

THE MESSENGER

Franklin United Brethren Church

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Sunday Service 10:15 am

AUGUST 2022

“WIN – TRAIN – SEND”

NO LITTLE PEOPLE

I was reading the Bible the other day and came across a verse that I am very familiar with but it hasn't crossed my mind in a while, I Peter 4:10, “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.” What a great reminder that God has spiritually gifted all Christians to labor in his vineyard, to serve Him both inside and outside the church. No one is “small” in God's eyes, there are no “little” people, and when it comes to those who exercise their spiritual gifts every person and every gift is equal!

Occasionally, I will hear someone say, “I am so limited in talents and gifts (or energy) what could I possibly contribute?” Another comment may be, “Well, what I do in the church is not that important.” Please let me emphasize again, with God there is no little people. In society today we often see people stereotyped or put in the category of “important” people and not “important” people. Doctors, lawyers, CEOs, and maybe pastors/priests – “important people”. Hotel maids, garbage truck workers, construction workers – not very important (little people). Bring that idea into the church and sometimes the church custodian, the usher, the nursery worker – not important people. Another way of saying this is “little people”.

Let me also make this clear: the Bible says God can use the foolish to confound the wise, and the most common people can do miraculous things. Take Moses' rod for example. Moses used his rod for shepherding sheep and he used it as a walking stick. A simple stick! However, God took that small, seemingly insignificant stick and did miraculous things. First, in order to prove to Moses that God had big plans he ordered Moses to drop the rod to the ground. Moses obeyed and the rod became a snake, God wasn't done with Moses' rod. Over a period of 40 years God continued to do the miraculous through the rod and we should not forget it was an extremely important tool as Moses went about his daily routine! Seemingly small but to Moses there is no little rod!

The rod served Moses and all the Israelites exceedingly well for 80 years. It was so important that God told Moses to include the rod in the Ark of the Covenant. The mighty way in which God used a small stick can be a banner cry for each of us. Though we are limited and weak in talent, gifts and energy we are not less than a stick of wood. Just as the rod of Moses became the rod of God so we too must become the rod of God. When we become the rod of God, we become useful in God's hands. When we become useful in God's hands, there are no little people.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

PRAYER NEEDS

Timothy Stamm, Pastor Alan Hicks, Larry Gathers, Noah Pittenger, Milton & Erica Pacheco (Thailand missionaries), Pastor Dan Kopp, Randy Wickiser

Missionary of the Month: Mike and Heather Slagle (CRU – University Ministries)

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

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

*“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering.
God’s grace in its various forms.”*

(I Peter 4:10)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 31st After Church: Carry-in lunch.

Sunday, August 7: The Presbyterian Church worships at the shelter house. **Bonus:** They have invited us to join in their food trucks lunch. All the eastside sidewalk parking spaces will be reserved for Franklin Church. Suggest being here by 10:00 AM.

Pictures for Directory: Please email April Winland at april.j.winland@gmail.com

Thursday, August 25th at 6PM: Women’s Ministry is looking to add more ladies and projects. Interested? See Tamie McVay.

Parking Lot Sealing: Any day now (expected next week) the parking lot should be resealed. This will not affect Sunday traffic but will affect 2 weekdays. Keep your eyes open!