

THE MESSENGER

Franklin United Brethren Church

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Sunday Service 10:15 am

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“WIN – TRAIN – SEND”

A NEW PARTNERSHIP IS COMING

Dear Friend:

I have long ago learned that 99% of those who go to church believe their church is friendly. Church literature and church studies say otherwise. While almost everyone says their church is friendly there is much more than just 1% that are not. Sure, the church is friendly to its' own, but visitors may have a different opinion. We are not objective about the level of friendliness of our own church. There are several marks of a friendly church, and I know I am not objective but according to most marks of measurement Franklin Church really is friendly.

One of the marks of friendliness is the willingness to work with or partner with those outside of the church. Franklin Church gets a 10 out of 10 on this. Let me give you several examples of this. Some of the early planning for New Albany's city masterplan came at Franklin Church. We hosted New Albany Company leaders, City Council Members and community members for meetings and discussion of the future. Remember, in those days the only place that had larger meeting space was the school. Where did the New Albany Parks and Recreation soccer program start? On the 4 acres behind the parking lot. Where did the New Albany Area Business Association begin (forerunner to the Chamber of Commerce)...yep...at Franklin Church, lunch in the fellowship hall. Who needed our building not once but twice when their building flooded out? The Columbus/New Albany Jewish Day School. What two churches used Franklin Church to help get their church started? Living Water Baptist Church and Clearview Church. Who do we currently have a fantastic partnership with and have a mutually beneficial relationship? New Albany Presbyterian Church.

It is time to announce another community partnership. In just a few weeks a pre-school named Learning To Flourish will move in from an in-home pre-school to our children's wing. There is an exploding demand for childcare in New Albany as AEP, Facebook, and Google open or expand their businesses. Currently pre-school regulations only allow 6 kids at a time in a home pre-school. Moving to Franklin Church will allow owner Krstal Mitchell to raise her business to the next level. She has 15 kids or more on a waiting list.

We must be clear about this: this is not a “Christian” pre-school, it is just like Kinder Care or Ready Set Grow. However, it has a different programming style and Krstal wants to keep it small. She is very willing to allow us to come in and give a Bible story once per week. She has also agreed to let us promote our children's special programs to the pre-school. The most visible piece is that she has received the approval of the church Board to entirely upgrade and modernize our children's area. She will put thousands of dollars of her own money into it. Of course, once she begins monthly rent will be required and we will have her sign a very specific lease put together by a lawyer. Let's all pray that this partnership goes as well as previous partnerships.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Mike

PRAYER NEEDS

Pray For: Lyle Starr, Vaccine Success, The Incoming Pre-school, Political Leaders
Missionary of the Month: Milton & Erica Pacheco
Shut-Ins: Helen Smith, Melvin Burdette, Jeanne Teele, Lorei Lees, and Trish Dolejs
Stay-Ins: All those regular attenders at home on Sunday!

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH: ¹" Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 49:13)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING TO YOU LIVE WEEKLY 10:15 A.M: We are live streaming the worship service every week as it happens. Go to the church Facebook page and watch!

Stay Connected: Don't forget to check out our website each day! www.franklinub.org
On the website you will find: weekly sermons, weekly announcements, special program information, our doctrine, history, and much, much more.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow: Thanks be to God that he touched the hearts of multiple people and great sacrifices will be made. We surpassed the Building Fund goal of \$26,000 for mortgage payment for 2021. The amount committed: \$27, 370

Network Update Is Coming: We are about to change our internet provider from AT&T at 25mg internet speed to Spectrum at 400mg speed, almost 20 times faster! Slow and weak internet has caused some real broadcast difficulties in the past. It is our intention to keep the same password but as you know, once we make the change you will have to sign-in again for the first time on Spectrum

Are You Ready To Return? We are ready for you and would love to have you back (and you will love it too). We are still masking up and physical distancing. What has really made it safer is that we are nearing 70% of attendees who have received the vaccine, even Pastor Mike and Chris have!

Your Help Is Needed: We need volunteers to staff the nursery/toddler room. At this time, we are likely going to need to combine the care. We need to be ready each week as needed.

Re-Purposing Your Life: We are working our way through the book "What On Earth Am I Here For/The Purpose Driven Life". The book is the backdrop for the current sermon series as we study the scriptures. Order your book from the church, only \$10 start at whatever day the book is on when you get your book.