

# THE MESSENGER

## Franklin United Brethren Church

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Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Service 10:15 am

## MARCH 2022

### “WIN – TRAIN – SEND”

#### YOU HAVE ONE MONTH TO LIVE

If you were told by a doctor that you had only one month to live what would you do? What would you change? You may change doctors, but for the sake of this article, let's pretend the diagnosis is real and will not change. One month – 30 days and your life on earth would be over. Jesus knew when he had only one month to live (in his fully human body).

Easter this year is April 17<sup>th</sup>, and I would like to propose something to you... try to put yourself in Jesus' sandals in this way: you know you only have one month to live. Would you live differently? I venture to guess that you would. Would you spend more time at work? I doubt it. Would you spend more time watching television? I would hope not. Would you spend more time buying clothes, wasting time on Facebook, or tweeting more on Twitter? No, no, and no (I hope those would be your answers). The normal human being would spend more time in person-to-person relationship and voice-to-voice relationship if they could not be person-to-person.

Our time on earth is limited. I call it day-to-day. I like what I heard one person say, “We all have an expiration date, it is just invisible to us, but not God.” Mortality is the quiet equalizer. You see, death is more universal than life; everyone dies but not everyone lives. Would you like to get to death's doorstep knowing that you have lived the life God wanted you to? I hope so. If you do, then pay attention to this next paragraph: four principles for a life fully lived. These principles come from the book: *One Month to Live* by Pastor Kerry Shook.

**First principle: Live Passionately.** This can only come with a full commitment to Jesus Christ. When Christ “gets ahold of you”, he provides purpose and direction in life. Do not make earth your highest aim, that's too low. Make heaven and heavenly things your aim. Live to bring honor to the name of Christ and glory to him. Do this, and God will give you the power to live passionately. **Principle #2: Love Completely.** In our personal relationship drought these days people are starving for personal touch (especially since COVID) and expressions of love. The only way you can love completely is to be filled with the love of God. **Principle #3: Learn Humbly.** Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “All I have seen teaches me to trust the creator for all I have not seen.” When we grasp the vastness of all that exists and we believe that God is the creator of all it should humble us and make us cry out, “God, teach me more.” **Principle #4: Leave Boldly.** It is a quote you have heard me say before or seen me write before but it is in my top 3 favorites, “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose,” spoken by martyred missionary Jim Elliot. Will your legacy be that you gave-up all for God? That you sacrificed for eternal values. I pray so for you, none of us know if we have only on month to live.

In Christ's Love,  
*Pastor Mike*

## PRAYER NEEDS

Pastor Alan Hicks, Belinda Lee, Milton & Erica Pacheco, Cathy Cooley, Dave McKinney, Events in Ukraine

Missionary of the Month: Tim and Karmen Brown (FCA)

Shut-Ins: Helen Smith, Melvin Burdette, Lorei Lees, Midge Gathers, and Trish Dolejs

## SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

*“Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it.”*

*Luke 17:33*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**One Month to Live Coming March 7<sup>th</sup>:** In symbolic recognition of Jesus’ one month to live, March 7<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup> the church will be on a journey called, “One Month to Live”. Sermons, videos, devotionals, and a book will all be a part of this journey. If you can join us in person, watch our live stream, or view the sermon later in the week at [www.franklinub.org](http://www.franklinub.org), then search for messages. Books are now available for \$10 at the church. Also available on Amazon. We will ship you a book if we have one in stock.

**Our Website Update:** We are in the process of some major updates to our website: [www.franklinub.org](http://www.franklinub.org). Visit it if you haven’t done so lately! But more is coming! If you lead a ministry, please do a “write-up” about your group and submit it to Ruth Eller: [ruthaeller@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthaeller@yahoo.com).

**Impact a Life:** Pray for and/or volunteer to serve in children’s ministry nursery and toddler room. If not you, then who? If not now, when? Remember....to say, “Somebody will do it” is like saying, “Nobody will do it.” Please talk to or contact Ruth Eller: [ruthaeller@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthaeller@yahoo.com)

**The 15 x 15 Campaign – Please Pray and Participate:** Are you praying about your participation? Your church needs \$15,000 by May 15<sup>th</sup> so that the blacktop can be resealed, striped, and potholes filled (\$5,200). The furnace and A.C. cost \$9,285. We are taking out a short-term loan. Your participation keeps your church from paying much interest. Pray and give what God says. You have till May 15, 2022.

**9:00 AM Bible Study:** Christianity 101: A Study of Paul’s Epistle. What is law? What is sin? What is grace? What is the source of faith? What is righteousness? What does it mean to be justified and sanctified? In short, what does it mean to be a Christian, for now, for eternity?

Find these answers and more as we study Paul’s epistle to Romans.

The reformer Martin Luther referred to Romans as “the chief part of the New Testament and the very purest Gospel... the daily bread of the soul,” of which he said “it can never be read or pondered too much, and the more it is dealt with the more precious it becomes, and the better it tastes.” What is law, what is sin, what is grace, learn this and much more.