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# Frankston Methodist Messenger

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

Dear Frankston Methodist Church,

On January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, we officially became a Global Methodist congregation. An aspect of being a Global Methodist Congregation is a renewed return to the foundations that made Methodism fruitful. One such foundation is the practice of discipleship Jesus had modeled. Early in Methodism, eager followers gathered together in very committed and accountable ways to grow in to the likeness of Christ, much like Jesus’ original disciples. Discipleship groups or Covenant groups or life groups became the foundation to grow persons in faith. Without deep formational groups and people around, you and I simply drift off and become vulnerable prey. When Jesus picked his first disciples, he made an instant accountable community. He remade family.

As a new GMC congregation, we are charged with returning to the roots of Methodism. You could convincingly argue we are really returning to the template Jesus laid out in the gospel accounts. The questions aren’t the authenticity of discipleship or its historical roots or its obvious fruitfulness. The question to consider is how do we help the church transition from our current practices to a more authentic practice which is more faithful to biblical practices. You might think of discipleship groups as bulky and intrusive bible studies.

If you were in an original Wesley class meeting or band meeting you would be asked some important questions. I’m going to give you 6 of them. These six questions were asked each week. Everyone in the group new they would be asked and participants would have to give an account. Knowing the questions were coming each person would have to really pray and reflect on their spiritual life. Here they are:

1. Where are you struggling in your spiritual life?
2. Where are you becoming more like Jesus?
3. What might the Spirit be saying to you?
4. Any sin you need to confess?
5. Any secrets you have or anything you desire to keep secret?
6. How is your soul?

Your life will be transformed and your heart will be warmed when you band together in an accountable way. We just entered the season of Lent. It is the perfect season which lends itself to self-denial and refocusing our lives on the practices and disciplines which lead to transformation. Let these questions above sit on your heart. Come see me if you are curious or interested.

Pastor Matt

## MARCH CALENDAR

- Mar 2 6 pm Choir practice, church parlor  
Mar 2 7 pm Frankston AA Group meets, FLC  
Mar 5 9:45 am Sunday School for all  
Mar 5 11 am Communion Worship, sanctuary  
Mar 5 12 pm Special Church Meeting, sanctuary  
Mar 6 9 am Frankston Methodist Women meet  
Mar 7 2:30 pm Nurture Team meets, FLC  
Mar 7 7 pm Frankston AA Group meets, FLC  
Mar 9 6 pm Choir practice, church parlor  
Mar 9 7 pm Frankston AA Group meets, FLC  
Mar 12 9:45 am Sunday School for all  
Mar 12 11 am Worship, sanctuary  
Mar 13 8:30 am Mission Team meeting, FLC  
Mar 13 9 am Stocking Rainbow House, FLC  
Mar 14 9 am Mega Produce Drop, parking lot  
Mar 14 6 pm Finance Committee meets, FLC  
Mar 14 6:30 pm Grief Support Group, FLC  
Mar 14 7 pm Frankston AA Group meets, FLC  
Mar 16 6 pm Choir practice, church parlor  
Mar 16 7 pm Frankston AA Group meets, FLC  
Mar 18 8 am Methodist Men hold breakfast meeting, FLC  
Mar 19 9:45 am Sunday School for all  
Mar 19 11 am Worship, sanctuary, "Teddy Bear Round-up" Sunday  
Mar 19 12 pm Council of Ministries meets, Fellowship Hall, brown bag lunch  
Mar 20 – 22 Matt at Clergy Retreat at Lakeview  
Mar 21 7 pm Frankston AA Group meets, FLC  
Mar 23 6 pm Choir practice, church parlor  
Mar 23 7 pm Frankston AA Group meets, FLC  
Mar 26 9:45 am Sunday School for all  
Mar 26 11 am Worship, sanctuary  
Mar 27 8:30 am Stocking Rainbow House, FLC  
Mar 28 9 am Rainbow House food & clothes distribution, FLC  
Mar 28 6:30 pm Grief Support Group, FLC  
Mar 28 7 pm Frankston AA Group meets, FLC  
Mar 30 6 pm Choir practice, church parlor  
Mar 30 7 pm Frankston AA Group meets, FLC  
Mar 31 10 am – 2 pm Blood Drive, FLC

SPECIAL MISSION TEAM MEETING ON MONDAY,  
MARCH 13, AT 8:30 AM

Plans for the "RAINBOW HOUSE SMOKER'S COOK-OFF FUNDRAISER" will be discussed!



