



AUGUST 13, 2023

# FRANKLIN ROAD

## BAPTIST CHURCH

### *Think on These Things*

I would like to take this opportunity to talk about small groups and why they are important to the individuals in the church and the church as a whole. In the second of the book of Acts, it describes the early church as meeting together in the home of the people. This is a perfect example of the modern-day small group. Also, Jesus narrowed down all His followers to a group of twelve and then to a group of three.

Accountability is one of the reasons for the need to join a small group. In the small group, people hold each other accountable for studying God's Word and prayer. A small group can also hold you accountable for the life you live as a Christian.

Community is another reason for being in a small group. In the small group you get to know people more intimately instead of in the large setting of the church. You share the joys with those in the group, but you also have a group of people that will love, pray, and walk alone side you when you are going through the tough times of your life.

Vulnerability is part of the small group. In a small group you can be real and open about the things in your life that you are unsure of both in your daily life and in your Christian walk because the group will not judge you but will support you in these struggles because they also struggle.

Discipleship is the biggest reason for a Christian to be a part of a small group. In the group a person learns how to study and share the word of God with others. They learn the principles of praying for themselves and others. They learn how to love people who may be different from them. They learn to have a heart for missions and evangelism. These lessons will allow the people in the group to mature in their own faith, but then be able to share with others how to grow in their faith.

The website [growcurriculum.com](http://growcurriculum.com) sums up the purpose and importance of the small group when it says:

"A small group can learn about the concerns of the adults within the group. As they learn of the concerns and needs of each other, they can relate better and show their care through words, prayers, and actions. Participating in a small group can help people learn to live out their faith."

I challenge you as members of Franklin Road Baptist to become involved in a current small group, or talk to me about starting one of your own. Especially if you can't be involved in the Sunday School or Wednesday night groups because you teach or a part of the Praise Team.

**Pastor Jerry**

## August Birthdays

|       |                   |       |                |
|-------|-------------------|-------|----------------|
| 08/03 | Jesus Pineda      | 08/12 | Billy Nestor   |
| 08/06 | Hannah Wyzykowski | 08/26 | Joy Thomas     |
| 08/08 | Nolan Couch       | 08/27 | Kelly Dorrough |
| 08/10 | Kane Shirey       | 08/31 | Kayla Smith    |

## Anniversaries

|       |                           |
|-------|---------------------------|
| 08/04 | Jerry & Rebecca Parkerson |
| 08/14 | Greg & Lisa Couch         |
| 08/15 | Trace & Ashley Lasher     |



SUNSHINE PROJECT

Check out the Sunshine Project table in the Foyer, or contact the Church Office for more information.

## August: Sandra Simpson

# G 4 G Art Night

AUGUST  
**25**

6:00 PM

FRBC  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

LIGHT SNACKS & DRINKS  
PROVIDED

BYOC  
(BRING YOUR OWN CANVAS)  
The best priced canvases and art supplies are at Dollar General, Bargain Hunt, Walmart, and Dollar Tree

## this week at FRBC

### SUNDAY (AUG 13)

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Sunday School..... | 9:30a  |
| Worship.....       | 10:45a |
| Children's Church  |        |

### WEDNESDAY (AUG 16)

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Adult Bible Study.....       | 6:30p |
| i220 Youth Bible Study       |       |
| Journey Kids - Mission Night |       |

### SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 21

6:30P - 8:00P IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

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of the week  
**DEACON**

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| Aug 13 | Ernest McCurry  |
| Aug 20 | Bill Forcier    |
| Aug 27 | Jerry Parkerson |