

THE MESSENGER

Franklin United Brethren Church

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Sunday Service 10:15am

JANUARY 2020

“WIN – TRAIN – SEND”

“ASKING FOR GOD’S PLENTY IN 2020”

Dear Friend,

In the midst of a spiritual drought in the early 400's B.C., God sent a prophet named Malachi to the Jewish people. They had been living in the Promised Land for about 110 years, the Temple was restored and the walls around Jerusalem rebuilt. Their homes, for the most part, were rebuilt and the economy was "picking up again," yet some areas experienced agricultural drought and poverty. God sent Malachi to light the fire of revival in the land. The spark that lights the fire is Malachi 3:10 – “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of Heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it”.

Don't miss the requirement that requires us to be obedient and bring the tithe to the temple. No obedience, no blessing. God's plenty is "I will pour out so much blessing that you will not have enough room to store it". If I stop right here you may think I agree with what's known as the Prosperity Gospel – name it claim it, or, God is going to completely heal you, just send in \$25 a month. I **don't** agree with the Prosperity Gospel. I do agree with the Bible! Many passages offer Gods plenty to us: I Chronicles 4:9, Jeremiah 31:3, Jeremiah 29:11, Philippians 4:19. Most of God's promises for plenty pertain to spiritual blessings, blessings that transcend time. God wants us to ask for spiritual blessings as we move in to 20/20.

What are some of those blessings that we should ask for? Let's ask for plenty of his Holy Spirit's outpouring on the church. Let's ask for plenty of salvations and baptisms, let's ask for plenty of Kingdom growth that results in church growth. Let's ask for plenty of people praying for church renewal and church spiritual health. Let's ask for plenty of financial blessings from God. Plenty of General Fund income to reach more people for Christ. Plenty of Faith Promise funds to meet our faith promise goal. Let's ask for plenty of Building Fund commitment that our target goal for the year will be committed in February. Finally, let's ask for God's plenty in regards to worldwide impact - we can do local missions and support regional and worldwide missionaries.

It's time for Franklin Church to ask for God's plenty in 2020. It's ours for the asking so let's start asking!
In Christ's Love Pastor Mike

PRAYER NEEDS

Al Morgan, Norma Willis, Jeanne Teele, Barb Pittenger, Helen Smith
Missionary of the Month: Michael Muwonge
God's Plenty for Franklin Church growth in 2020

Pray for each other so they may be healed...the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

- John 1:14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Closed December 23rd through January 1st. Call Pastor Mike directly for urgent needs

Sunday, December 29 After Church: Removing Christmas decorations. Stay after church exercise & eat pizza!

Sunday, January 5th 6:30pm First Sunday Prayer

Join us to pray 2020 off to a great start! See Jane Onspaugh with questions.

Monday, January 6th 10:30 a.m. (First week of the month)

Women Moving Forward – Become involved in helping missions through our church!

Friday January 10th Time To Be Announced Contemporary Worship Service in partnership with the New Albany Presbyterian Church! Come and support your church and meet our friends in Christ at NACP!



Church Elections 2020 After service Sunday January 19th, members will have a chance to elect 2020 church leadership. See Pastor Mike or Dick Fisher to throw your hat in the ring!

Carry-In Luncheon After church Sunday January 26th. Bring a dish to share, or simply bring your appetite! **AND bring a friend!!!**

Life Groups Offered:

- 9:00 a.m. Each Sunday, Margaret Jewett teaches a Bible book lesson.
- 7:00 am Iron Men's group at Bob Evans, New Albany. Thursdays January 9th and 23rd. **See Steve Onspaugh.**
- 11:30am Thursday, January 23rd Women's Fellowship.



Coffee Hosts – Sign up at the board or see Dawn Dague

Children's Ministry Volunteers – We need you!! Sign up at the board or talk to Mary White

LOOKING FORWARD

What can I pray about? Where can I serve?

February – Building Fund Commitments

April – Easter Celebrations