## Sunday, March 12

### Teddy Bear Round-Up



The Missions Team will be once again be sponsoring the "Teddy Bears for CASA" drive. On March 19, please bring your new teddy bears to the

church to be blessed. Our children will collect the bears during the service and bring them to the altar for blessing. The bears will go to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Trinity Valley (Henderson County) where they will be given to children who come under their care.

Thank you in advance for your support!

### SPECIAL CHURCH MEETINGS SCHEDULED

**March 5** – Immediately after Worship, MEMBERS will vote to accept the amended Articles of Incorporation changing the name of our church to Frankston Methodist Church.

**March 19** – Council of Ministries will meet after Worship in the Fellowship Hall with a brown bag lunch. Each Committee and Team should be prepared to present a report.

## FRANKSTON METHODIST CHURCH MISSIONS

When it comes to community service missions, our church is a leader. The following is not to boast, but is information about the way we use some of our resources.

**Rainbow House Food Pantry** — distributes food monthly, typically on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. The pantry is operated under the umbrella of our church, but follows the guidelines of East Texas Food Bank in order to be connected with them as an agency of the Feeding America program. Rainbow House is supported financially by donations from church members, community friends, some businesses and occasional fundraisers. Our church supports Rainbow House by providing space in the Family Life Center and covering the costs of utilities involved. Thanks to food drives held by the Scouts, the school, the Post Office and other organizations, we receive food and dry goods beyond what we purchase from the food bank. Thanks to donations of clothing, blankets, personal items, books, and magazines, we are also able to offer these items to those who come for food. Most months, someone is available to do blood pressure and blood sugar checks for our Rainbow friends while they are waiting for their food. In 2022, the average number of families served was 84 per month, representing an average of 265 people per month.

**Teddy Bears for CASA kids** — sponsored by the Mission Team, we “bless the bears” donated by church members and present them to CASA of Trinity Valley to pass on to children who are being separated from their families.

**Monday Milk Plus** — The Dollar General Corporation has joined the “Feeding America” program and donates the refrigerated food that is nearing its expiration date to food pantries. We are receiving milk, juice, yogurt, salads, and other items from the stores in Frankston, Coffee City, and Flint (the store near Brookshire’s). Some weeks, we get a lot; other weeks, we don’t. Since food is still good past the expiration date, we are able to give it to ANYONE who wants it, no qualification or paperwork involved. It is simply here to be shared. If you would like some of this food, it will be available after 2 pm on Mondays. Please call first to make sure we have food available, 903.876.2235. Please tell others about this program. It is sad when the food sits in our ‘fridge and goes too far out of date. That food goes to feed hogs, so at least it is not wasted!

**Mobile Pantry Produce Drop** — on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, the East Texas Food Bank brings a truckload of produce to hand out to ANYONE who comes to the church parking lot event. 20 -30 volunteers from the community and our church repack the vegetables and load the packages in the cars of those attending. This takes place from 9 am – 11:30 am, no matter the weather (only thunder & lightning will cancel it). Last month, 268 families were served. Please feel free to come and be served and please help spread the word – again it is for anyone, no qualifications! If you would

like to volunteer to help, please call Jennie at the church office, 903.876.2235.

**Methodist Men** — hold a breakfast meeting on the third Saturday of the month at 8:30 am. Men from the community are invited to attend and share in Christian fellowship. The men also construct wheelchair ramps and may make repairs for those in need.

**Frankston Methodist Women** — meet at 9 am on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. FMW helps fund various projects for our church and community as well as host an annual Health Fair that is free to attend. The women sponsor the Giving Tree for children’s gifts at Christmas. They provide a meal for the staff of Frankston School and honor the high school seniors with a lunch. Scholarship money is presented to graduating seniors of our church.

**Blood Drives** — are scheduled with Carter BloodCare throughout the year, providing opportunities to help support the blood supply needed in our area. If you would like to donate, contact Carter or call the office for more information.

**Cans for School Supplies** — aluminum cans that are collected in the parking lot bin are sold and that money goes to purchase school supplies for students needing help.

