

# THE MESSENGER

## Franklin United Brethren Church

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Sunday Service 10:15 am

## JULY 2022

“WIN – TRAIN – SEND”

### THE BIBLICAL PURPOSE OF POLITICIANS

July 4<sup>th</sup> and all its celebration is less than two weeks away. Since this is the July Messenger we may as well look at what the Bible says about politics and politicians. The Bible speaks about prayer, so we look for what it says about prayer. The same can be said about dozens and dozens of topics. The Bible speaks about faith, family, social justice, education, war, crime, and more. Each of these topics deserve to be addressed, July 4<sup>th</sup> is just around the corner, and we celebrate the birth of our nation, look at founding documents, and are reminded about the role of politicians. Does the Bible say anything about this? Absolutely.

We have a duty to our government and politicians; they have a duty to us. Let me start with what I believe is the most important duty we have, which is our verse of the month mentioned in this newsletter; in summary, it says that first of all we are to pray for everyone – for kings and all those in authority. From the local meter reader (usually police function) to the President of the United States – pray for them! Another thing made clear in the Bible is that we are to obey the law. Tough one to follow when I drive. Several times a year I will have someone ask me, “In God’s eyes when can I NOT obey the law? When do I NOT have to do what the government tells me?” The answer is simple and has been around since the beginning of the Bible: when man’s law contradicts God’s law, we must obey God’s law. In America, this hardly ever “comes in to play”. We began as a framework of Judeo-Christian values and even laws. The laws that we must obey are still pretty much in the same framework. Do you want to know a few places that obeying the law opposes God’s laws? Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Malaysia, China, Indonesia.

For the sake of space, let’s jump to the purpose and duty politicians have toward us, biblically this comes from Romans 13:4, “For he (meaning governmental leaders) is God’s servant to do you good.” The following list is not an exhaustive list of all the purposes of politicians, but here are a few...politicians and multiple parts of the government are to serve as civil authority. No nation will last very long if anarchy is the rule of the day. The purpose of politicians is to produce and enact laws. Closely related to the first purpose but not exactly the same. Enacting laws helps maintain civil authority. Back to a direct quote of Romans 13, the purpose of politicians is to do us good. If you believe a politician is not doing you/us good, we have a great way to change that – vote him or her out. Finally, the purpose of politicians (and government enacted authorities) is to administer punishment. I do not mean by terror, corruption, or any other inhumane action. Punishment based on the law and in a humane way must be enacted. If not, anarchy prevails. As you head into July 4<sup>th</sup>, keep in mind your role and the politicians’ role. Also, thank the good Lord for living in a great country.

In Christ’s Love,

*Pastor Mike*

## PRAYER NEEDS

Clarabell Harlan, Diana Foreman, Pastor Al Carter, Jimmy Barnes, Michael Ramsey Family

Missionary of the Month: Milton and Erica Pacheco, Thailand missionaries teaching the Bible in a community center.

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

## SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

*“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior.”*  
(1 Timothy 2:1-3)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**One Part Down, One Part to Go:** GOOD NEWS, the 15x15 faith campaign continues to be valuable. First a new furnace AND air conditioner was installed in November. Second, this past week parking lot potholes were filled. Third...in a few weeks all blacktop (including the walking path) will be totally resealed.

**Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6PM:** Women’s Ministry is back we’re looking to add more ladies, projects ahead. Interested? See Tamie McVay.

**Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> After Church:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck

**(Almost) 6 Month Financial Report (as of 6/19):**

Amount Received General Fund: \$55,269

Amount Budgeted General Fund: \$62,094

Difference: (\$6,825)

If you want to help close the gap, please just make a check payable to Franklin Church, send in or place in offering plate.

**Would you like to grow in your knowledge of the Bible and the spread of God’s word in a deeper way than you ever have?** Ask Pastor Mike About Perspectives or Kairos. Guarantee you will never look at the Bible like you ever have before.

**Office Volunteer Needed, Daytime Hours:** If you have a working knowledge of Microsoft Word your help is much needed. Flexible hours, you pick!