

THE MESSENGER

Franklin United Brethren Church

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Sunday Service 10:15 am

APRIL 2022

“WIN – TRAIN – SEND”

BURNING HEARTS

It was only a seven-mile journey but it may as well have been an eternity. The road to Emmaus, seven miles northwest of Jerusalem. A cow-town really, Emmaus was to Jerusalem like Croton was 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 from 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 from 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

Pastor Alan Hicks, Belinda Lee, John Waugh, People of Ukraine, Fern & George Kidd, Celine Fisher

Missionary of the Month: Pastor Michael Muwonge (Uganda)

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

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

“In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee.’”

(Luke: 24:5-6)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 3rd After Church: Bell Choir practice

Monday, April 4th at 10:30AM: Women Moving Forward (WMF) at Donna Clickenger’s house.

No Sunrise Service (Yet): We are not having a sunrise service again this year but expect a return next year.

Sunday, April 17th at 10:15AM: A special Easter program with readings, skits, and very special music. Bring family and friends.

Thursday, April 21st at 11AM and 6PM: Women’s Ministry is back we’re looking to add more ladies, projects ahead. Interested? See Tamie McVay.