**Grief Support Group** — for those who are experiencing grief from loss of a loved one, break-up of marriage, or other life altering events. Pastor Matt leads the group.

**Frankston AA Group** — we provide a room in the Family Life Center for the local AA group to meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7 pm. If you know of someone who needs this help, please pass along this information or suggest they call the church office.

**Scouts** — we provide a building and utilities for the local Scout troop.

**Rest Stop/Red Cross Associate** — in case of weather-related evacuations, the Family Life Center is designated as a Red Cross Rest Stop. Families may shower, sleep, and have something to eat. The Red Cross has provided cots, our church members provide all other supplies and volunteer their time to staff the rest stop. We are a Rest Stop only, not set up as an evacuation center for long term residency.

**Care Fund** — provides help in small increments as needed. Gas cards in the amount of \$20.00 are available; Dairy Queen cards are given to those who are in need of a meal as they pass through our town; financial help with rent, utilities, medical bills; shelter for an overnight for individuals and families in transit, but without means; use of the FLC showers for those without water; other needs may be covered, according to circumstances. A record is kept and payment made directly to the supplier; no cash is handed over to the person being helped.

**Dual Credit Scholarship** — provides funds to help pay for college credit courses for Frankston high school students.



**WE PRAY FOR...** Family of Opaline McDonald; Family of Ruben Beard; Family of Rayford Price; Family of Louise Lade; Family of Sue Ellis; Family of Patsy Marie Holloway; Family of Dorris Houston; Family of Shirley Wagoner; Family of Shirley Walker; Dan McKinney, Ann Tatum's brother, ongoing issues with open wound on his elbow;

Cynthia Gilmer, heart & other health issues, Hospice care; Jean Duncan, recovering from hospitalizations for heart & blood pressure issues; Berna Younger, recovering from broken arm; Casey Boggs, Rainbow House friend, hospitalized with many serious injuries received in head-on crash; Ben Veazey, friend of the Robertsons, recovering from surgery for colon cancer, complications of COPD; Diane Haskell, recovering from surgery; Melanie Martin, Greg & Suzette's daughter-in-law, blood pressure issues after giving birth; Larry & Barbara Werkmeister, Brushy Creek friends, Covid; Beverly & David Smith, Brushy Creek friends, Covid; Regine Dewberry, recovering from surgery to repair hip joint, very limited mobility; Paul Higginbotham, recovering from back surgery; Bruce Wheat, Rainbow House friend, serious ongoing pulmonary issues; Frances Hunter, Rainbow House friend, preparing for special medical treatment for cancer; Donna Turner, collapsed lung; People of Ukraine and those who are caught up in war through no fault of their own. Our nation, for guidance, peace, and spiritual healing. Healthcare workers and First Responders; those persons who are ill with life-changing diseases and their families and caregivers; military personnel and their families; missionaries, nursing home residents; those shut in due to ill health; those persons in need, but unnamed. World Leaders to strive for understanding and peace between nations. Additions or updates to the prayer list? Please call the church at 903.876.2235 or email [umcfrankston@umcfrankston.org](mailto:umcfrankston@umcfrankston.org).

**MARCH ACOLYTES**



- Mar 5 Max McGuffey, Emma Thomas
- Mar 12 Jaxon Campbell, Katie Hadash
- Mar 19 Cooper Campbell, Gavin Lade
- Mar 26 Vivian Vinzant, Gunner Vinzant

**MARCH USHERS**

- Mar 5 Jim Johnson, Randy Randle
- Mar 12 Mandy Tally
- Mar 19 Heath and Katie Campbell
- Mar 26 Hannah Sweeney



**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**



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**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**



- 4 Haydon Nally 8 Ethan Lade
- 10 Gabriele Bagley, Elizabeth Lade
- 11 Luke Stanly
- 14 Mike Spinhirne
- 15 Brenda Faulkner Watkins
- 18 Hayley Moore Frink 21 Richard Saunders
- 27 Jackie Jones 28 Jenny Beard, Nancy Oliver

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

Thank you for your continued support of our annual "Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper". The funds raised will be put to good use in our community.

Frankston Methodist Men

Carter BloodCare

# BLOOD DRIVE



Dani Blanton of Dallas, TX says, "Thank you!"



As a thank-you donors will receive an insulated water bottle. While supplies last.

**Friday, March 31, 2023**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

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