May 4 9:45 am Sunday School  
 May 4 11 am Communion Worship service  
 May 5 8:30 am Stocking Rainbow House, FLC  
 May 5 5 pm Trustees Committee meets, FLC  
 May 6 3 pm Mobile Pantry Volunteers meeting, FLC  
 May 6 6 pm Choir practice, sanctuary  
 May 7 6:30 pm Confirmation Class, FLC  
 May 8 5 pm Finance Committee meets, FLC  
 May 8 6 pm Outreach Team meets, FLC  
 May 9 6 pm Requested deadline for receiving donated gift cards for high school seniors  
 May 11 9:45 am Sunday School  
 May 11 11 am Mother's Day Worship service  
 May 13 9 – 11:30 am Mobile Pantry produce for all, parking lot  
 May 13 6 pm Choir practice, sanctuary  
 May 14 10 am Frankston Methodist Women host high school Senior lunch, FLC  
 May 14 6:30 pm Confirmation class, FLC  
 May 15 6 pm "Come to the Table" supper, Worship and Communion, FLC  
 May 17 8 am Frankston Methodist Men hold breakfast meeting, FLC  
 May 18 9:45 am Sunday School  
 May 18 11 am Worship service  
 May 18 Noon Council of Ministries meets, fellowship hall, brown bag lunch  
 May 19 8:30 am Stocking Rainbow House, FLC  
 May 20 9 – 11:30 am Rainbow House food & clothes distribution, FLC  
 May 20 6 pm Choir practice, sanctuary  
 May 21 9 am Set up for Rummage Sale, FLC  
 May 21 6:30 pm Confirmation class, FLC  
 May 24 Noon – 6 pm "Praise in the Park" community worship & activities  
 May 25 9:45 am Sunday School  
 May 25 11 am Worship service  
 May 26 CHURCH OFFICES & FLC CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY  
 May 27 6 pm Choir practice, sanctuary  
 May 28 6:30 pm Confirmation class, FLC



The annual Frankston Methodist Women's Rummage Sale is scheduled for Friday, June 6, 7 am – 6 pm, and Saturday, June 7, 7 am – 1 pm at the Family Life Center.

Beginning, May 12, items for the Rummage Sale may be brought to the FLC during business hours. Please donate clean and ready-for-sale items. Please do not bring clothes for the sale; however, shoes, purses, hats, jewelry and linens will be accepted, along with decorative items, dishes, and small appliances. Large items such as furniture will be accepted beginning Wednesday, May 21. Please deliver all your donated items by close of business (6 pm) on Wednesday, June 4.



On May 15, we will have our second "Come to the Table" casual monthly supper and worship service at the Family Life Center at 6 pm.

We will begin with a light meal followed by a worship service of prayer, singing and a sermon from Pastor Jacob. We will conclude with Communion.

We want to reach out to our community neighbors who might not feel comfortable in the more formal setting of our sanctuary. Please help get the word out about this service – encourage anyone you know to attend this VERY CASUAL service.

The Outreach Team will meet at 6 pm on Thursday, May 8, to make plans for the service. Anyone interested in helping is urged to attend.

## Gift Cards Needed for High School Seniors

The Frankston Methodist Women will be holding the celebration to honor 62 Frankston High School seniors with luncheon at the Family Life Center on Wednesday, May 14 at 12:45 pm.



As in the past, we hope to present a gift card to each senior, so we are asking that you help by donating a gift card of \$10 or more to bookstores, restaurants, department stores, movie theaters, etc. Please take the cards to the FLC during business hours, no later than Friday, May 9.

Our church's reputation for making this such a special memory for seniors is well known. It is your caring generosity that makes this possible and it is greatly appreciated by the students and their parents.



Pastor Jacob will be leading a Confirmation

Class for anyone who wants to learn more about being a Global Methodist. This class will cover the history and teachings of the Christian faith and the Church.

Doctrinal teachings regarding the Holy Trinity, the Incarnation, salvation and the Holy Spirit will be explored as well as the significance of Holy Communion and baptism. Participants will learn about the Wesleyan background of the Global Methodist Church.

While a Confirmation Class is usually directed toward youth in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older, this class is being held with the hopes that, not only our young congregants, but also any adults who want more clarification will attend.

The Confirmation Class will be held at the Family Life Center on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. The dates are May 7, May 14, May 21 and concludes on May 28. If you have any questions about the class, please feel free to call the church office at 903.876.2235 during office hours.

# Council of Ministries



meeting after Worship on May 18,  
brown bag lunch. Everyone is  
encouraged to attend.

## Happy Mother's Day

A mother is always with you...

She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street.

She's the smell of bleach in your freshly laundered socks.

She's the cool hand on your brow when you're not well.

Your mother lives inside your laughter.

She's crystallized in every tear drop.

She's the place you came from, your first home.

She's the map you follow with every step that you take.

And nothing on earth can separate you.

Not time, not space, not even death will ever separate you from your mother.

You carry her inside of you always.

Rainbow House Food Pantry distribution will be held on May 20 due to Memorial Day closing at East Texas Food Bank. As we all know, food prices have increased, so if you have any extra cans of food or can donate \$\$ to help purchase food, please consider making a donation to Rainbow House. Canned spaghetti sauce, chili, cereal, and peanut butter are all items that are needed. Your help is always needed and much appreciated.





**We Pray For....** Family of Frank Duncan; Family of Roger McDonald; Family of Sandra Gideon; Family of Frances West; Dusty Pace, Glenda Briggs' brother, in serious condition with vascular dementia; Charlotte Miller, recovering from pneumonia & blood pressure issues; Jean Duncan, blood pressure issues; Family with serious legal issues; The Fletcher Family whose 2 year-old daughter was run over by lawn mower; Those who are affected by recent violence; Christians worldwide, who are being persecuted; Those affected by layoff and job cuts;; Jo Beth Hanlon, Jody Henson's daughter, ongoing paralysis, but continuing physical therapy; Patty Denner, friend of Doreen Sweeney, breast cancer; Ashley Shelly, ongoing serious medical condition; Tammy Dale, Chuck Dale's wife, ongoing issues with diabetes; Jayne Beddingfield, at home, ongoing health concerns; Stevie Fry, FISC student, cancer patient; RJ Thaw, improving at home; Friend with colon cancer; all those affected by wars; military personnel and families; those in nursing homes or shut in due to health; police, fire, and first responders; those in need, but unnamed. Pray for peace in our world and for our world leaders. Pray for our church!

Updates to prayer list? Please call the church office, 903.876.2235 ,or email [fmc@frankstonmethodist.org](mailto:fmc@frankstonmethodist.org)

### MAY ACOLYTES

May 4 Gunner Vinzant  
May 11 Bellamy Lively  
May 18  
May 25



### MAY USHERS



May 4 Randy Randle & Jim Tom Johnson  
May 11 Jerry & Joni Jones  
May 18 Lori Ellis & Glenda Briggs  
May 25 Steven Johnson & Craig Dempsey

## EASTER EGG HUNT FUN!



## Pray for our Military

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Ft. Moore, GA 31905

## MAY BIRTHDAYS



2. Jerry D. Jones
3. Lita Cook, Jennie Minter
7. Hope Ramsey
8. Mark Faulkner
11. Darlene Dempsey  
Julie Jones Nally
- 13 Lydia Tatum Balderas
- 16 Ann Tatum
- 18 Kim Dennis McGuffey
- 20 Jacob Dunn
- 23 Joni Jones

30 Erin Sabulsky, Jerry W.R. Jones

Call (903) 876-2235 if we missed your birthday.

