

GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FRANKLIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

December 2016

Merry Christmas!!!

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends.

This year, with Christmas falling on Sunday, we have an excellent opportunity to truly celebrate the "Reason for the Season". Many of us will have an opportunity to engage people we would not normally see in church with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Let's make it count!



**"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).
Matthew 1:23**

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER!

I have been working in my spare time on this newsletter. I hope the format is easy on the eyes. My vision for this monthly newsletter is to provide updates on our shared ministry together, post news concerning upcoming events, and give a biblical perspective to the pressing issues of the day. I pray that this will be a help to the churches of our association as we seek to reach our county, our state, our nation, and our world.

UPCOMING EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTNERSHIP

Saturday, December 10, 6:00pm. Hosanna. A free Christmas Concert by the musicians of Buck Run Baptist Church. For more information [click here](#).

Sunday, January 1-4, Bible Reading Marathon at the State Capitol. For more information on how you can be involved contact Jeremy Weaver at 502-234-4836 or by email at franklinmissions@gmail.com.

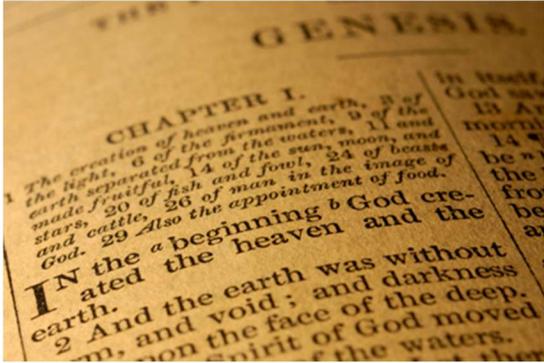
If you have any events you would like to be included in the January Newsletter, send all the relevant information to franklinmissions@gmail.com.

BIBLE READING MARATHON AT THE STATE CAPITOL

Beginning at the stroke of midnight on Sunday, January 1, 2016 in the Rotunda at the state Capitol there will be a Bible Reading Marathon. As Baptists we believe that the "...word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword..." (Hebrews 4:12), and that "...faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). Since this is true, it is fitting that we should display our belief in the power of the Word of God by publicly reading it aloud. The Bible Reading Marathon gives us the opportunity to do that. Volunteers will read through the Bible in 15 minute increments until the entire Bible has been read aloud. This is a 24 hour around the

clock event. Beginning at the ringing in of the New Year at 12:00am on January 1, the Bible reading will continue non-stop until 6:00pm on January 4.

You can be involved in one of two ways:



First, as a Team Captain. The Team Captain oversees one three hour period of continuous Bible reading. The Team Captain is responsible to make sure he has enough volunteers to read in 15 minute increments throughout his or her 3 hour period. There are 12 slots of 15 minutes in each 3 hour period. There will be 30 periods of 3 hours during the marathon.

Second, you can volunteer as a reader. Reading takes 15 minutes and then you are done.

If you would like to be involved in this event, please contact me by email by the 26th of December. This would be an ideal project for a youth group or Sunday School class to be involved in.

WEBSITE

Our website address is www.franklinbaptists.com. Please send me a picture of your church, street address, contact number, email address, and web address. We want the website to be functional for churches by allowing potential visitors to be able to locate us. You can submit this information [via email](#).

EMPLOYMENT/OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

If you have any staff openings or are in need of volunteers for ministry, please email this information to me. As cooperating churches we can help one another fulfill the mission God has called us to.

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