

THE MESSENGER

Franklin United Brethren Church

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“WIN – TRAIN – SEND”

WHY THE BIBLE WASN'T WRITTEN FOR ME

The fact that you are even reading the first sentence of this article is a pleasant surprise. Some people would read the title and figure it was heresy and tear the paper up. Before you decide I should be burned at the stake hear me out. All my Christian life I have believed that the Bible was written for me-almost like it was a personal book just for my daily living. I have been learning a lot recently about seeing the Bible from a bigger perspective than just a practical guide for living.

God has recently opened my heart and my eyes to this fact: The Bible was written so that glory would be given to God, so that people of all nations would receive the Word, read it, and realize that He is God, that He is in control and that He is to be worshipped. You see, the Bible is His story about how through the ages, from Genesis to Revelation, he has been on a trek of using men and women to spread the Word. The message is this: that there is a God and he is worthy of our worship – He is worthy to receive glory.

The Old Testament wasn't written to prove that the Jewish people were God's "chosen". The Old Testament was written to show that the Jewish people were chosen to take the message to all people of the world and that there is a God – the one and only God who is worthy of our worship. Unfortunately, the Jewish people never really carried-out God's purpose for them. He sent his Son as a sacrifice for our sins and then he chose the Gentiles (non-Jews) to share the message of salvation and reveal his glory to all the nations.

God has always been a missionary God. He has always desired that Jews AND non-Jews seek him. The Old Testament is filled with examples of non-Jewish people who sought-out and followed the Lord. Melchizedek was a non-Jew, yet he worshipped God. Jonah was sent to a non-Jewish city (Nineveh) and told them to repent. Isaiah calls out for many non-Jewish countries to follow God, there is record of non-Jewish kings who followed God. If I keep the perspective "the Bible was written for me" AND ignore the grander picture: the Bible was written to show He is worthy of worship, then I miss the point of the Bible.

In Christ Love, Pastor Mike

PRAYER NEEDS

Cindy Wagman, The Burdettes

Missionary of the Month: Pastor Michael Muwongee (Uganda)

Shut-Ins: Helen Smith, Norma Willis, Melvin & Mildred Burdette, Barb Pittenger, Jeanne Teele, Lorei Lees

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.”

- James 1:19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 29th 11:30am 5th Sunday carry-in dinner. Bring a friend to church!

Monday and Tuesday March 23-24– Easter Egg Project Help Needed! Yes, the Women’s Fellowship will be selling chocolate covered Easter Eggs this year and we would like to make it a WHOLE CHURCH PROJECT! Helpers are needed March 30th & 31st, there is something for everyone, as simple as washing dishes. Egg order blanks available at the Welcome Center. Please see Mary Sanford or Clarabell Harlan.

Thank You for all who participated in the GOOD SAMARITAN Project. Your Kroger bag filled with food helped feed hungry homeless people in Columbus.

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.

Building Fund Commitment: Praise the Lord we have commitments in the amount of \$35,436, our goal was \$27,816. Thank-you all who made the sacrifice!



Life Groups Offered:

Beginning Wednesday March 18, 7:00 pm a new L.I.F.E. Group! We will be studying the Book of Mark led by Pastor Mike at the home of Julie Chen - 6997 New Albany Links Drive.

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

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?

Tutoring Center Opening Here April: We will be opening an after school tutoring center, Tues & Thurs. 4 p.m.-7:00 p.m. beginning in April. This will be a branch of Dr. Nega’s Learning Center, starting with children ages K-3rd grade. It will fill-up fast! This is a partnership with the church, it will be for our outreach. Also, it is not free, it is fee based. Church children will be offered a discount. See Pastor Mike or Donna Clickenger for details.