

# THE MESSENGER

## Franklin United Brethren Church

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Sunday Service 10:15 am

## APRIL 2021

“WIN – TRAIN – SEND”

### BURNING HEARTS

It was only a seven- mile journey but it may have well been an eternity. The road to Emmaus, seven miles northwest of Jerusalem. The cow-town really, Emmaus was to Jerusalem like Croton to Columbus (please Croton fans don't flog me, I used to golf at the Croton Country Club all the time – a golf course made form a farmer's field, I often looked for cow patties). Croton may be a population of 100.

Anyway... back to Emmaus. Luke 24:3-35 tells us two followers of Jesus were walking the journey to Emmaus from Jerusalem on the day of the resurrection. From the text it is clear they had heard about the resurrection but did not understand what they heard. As they were walking they were reminiscing about their time with Christ. Their hopes, their dreams, and their plans. Luke 24:15-16 says that Jesus joined them but they were kept from recognizing him at first. Luke 24:18 says that they were “downcast.” They felt worse than I did when I missed a 3-foot putt at the Croton Country Club.

Knowing that his followers hearts were going the same path that the road took (downhill, Emmaus to Jerusalem) he began to cheer them up. He reviewed the scriptures with them; he reminded them about the hope and promise of the resurrection. Fast forward with me to Luke 24:27, it says he explained to them what all the scriptures said concerning himself. Moving on... Luke 24:30-31, while eating a late supper with Jesus “their eyes were opened.” Unfortunately for them v.31 says Jesus immediately disappeared form their sight. But believe me; he didn't disappear from their minds.

Catch v. 32, it is the turning point of their lives, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us...” They recognized his words before they recognized his face. Their hearts were touched but their mind couldn't grasp a resurrection. Maybe you can't grasp the fullness of the resurrection but I hope HIS words grab your heart this Easter. A walk with Jesus should produce a burning heart just as it did for the followers on the road to Emmaus. I hope and pray you heart yearns and burns for Him!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

### PRAYER NEEDS

COVID-19 vaccine success, Dick Fisher, Jessica Pittenger, Lyle Starr

Missionary of the Month: Pastor Michael Muwonge

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

*“He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.*

*(Matthew 28:6)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Easter Sunday:** Just our 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. No sunrise service, no breakfast. No congregational meals/food, yet.

**Make Easter a Milestone:** Easter is about life – anew. Easter is a great Sunday to restart church attendance life-anew if you stopped attending a year ago (or less). Did you know about 75% of the congregation is vaccinated, soon it will hit 90-95%. Can't get much better than that. If you will not be back Easter, then when?

**Come Back and See Change:** Wow.... What changes you will see! A fully remodeled west wing. A Welcome Center in process of change. The women's restroom in the west wing totally changed (new toilets, new sink and vanity), old furniture gone, room which held the second refrigerator remodeled, on and on!

**A \$5,000 Remodel Request:** Most of the remodeling is being paid by the pre-school owner. We can set aside \$5,000 from our savings account, but we need to raise another \$5,000 to pay for additional things we need. The goal: \$5,000 raised by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please make checks payable to Franklin Church and note: Remodeling Project. REMEMBER \$5,000 by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Women Moving Forward (Missions, W.M.F):** Tell Penny Cloud you are ready for restart and let's get moving again.

**FREE BOOK GIVEAWAY:** Through a generous donor, 5 Purpose Driven Life books are available for free so here's the deal.... THE FIRST FIVE people back to church since COVID on Easter will get a free book! Remember: they only go to those who will be coming back for the first time for inside worship since March 15, 2020. See Pastor Mike to win.

**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](http://www.franklinub.org)  
On the website you will find: weekly sermons, weekly announcements, special program information, our doctrine, history, and much, much more.

**Stewardship Update General Fund as of March 21st:**

Year to Date Budgeted: \$28,980

Year to Date Received: \$21,496

End of Year Deficit: (\$7,484)

**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.