

## IN TOUCH

## LET IT GO

Dear Friend:

You have probably heard of E-bay, right? It is the granddaddy of all the internet self-sale websites! I have not looked at it for a few years but I think you can find anything on there from “junk” to gems. Awhile back I saw a commercial for the website “Let It Go.” What a clever name I thought...they are appealing to that little voice in the back of our head that says: “Let go of that stuff you have stuffed in the garage, attic, or basement.” For Chris and I our “let it go” stuff is stuffed in the basement. Being the recipients of some furniture inherited from a grandmother (Chris) two unmarried aunts (Mike), a ton of clothes and 2 beds of our daughter, our basement looks like an antique store and Salvation Army store combined! However hallelujah... Chris has decided we need to start “letting it go.” So today out in the trash goes two sets of mattresses and box springs and one love seat. We still have two mattress sets in the basement 3 beds, four dressers, a desk, a chair, etc., but at least we are getting started. (I’m not yet ready to part my 1928 victrola record player).

I find a fantastic “let it go” story in the Bible, 2 Chronicles 31. Hezekiah, one of Judah’s greatest kings, repairs the broken down dilapidated Temple in Jerusalem. His father Ahaz was a very ungodly man. He desecrated the Temple and set-up idol worship everywhere. When Hezekiah came into power he set spiritual reform into place everywhere. The Temple was eventually restored to magnificent beauty. The number one reason it returned to former glory is because Hezekiah, important leaders, and all the people sacrificially gave financially. 2 Chronicles 31:5 says the people gave generously – they gave a great amount.

This Sunday is Building Fund Commitment Sunday. These are financially challenging times for most churches in America, among the hardest times financially I have seen in 40 years pf pastoring. Attendance has dropped for everyone, and with it church income as well. Just to make the mortgage payment for 2021 we will need to receive \$25,896, we are rounding it up to \$26,000 for our goal. Please give sacrificially, the building is a stake. We cannot give equally but we can give sacrificially.

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Mike

**Events:** E-mail or call, sign-up for “Re-Purpose Your Life/The Purpose Driven Life” book (\$10) and Sunday Bible Study,

Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> Building Fund Commitment Sunday also, Congregational information meeting about a possible pre-school,

Wednesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Combined Ash Wednesday service with New Albany Presbyterian Church

**Prayer:** Diane Burns, School Teachers and Students, Missionaries unable to return to the field