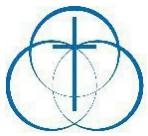


Frankston Methodist Church  
P. O. Box 355  
Frankston, TX 75763-0035

If you would like to change the way you receive the newsletter, please call Jennie at the church office, 903.876.2235, or email the office at [fmc@frankstonmethodist.org](mailto:fmc@frankstonmethodist.org). 4/2024



# Frankston Methodist Messenger

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

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:2

My favorite insect is the butterfly. It has always fascinated me. As I was reading my Bible this morning, I came to this verse and the image of a butterfly came to my mind. I was thinking about what it takes for them to transform. This led me to thinking about us as Christians and what the example of transformation the butterfly is to us.

When a butterfly starts its journey, it is a small helpless caterpillar. It has only two jobs to do, to eat and to grow. Does that sound similar to a new Christian? When we are first saved, it is crucial that we begin to feed on God's Word. This is how we grow and mature in order to be used by God.

The next phase is what always gets my attention. When a caterpillar has eaten and grown enough it enters into the chrysalis. Here it changes and grows until it emerges a beautiful butterfly ... or does it? First, when a butterfly emerges its wings are limp and unusable. It is not until the butterfly has done some work that it can actually use its wings and fly. We as Christians are like this as well. We are saved by God's grace, but the transformation does not stop there. The next step that we have to take is to be sanctified, which means that we allow the Holy Spirit to come in and change us from the inside. Once the Holy Spirit has come in and done a work in us, then we can begin to do God's Work.

The second thing I found out was very fascinating to me. Did you know when a butterfly emerges it cannot use its mouth? It is true. When a butterfly first emerges, its mouth is in two pieces. It is the butterfly's job to join the two pieces together to form a useful unit. Only then can the butterfly successfully get nourishment. We as Christians must get our mouths under control as well. If we do not, we will not be able to successfully minister for God and carry out His purpose for our lives.

Butterflies are beautiful creatures designed by God. We as Christians can take these lessons from the butterfly and apply them to our own lives. Just as the transformation for a butterfly is not easy, sometimes the changes we are required to make as Christians are not always easy, but they are necessary if we are going to be useful to God's Kingdom.

I pray today that you will allow God to grow you, to transform you, and then to use you for His honor and His glory. The changes may not always be easy, but I promise you the end result will be well worth it. **Valerie**



Reprinted from *Encouragement for Every Day*.

# April Calendar

Apr 3 9 am Frankston Methodist Women meet, Family Life Center  
Apr 4 6 pm Choir practice, church parlor  
Apr 4 7 pm Frankston AA Group meets, FLC  
Apr 7 9:45 am Sunday School for all  
Apr 7 11 am Communion Worship, Chris Claytor, Certified Lay Minister, guest preacher  
Apr 8 8:30 am Stocking Rainbow House, FLC  
Apr 9 10 am Mega Produce Drop, parking lot  
Apr 10 4 pm Staff-Parish Relations Committee meets, FLC  
Apr 10 6 pm Deadline for purchasing tickets for "Chicken for Two 2 Go" meals  
Apr 11 6 pm Choir practice, church parlor  
Apr 11 7 pm Frankston AA Group meets, FLC  
Apr 12 10 am – 2 pm Blood Drive, FLC  
Apr 13 4 pm – 6 pm "Chicken Dinner for Two 2 Go" fundraiser for Rainbow House, FLC  
Apr 14 9:45 am Sunday School for all  
Apr 14 11 am Worship, Rev. Jacob Dunn  
Apr 14 Noon Covered Dish Lunch & "Parsonage Shower" honoring Jacob Dunn, Fellowship Hall  
Apr 15 5 pm Finance Committee meets, FLC  
Apr 18 6 pm Choir practice, church parlor  
Apr 18 7 pm Frankston AA Group meets, FLC  
Apr 20 8 am Frankston Methodist Men hold breakfast meeting, Family Life Center  
Apr 21 9:45 am Sunday School for all  
Apr 21 11 am Worship  
Apr 22 8:30 am Stocking Rainbow House, FLC  
Apr 23 9 am – Noon Rainbow House food & clothing distribution  
Apr 25 6 pm Choir practice, church parlor  
Apr 25 7 pm Frankston AA Group meets, FLC  
Apr 28 9:45 am Sunday School for all  
Apr 28 11 am Worship

## WELCOME, REV. JACOB DUNN!



My name is Rev. Jacob Dunn. I am 24 years old and single. I was born and raised in LaRue, TX and am the sixth generation to grow up on the property.

I am a lifelong Methodist and the grandson of a Methodist pastor. I received my call to ministry at 15 while attending Lakeview summer camp. Since then, I have been growing as a person and pastor and working towards becoming an ordained elder.

I have been appointed to a church since 2021 but have been preaching in churches since I was 17. I am conservative, theologically and politically. I am a very social person and have never met a stranger. I have been a volunteer firefighter since 2015.

In my free time I enjoy hunting, catching fish (because there is a difference between fishing and catching), and target practice. I enjoy a variety of video games and card games. I also enjoy reading books when it isn't for school. I don't have any pets of my own, but my parents have two German Shepherds that I love.

I have one brother who is 17 months younger than me, and we are extremely close. I am looking forward to being the pastor at Frankston Methodist Church.



