

THE MESSENGER

Franklin United Brethren Church

7171 Central College Road

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Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Service 10:15 am

JANUARY 2022

“WIN – TRAIN – SEND”

WHAT'S NEW IN THE NEW YEAR?

Someone gave me a great desktop, it says, “Remember, Professionals Built the Titanic – An Amateur Built the Ark. When Is The Last Time You’ve Tried Something New?” The new year is a great time to try something new, or at least set a date to try something new! If you’re like me (and I hope you’re not) you are better at *planning* to do something new than actually *doing it*. For the last couple of years I have *planned* to master a couple of languages that I am familiar with but not near fluent in (Spanish and Tagalog – Filipino). Last January, I said I was going to learn PowerPoint and Excel, I’m still *planning* to learn them. The scripture sometimes haunts me: “He who guards his lips guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin.” (Proverbs 13:3)

It’s much easier to *talk* about something new than to do something new. Doing something new means stepping out of a comfort zone, doing something new may require stopping a long-time habit or changing a long-time routine (such as a church program). It is much easier to continue ineffective (or harmful) habits and routines than to take the sometime uncomfortable or painful steps of trying something new. If you study every major change in the Bible (Tower of Babel, Abraham and The Promised Land, Moses and The Promised Land, etc.) discomfort was a major part of the change. The outcome of the change – that which was new, was always better than the old.

What new challenge will you take on this year? What new way does God want to stretch you? What new way does God want to stretch our church? Several years ago, our Former Bishop Phil Whipple, speaking at our 175th anniversary said, “Maybe it is time for Franklin Church to re-invent itself.” The only thing I would add is, “Maybe it’s time we allow God to re-invent Franklin Church.” Amen Bishop!

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Mike

PRAYER NEEDS

Praise for Released Missionary Hostages, Southern U.S. Tornado Recovery, Pastor Alan Hicks, Pastor Michael Muwonge and Family in Uganda, Belinda Lee (Liver Disease)

Missionary of the Month: Pastor Michael Muwonge, wife, and family if 8 children in Uganda

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

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

*“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”
(Isaiah 40:18-19a)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praise the Lord – We Met Our My Very Own Blanket Goal: The goal to make 100 blankets to donate to the My Very Own Blanket organization was achieved! Thank you to all who participated by donating or making blankets that will go to children in foster care.

Opportunity For A Lifetime Impact: Volunteers needed for Children’s Ministry. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center. You can impact lives!

2022 PHONE DIRECTORY: We need to confirm all phone numbers for the 2022 church phone directory; please email at clarabell@franklinub.org .

The 15 x 15 Campaign – Please Pray and Participate: Are you praying about your participation? Your church needs \$15,000 by May 15th 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.

December 19th – The Best Program In a Few Years: Special thank-you to Dr. Isaac and April Winland

Our Missionary of the Month Update: Pastor Michael Muwonge pastors The Agape Overcomer’s church in Uganda, which has an outreach to both Muslim and tribal religion people. He is using the motorcycle we helped provide to deliver food to people He is praying and trying to build a home, cost is approximately \$42,000. If you can help, contact Dr. Sunil Bhat.