

# THE MESSENGER

## Franklin United Brethren Church

7171 Central College Road  
New Albany, OH 43054

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Sunday Service 9:00 am

## AUGUST 2020

“WIN – TRAIN – SEND”

### HOW TO BECOME A COMEBACK CHURCH

In sports we get excited about teams or players that make great comebacks, beat the odds. We applaud the student who falls behind or drops their GPA but rallies back to graduate Summa Cum Laude. We pray and thank God when someone we know falls ill but makes a complete health comeback. We all like to see comebacks.

Franklin Church and most churches in America, to some degree need to make a comeback. From what? The fallout from COVID-19. I want to focus specifically on our church and share with you principles that are necessary for a church to make a comeback. COVID -19 or not...Franklin Church will greatly benefit from a comeback. The start of a comeback is: the pastor and members must realize a comeback is needed. That sounds like a statement of the obvious, but it is not. Some people are always against change no matter how good the change will be. Once the church realizes a comeback is needed prayer needs to start immediately. Comeback churches are praying churches. Praying to become a comeback church is not something done just individually. Members must pray together – at appointed times. The first 3 prayer priorities are: a renewed love for Jesus, a renewed attitude of hope and servanthood, and a renewed passion for evangelism and discipleship.

What other principles are necessary? The congregation needs models. The pastor and leaders must model a positive attitude, a belief that with God all things are possible and evangelistic / discipleship passion must also be modeled. Connected to that – the church must plan and implement strategic church evangelism / discipleship. Strategic is the key word here – a plan with details and action. Another key principle: No church will make a comeback only with the pastor and other leaders doing all the ministry while the people in the pews watch! Comeback churches put an emphasis of quality on everything – especially preaching and worship! (Though preaching, of course, is a part of worship). Comeback churches connect people through some form of small groups. Other important comeback principles include proactive decision making, a view of the future more than the past, and attention to facilities. Buildings don't make churches grow but quality facilities make buildings attractive. Buildings do not make a person decide to attend a church but its' amazing how much a fresh coat of paint and modern looking exterior and interior can impact the mood and attitude of a church.

We are living in strange and challenging times. Very few things are done these days in a “business as usual.” Will you pray with me for the comeback we need at Franklin? Give me a call, email me, I will be quite happy to hear what role you want to have in our comeback.

In Christ’s Love, Pastor **Mike**

Comment [CH1]:

### *PRAYER NEEDS*

All those impacted by COVID19 – sick, in need of supplies, cooped up moms & dads, those without work & Bill Fisher, Pearl Ward  
Missionary of the Month: Milton & Erika Pachecos  
Shut-Ins: Helen Smith, Melvin & Mildred Burdette, Barb Pittenger, Jeanne Teele, Lorei Lees

### *SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH*

“This is my commandment. That ye love one another, as I have loved you”  
(John 13:34)

### *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

**Communion:** will be served this Sunday

**Food Pantry:** Please bring a non-perishable food item to church this Sunday for the Food Pantry which serves people in surrounding New Albany area.

**Service Time:** We are @9:00 am through Labor Day

**Financial Update:** We have met budget only once out of the last 8 weeks, please help us catch up.

**Facebook: Live Streaming:** Don’t give-up on this effort yet! Each week go onto Facebook, type in Franklin church (make sure it’s us) click on and at 9:00 am start watching the church service.

**COME PREPARED TO ASK QUESTIONS:** Pastor Mike will stop preaching early this week to leave time for questions about the Bible. Come prepared to stump him! Seriously, bring the questions you’ve always had about the Bible

**Stay Connected:** Don’t forget to check out our website each day! [www.franklinub.org](http://www.franklinub.org)