Following the Morning Service

## COVERED DISH LUNCH AND PARSONAGE SHOWER – APRIL 14

Please plan to bring food to share and join in the fun at the Covered Dish Lunch and Parsonage Shower that will be held following Worship on Rev. Dunn's first Sunday with us – April 14. We'll be eating in the Fellowship Hall. After lunch, Jacob will get to open his "Parsonage Shower" presents! Watch for a "wish list" from him. We want to show Jacob how very happy we are to have him and how excited we are for our new beginning. Don't miss the fun!

# A BIG THANK YOU FOR THE TEDDY BEARS & THEIR FRIENDS!



These will help replace  
tears with smiles. Thanks  
for your generosity!

Trinity Valley CASA Volunteers

## Chicken Dinner For Two 2 Go

### \$20.00



SATURDAY, APRIL 13

4 PM – 6 PM

Benefiting

**TAKE OUT ONLY**

Rainbow House Food Pantry

#### MENU

1/2 chicken  
(wood smoked)

2 servings  
each:

Baked Beans  
Coleslaw  
Cookies

Tickets required –  
call 903.876.2235

Frankston  
Methodist Family Life  
Center  
161 S. Weldon Street

Tickets sold until 4/11

### Gift Cards for High School Seniors Sought



The Frankston Methodist Women will be holding an early “Cinco De Mayo” celebration to honor some 50 Frankston High School seniors with a luncheon at the Family Life Center on Wednesday, May 1 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, April 29.

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.

**Carter BloodCare**

# Blood Drive

**Friday, April 12, 2024**  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Frankston Methodist Church  
Family Life Center  
161 S Weldon  
Frankston, TX 75763

Jennie Minter  
(903) 876-2235  
fmc@frankstonmethodist.org

**Zane H.**  
Blood Recipient  
Frisco, Texas

Schedule an appointment

Receive an umbrella!\*

Carter BloodCare

PHOTO ID REQUIRED

CarterBloodCare.org  
800-366-2834 | Text CBCDonate to 999-777  
\*While supplies last. Item may be substituted for item of equal value.



**We Pray For.... Families who lost loved ones in bridge collapse; Estelle Marble**, sister of Rita Pennell, Dorreen Sweeney's neighbor; weakened from recurring cancer; **Bob Anderson**, Joni Jones's dad, recovering from surgery to remove cancer on tongue; **Chuck Dale**, recovering from heart surgery, Continuous Care unit Rm 426, Cristus, Tyler; **Randy Randle**, recovering from shoulder surgery; **Beverly & Sam Robertson**, dealing with health concerns, rehab at home for Beverly; **Diane Haskell**, digestive health issues; **Meghan Dansby Wallace**, systemic lupus; **all those affected by wars; Barbara McCune**, at home, recovering from surgery, continuing chemotherapy; **Chris Sabulsky**, undergoing radiation therapy; **Lina Mae Eschberger**, improving, but still undergoing wound treatment; **Jayne Beddingfield**, pain and ambulatory problems; **many who are ill with various respiratory conditions; our national leaders, military personnel and families; those in nursing homes or shut in due to health; police, fire, and first responders; those in need, but unnamed.**

**A prayer of thanks for our new pastor, Rev. Jacob C. Dunn, who will be in the pulpit on April 14!**

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

### APRIL ACOLYTES

- April 7 Brooklyn McGuffey  
Emma McGuffey
- April 14 Vivian Vinzant &  
Gunner Vinzant
- April 21 Cooper Campbell & Jaxon Campbell
- April 28 Alyssa Stanly & Gavin Lade



### APRIL USHERS

- April 7 Kim McGuffey &  
Karla Dennis
- April 14 Hunt & Chelsey Vinzant
- April 21 Heath & Katie Campbell
- April 28 Luke & Christy Stanly

### IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT CAMP!

**If you are interested in going to camp, please contact the church office. \$\$\$ to help defray the cost is available for our kids and adults. Call 903.876.2235.**



**Pray for our Military**



Alfredo Balderas  
PSC 840, Box 42  
FPO, AE 09649

CPT. Allen, Jonathan  
HHC BDE, 211 AD  
FOS DCTC, Konotop  
APO, AE 09754

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Pat Johnston
- 9 Edith Stephens, Nicci Cook, Jody Henson
- 13 Jim Dwyer
- 14 Frank Sweeney
- 15 Leona May
- 17 Chris Claytor
- 19 Eleanor Jones
- 20 Chris Sabulsky
- 28 Brenda Higginbotham, 29 Jonathan Green



**RISE UP**  
TRINITY GMC CAMP  
2024  
June 10-14

Jesus said,  
**"I am the resurrection and the life."**  
Join us for the first Trinity GMC Summer Camp and experience Jesus calling us to Rise Up.

**Dynamic Teaching and Worship**

Elementary Preacher - Rev. David Brasher  
Mid-High & HS Preacher - Rev. Mark Swayze  
Mid-High & HS Band - Citizen Crown

**Fun Activities**

Pool, Paddle Sports, Paintball, Rock Wall,  
Zip Line, Silent Disco, Gaga Ball, Jump  
Pillow, Field Games, and more!!!

**Campers \$399 | Adults \$239 Register today!**

Elementary | Entering 3rd - 5th  
Mid-High | Entering 6th - 8th  
High School | Entering 9th - Graduates

[www.trinitygmc.org/events/summer-camp](http://www.trinitygmc.org/events/summer-camp)

Lakeview Methodist Conference Center | Palestine, TX