

## A HEALTHY CHURCH IS WINNING PEOPLE TO JESUS

Dear Friend,

I am in a Sunday morning sermon series that answers the question, “What is a healthy church?” We keep an “eye” on our physical health; hopefully, we pay attention to our spiritual health; and we need to ask the question, “How is our church’s health?” You see, most people ask the question, “How large is your church?” (meaning attendance), God cares about how healthy a church is. One measure of a healthy church is that it is reaching people for Jesus. To put it plainly: “reaching people for Jesus”, is DOING evangelism. Not just inviting someone to a church service, not just holding an event, but intentionally asking people if they want to become a Christian!

There is nothing wrong with doing outreach events, in fact, I think they are an important process of evangelism, but outreach events represents the “come to us” mentality and that was never a teaching in the New Testament church. Did you know Jesus gives the Great Commission four times? In Acts 1:8 he makes the geographical boundaries clear: a church is to witness within the church, their own backyard, in their general region, in their county, and into the world.

May God help us at Franklin Church great witnesses locally and globally. A healthy church is regularly winning people to Jesus!

In Christ’s Love,

*Pastor Mike*

Prayer: Faye Cooper (rehab), Pastor Dan Kopp (chemo), Allyssa Gessler

Events: Easter Egg Planning Meeting – Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6PM