

THE MESSENGER

Franklin United Brethren Church

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Sunday Service 10:15 am

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“WIN – TRAIN – SEND”

MOTHERS WHO MEASURE UP

Mother's Day is just around the corner and if your house is anything like ours it will be church in the morning and lunch any place there's less than a 30-minute wait. (I know from working in the restaurant business for 4 years: Mother's Day is the busiest.) I appreciate the fact that Chris isn't picky about where we eat. Fast food is definitely out but other than that all options are open, including Bob Evans.

Mother's Day routine hasn't changed for years but boy how the definition – the measurement of a “successful mom” has! When I speak to mothers today in their 20's, 30's, and 40's I honestly feel sorry for them, they are under so much more pressure than my mother's generation and truthfully under more pressure than when my wife was a young mom. No doubt, some of the pressure young moms feel is self-inflicted, but most of it is not. I heard a fact the other day that is so true: to achieve the living standard of owning a home, a car, and having 2 children in the 1950s took just one parent working. In 2022 that same standard of living takes two parents working. When I began coaching soccer 34 years ago no kid ever began playing before 9 or 10, and NEVER played two sports at once. When I began coaching, I didn't allow a player to be on the team who played another sport at the same time. Try that rule today and you couldn't field a team!

What's my point? Today's parents (especially moms) are measured “successful” by far more difficult standards than a generation ago. I have a radical idea for you moms reading this: why not forget the measurement standards of your soccer mom and baseball mom friends? Forget about the cheerleader or dance mom's expectations and look to God's expectations. Where do you find His expectations? In the Bible—where did you expect? Let me share a few role models from the Bible...Let me start with Sara- a woman of faith. Her husband was wealthy, her home was secure in the suburbs, but she did a crazy thing; she left her home, her comforts, and potentially her cash and followed God's direction. Sara was a woman of faith! How about Deborah? You don't hear about Deborah much, but she was the only female judge of Israel. She was a woman who put God first and not her career. How about Hanna – the mother of Samuel? Barren and unable to have a child she went to the Temple for annual sacrifice, cried and prayed every year for a child. Then suddenly one year God answered her prayer and gave her a son: Samuel. Then, after he was 3 years old, she kept her vow to God and gave her son back to God by leaving him at the Temple to be raised by Eli the priest. Hannah was a mother of prayer and commitment to her word. Finally, what about the mother of Timothy, Lois? She raised Timothy teaching him the scriptures and modeled a prayer life for him.

Moms...the most important measurement of success is not how high you climb the corporate ladder, how many titles you achieve, how many sports your kids play, or how many school plays your child participates in. The most important measurement is simply this: Are you a woman of Godly faith trying to raise Godly children?

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

PRAYER NEEDS

Pastor Alan Hicks, Belinda Lee, Dave Maynard, Pastor Michael Muwonge, Ukrainian Refugees, Fern & George Kidd, Family of Celine Fisher, Family of Maria Sites, Diana Foreman

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

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

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

*“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.”
(Exodus: 20:12)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missionary of the Month: Tim and Karmen Brown, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Tim and Karmen are approaching their 25th year serving God by serving student-athletes-helping them discover Christ. Tim and Karmen are tireless in their efforts. The biggest arm of their ministry is summer camps – just around the corner. Tim also visits and mentors students around central Ohio in both middle schools and high schools. Tim has many high-profile connections including close friend and former NBA All-star and CBS broadcaster, Clark Kellogg, multiple NFL and former OSU athletes. These connections allow Tim to draw students who otherwise would not participate in FCA.

Thursday, May 19th at 11AM and 6PM: Women’s Ministry is back we’re looking to add more ladies, projects ahead. Interested? See Tamie McVay.

Why Do You See Names Daily On The Monthly Calendar?: They are there for you to pray for.

Financial update through April 17th:

Amount Budgeted: \$39,740

Amount Received: \$35,463

Budget to Giving: (\$4,277)

Mother’s day Miracle Offering, May 8th: We are so close to crossing the finish line of our 15x15 campaign! We only need \$1,144 to get there. Let’s get there 1 week early. The goal: we receive \$1,144 offering for 15x15 on Mother’s Day - a miracle offering