

FRANKLIN & FRANKLIN, PA

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

FRANKLIN & FRANKLIN, PA is a full service accounting firm with over 40 years of experience serving clients locally in Matthews and Charlotte, NC as well as across the United States with:

- **Tax Return Preparation** for Individuals, Small Business and Nonprofit Organizations
- **Monthly Accounting** and Financial Statement compilations for Small Businesses and Churches
- **Audited and Reviewed Financial Statements** for Churches and Nonprofit Organizations used for *lending and grant requirements and also to assure entity integrity and accountability*
- **Consulting** regarding *business start-ups, financial planning, and the review and analysis of existing accounting systems and procedures*

FRANKLIN & FRANKLIN, PA strives to offer an ongoing personal relationship with high quality services and integrity.

Following is an outline of our professional staff:



John Franklin, CPA brings over 45 years of experience with his emphasis remaining on Nonprofit Audits & Reviews. As Senior Partner, John utilizes his professional staff to assist him with his client base. John is married with two adult sons and five wonderful grandchildren.



Matt Franklin, CPA has celebrated over 20 years with the firm. As a Partner, his emphasis is on Tax Return Preparation, Consulting, General Operations of the firm, and he assists with Audits and Reviews of Nonprofit clients. Matt was raised in Charlotte and is a husband and the father of three children.



Deana (Dee Dee) Stirewalt, CPA has celebrated over 20 years with the firm. Dee Dee is a wife and the mother of three children. As her children have gotten older, Dee Dee has increased her availability in the area of Tax Return Preparation and Nonprofit Audits & Reviews and is now a Tax and Audit Manager.



Shannon R. Johnson, CPA was welcomed to the staff January 2014. Shannon grew up in Charlotte and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with honors. As an Audit manager she services Audit, Review and Compilation clients. Shannon is a wife and the mother of young twin boys and works approximately 80% of a full time schedule.

Thank you for entrusting us with your accounting needs and please let us know how we can be of assistance.

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Financial accountability, or the lack thereof, has been in the headlines for the last several years. The need for financial accountability is a paramount responsibility.

As a CPA Firm built on Christian principles, we help organizations achieve financial accountability and strive to work as an extension of the challenge issued in Colossians 3:23-24:

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

As a result, we find that the services we provide are a type of ministry in addition to just providing accounting services.

Our firm was started in Charlotte in January of 1986, and has provided accounting services to the church community since that time. More than thirty-five years experience in the accounting profession, including over thirty years working with the nonprofit organization sector, has given us the expertise to provide the following services:

- ~ Annual or semiannual audits ~ Review and analysis of a church’s accounting system
- ~ Monthly or quarterly accounting ~ Consultation regarding financial planning
- ~ Assistance to the church and its pastors concerning tax matters, including tax return preparation and representation before the Internal Revenue Service.

CHURCH AUDITS: WHAT ARE THEY AND WHY DOES MY CHURCH NEED ONE?

- An Audit is a service that provides an independent opinion by a Certified Public Accountant who offers reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements of an entity are presented fairly, in all material respects.
- Audits include examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.
- Procedures, internal controls and operations are evaluated and suggestions for improvements will be made.
- **Provided to ensure entity integrity and accountability as well as to meet certain lending and grant requirements.**

WEEKLY, MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY ACCOUNTING SERVICES OFFERED:

- To ensure privacy, integrity and independence, our firm *can process weekly contributions, write checks from approved purchase orders, maintain general ledger and disbursements journal, compile monthly/quarterly/annual financial statements* and/or *reconcile bank accounts*.
- Compiled financial statements provided from monthly or quarterly accounting services will provide the information needed for our firm or your staff to complete all necessary tax reports.

TAX RETURN PREPARATION FOR INDIVIDUALS, SMALL BUSINESS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss further how we might be of service to you. If we can be of assistance to you or your church, please call us at 704-845-1195.

Yours truly,

John A. Franklin, President
Certified Public Accountant

Matthew A. Franklin, Vice President
Certified Public Accountant

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Below are some of the Charlotte area churches, schools and ministries that we work with. Please feel free to contact them for references.

