

# THE MESSENGER

Franklin United Brethren Church

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Sunday Service 10:15am

## FEBRUARY 2020

“WIN – TRAIN – SEND”

### “PLAY STATION OR CHANGE ETERNITY”

Dear Friend,

Our God is a missionary God. Understand that? God sends-out missionaries but He IS the original missionary and He will be a missionary until the end of the earth. How is God a missionary? It's simple, He wants all people, in all the world, in all of history to be saved and He continues to do the things that helps make that come about. Of course, the most important thing He did was to send His son, but we must not forget that He uses Christians to introduce His Son to those who don't know Him.

God has been a missionary since the beginning of time. He created Adam and Eve to have a **relationship** with Him. He saved Noah and his family so that they would have a **relationship** with Him. Perhaps the clearest communication that God is a missionary is found in Genesis 12:2-3, commonly referred to as "The Call of Abram". These verses are the first of five times that God promises to make Abraham into a great nation and will bless all peoples on earth thru Abraham. It's very important to note that "peoples and nation" literally mean people groups and the New Testament word for nations (Ethnos) means "people groups." Keep in mind that the oldest geographical borders of any country is probably only 300 years old, so when he says "Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19), he is not talking about countries.

God knew what He was doing when He inspired the different authors of the Bible. He didn't say we are to go and witness in every country, but to "every people group". Some countries have dozens and dozens of people groups and collectively speak 25 or more different languages/dialects. God has set His return clock based on the gospel being "preached to every people group, and the last I heard there are still 1,700 unreached people groups. You and I cannot directly reach people groups for Christ when we can't go to their country or speak their language (we can support missionaries who do that), but we can reach our family members, co-workers and neighbors who don't know Christ. You can be used to change someone's eternity.

The day will come when missions/evangelism will be no more-God will end all things and set-up his new heaven and new earth, occupied only by those who gave their lives to Him. Until then, we must strive with all our heart, mind and strength to bring people to Jesus. You can sit it out (missions/evangelism), God will love you none the less. Go ahead, stay home, play **PlayStation**, spend time on Facebook, watch your movies and T.V. but let me tell you the truth, if you do stay home you will miss the greatest experience in human history: bringing people to Jesus. Do you want to Play **PlayStation** or help change eternity? Bringing people to Jesus is no game. It's a matter of eternal life and death!

In Christ's Love, Pastor Mike

## PRAYER NEEDS

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Missionary of the Month: Mike & Heather Slagle

Thanksgiving for a solid financial close to 2019 as we defeated the deficit.

## SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

*“Ask, and it shall be given; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.”*  
- Matthew 7:7

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm** First (Second this month) Sunday Prayer  
Join us to pray 2020 off to a great start! See Pastor Mike with questions.

**Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>** Building Fund Commitment Sunday  
Please pray about your tithes for Building Fund. Our monthly building mortgage payment is \$2,318.

**Church Elections 2020** After service Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, members will elect 2020 Deacon Management team members. See Pastor Mike or Dick Fisher with questions!

**Year Through the Bible** Contact Kirk McVay to find out how to get involved. Also, search online for Robert Murray M'Cheyne for the detailed plan.

**Church Directory 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition** See Pastor Mike to help!

### **Life Groups Offered:**

- 9:00 a.m. Each Sunday, Margaret Jewett teaches a Bible lesson.
- 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?*

**April** – Easter Celebrations