

20/20 VISION

Dear Friend:

Two weeks ago I faced a traumatic event: It was time to get my driver's license renewed. Not just my sticker for plates but actual new license. The driver's license picture itself is scary enough but what was more scary to me this time was taking the eye exam! Four years ago I barely passed the exam and the lady at the Gahanna BMV said: "I'm going to pass you this time but your distance vision is borderline, you better get glasses by your next exam." Yikes! Shortly after that my eye doctor confirmed it, he said it was time for bifocals. Yikes! Yikes! Long story, I still haven't got the bifocals. This time I went to Johnstown for renewal. I heard it was a much, much shorter wait and they were nicer. Yes on both of those statements.

So...what was the outcome? On the third time through the visual exam and closing my left eye, I passed. The nice elderly lady at the counter had pity on me (she probably could relate). It's clear: I don't have 20/20 vision. Let's talk about 20/20 vision for Franklin Church, do we have it? No, not really. What is it and how do we get it? 20/20 vision is a clear view of the church God wants us to be and the ability to see the future as a revived church. How do we get 20/20 vision? Joel 2 gives us a clear path to clear vision. First we must understand the urgency (Joel 2:1), the urgency which we need to share Christ with many, and frankly, the urgency we need to cry-out to God for our own revival. 2019 was not a good year for our attendance. Our aging congregation and lack of new attenders made it a tough year. Yet a good thing: salvations and baptisms were definitely up. Second: we need prayer, prayer, prayer. Ask God to increase the harvest of souls, increase the workers for the harvest field, and increase our relationships with each other. In 20/20 we need to start doing much more socially together. 20/20 vision let's ask God to give us clear vision.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayer for: Jane Morgan, stroke, Cindy Wagman, nose surgery

Events: Wednesday 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service, Combined Service with N.A. Presbyterian Church. Childcare provided for birth to 2nd grade.

Thursday 6:30 pm "Break the Fast" Meal