[Charlotte Christian School](#) - Terry Efird, Chief Financial Officer
[Carmel Baptist Church](#) - Tim Wishon, Church Administrator
[Charlotte Jewish Day School](#) - Mariashi Groner, Executive Director
[Church at Charlotte](#) - Pastor Jim Kallam Jr.
[Crosspark Church](#) – Andy Schmidt, Deacon
[Crossway Community Church](#) - Mickey Connolly, Senior Pastor
[Derek Prince Ministries](#) - Dick Leggatt, President
[Denver Baptist Church](#) - Dr. Jeff Meyer, Administration Pastor
[Forest Hill Church](#) - Nick Dusenbury, Director of Finance
[Harvest Church](#) - Pastor Tom Chidester
[Idlewild Baptist Church](#) and [Child Development Center](#) - Pastor Keith Whitener
[Love INC](#) - Lou Spitzer, Treasurer
[Chavda Ministries International](#) - Mahesh Chavda, President
[Matthews United Methodist Church](#)
[Mount Harmony Baptist Church](#) - Dr. Herman Pigg, Senior Pastor
[Mount Zion United Methodist Church](#) - Rev. Mary John Dye
[Myers Park United Methodist Church](#) – SaraBeth Dozier, Executive Director
[National Christian Foundation Piedmont](#) – John Putnam, President
[Parkwood Baptist Church](#) – Zach Grier, Director of Administration & Communication
[Pregnancy Resource Center](#) - Erin Forsythe, Executive Director
[Proverbs 31 Ministries, Inc](#) - Barb Spencer, Executive Director of Operations
[Sardis Presbyterian Church](#) – Jennifer Childers, Business Administrator
[Seven Oaks Church](#) – Joey Denton, Lead Pastor
[South Atlantic District of the Christian Missionary Alliance](#) - Dr. Mick Noel, District Superintendent
[South Lake Presbyterian Church & Christian Academy](#) - Dr. Matthew S. Kerlin, Head of School
[SpringHill Church](#) - Pastor Brad Mullins
[Temple Beth El](#) - Mark Rosen, Board of Directors
[The Barnabas Center](#) - Palmer Trice, President
[Transformation Church](#) - Tim Jordan, Executive Director - Operations
[United Faith Christian Academy](#)
[Uptown Church](#) - Sarah Delprete, Bookkeeper
[Vision for Israel](#) - Barry Segal, President
[Youth Development Initiatives](#) – Darryl L. Bego, President



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Mr. Franklin has been working as an Accountant for over 45 years and he founded the practice over 30 years ago. His practice focuses on Audits and Reviews of Churches and other nonprofit organizations, as well as income tax preparation for individuals and businesses.

He has an extensive background in nonprofit accounting, having served as a financial associate for Lilly Endowment Inc. in Indianapolis, IN and as Vice President of Finance for the PTL Television Network. His experience includes a full range of nonprofit accounting. John also established a working knowledge of tax practice by working at R.J. Whiting & Co., Ernst & Ernst, Brinkerhoff, Franklin & Co., Inc., and then he began his own firm in 1986. From 1993 through 1998 his son Michael earned his CPA certificate and worked along his side until Michael felt God's calling to full time Christian Missionary work with Youth With A Mission (YWAM). In 1998 John's other son Matthew starting working at the firm. Matthew apprenticed with John while going back to University for his Accounting concentration, then sat for the CPA exam. In 2004 John and Matthew formed FRANKLIN & FRANKLIN, PA.

Practice Areas

- Audits and Reviews for Churches and nonprofit organizations
- Federal and State Taxation for Individuals, Partnerships, LLC's and Corporations
- Consulting regarding setup of nonprofit organizations

Education

- Ball State University, B.A. 1970. *Who's Who in Colleges and Universities*
- One year of Law School at Indiana University - Indianapolis

Experience

- FRANKLIN & FRANKLIN, PA - Owner (2004-Present)
 - Full service accounting firm with approximately 650 annual tax returns, 40 annual nonprofit Audits and Reviews, 10 monthly accounting and quarterly accounting clients, and year round consulting
- John A. Franklin, CPA - Owner (1986 - 2003)
 - Founded and managed full service accounting firm as predecessor to FRANKLIN & FRANKLIN, PA
- PTL Television Network - Vice President of Finance (1978-1985)
- Managed cash flows and budgets of a multi-million dollar nonprofit organization
- Brinkerhoff, Franklin & Co., Inc. - Partner (1977-1978)
- Lilly Endowment, Inc. - Financial Associate (1973-1977)
- Ernst & Ernst (1970-1973)
- R.J. Whiting & Co. (1968-1970)

Professional Affiliations

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants



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Mr. Franklin's practice focuses on Individual and Small Business Taxation as well as nonprofit organizations. Matthew began apprenticing under his father full time in 1998 after working in industry for two years and having already graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in another field. While working full time in accounting he attended college to receive his concentration in accounting and other prerequisites needed to sit for the uniform CPA exam. Matthew was able to excel in the course of study and pass the CPA exam as well as succeed in the firm. In 2004 John and Matthew formed FRANKLIN & FRANKLIN, PA.

Practice Areas

- Federal and State Taxation for Individuals, Partnerships, LLC's and Corporations
- Consulting regarding setup of Small Business and choice of business entity
- Monthly Accounting compilation and review of small businesses
- Audits and Reviews for Churches and nonprofit organizations

Education

- Queens University, Concentration in Accounting
- University of North Carolina at Charlotte, B.A., *cum laude* 1997. *Member of Golden Key National Honor Society*

Experience

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- John A. Franklin, CPA - Manager (1998 - 2003)
 - Individual and small business tax preparation, audits and reviews of nonprofit organizations, monthly and quarterly accounting clients, and small business consulting
- L&H Technologies, Inc. - Inside Sales Representative (1997-1998)

Professional Affiliations

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
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Place of Birth

- Indianapolis, Indiana
- Moved to Charlotte in 1978