

THE MESSENGER

Franklin United Brethren Church

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Sunday Service 10:15 am

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“WIN – TRAIN – SEND”

WHY FRANKLIN CHURCH EXISTS

A few years back the American Dairy Association ran a highly successful milk ad campaign. The simplicity of the campaign was a factor in the success of the campaign. The ad slogan had only 2 words: “Got Milk?”. If you can remember this campaign, you can probably remember it was seen everywhere! Television ad, billboards, the internet, bus stop benches, newspaper ads, even full-page ads in magazines!

Using the same concept, let me ask something: “Got purpose?” Do you have a purpose for your life? Do you know why you are on this earth? The bible tells us to live our life in a way that brings honor to God. First and foremost, God wants us to live in a way that glorifies him. How’s that going?

Did you know that churches need to live “on purpose” also: There should be a collective sense of mission – the people of the church should agree on why the church exists. A few years back Franklin Church chose the purpose/mission statement: “To WIN people to Jesus, TRAIN believers in Jesus, and SEND believers out to impact the world.” I really believe our church is united around the mission statement: our church really believes Win-Train-Send is what God has called us to do!

Now for the hard part...making our mission statement work! “Fleshing it out” is another way to say it- DOING what it says. We need to be able to point to something the church is doing and say: “That is winning, training, or sending.” One of the things that was recently started in the church was the My Very Own Blanket Project. Through our Women’s Ministry goal is to distribute 100 blankets by Christmas to foster children (see details in Sunday bulletin). This, I believe, is part of “Sending believers out to impact the world”. Sure, the project is not physically going out but in a sense it is because the blankets are being sent outside the 4 walls of the church.

What does it mean to Win-Train-Send? To win people to Jesus is very easy to understand.... inward and outward action to introduce people to Jesus. Personal one on one conversations to others about how to become a Christian, as simple as sharing your testimony. We collectively win people to Jesus as a church by connecting to our community and share Jesus. Holding events are good outreach opportunities but it should not be the only way we share Jesus with the community. What does train believers in Jesus mean? Bible study yes, but much more than Bible study. Train people how do ministries in the church, how to share their faith, and put people on the front lines of outreach. Send believers out to impact the world means you serve others as your Christian witness. The major impact of COVID is over, we need to re-engage in things like Haiti meal project, Fruit of the Vine food pantry, help Fellowship of Christian Athletes, etc. The first point of impacting the world is to serve your neighbors and co-workers in the name of Jesus. May God help us live-out our mission.

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Mike

PRAYER NEEDS

Pastor Dan Kopp, Allyssa Gessler, Melvin Burdette (shut-in of the month), Margaret Jewett (Now at Otterbein), Faye Cooper, Joe Lee (possible cancer), Pastor Mike and mission trip to Thailand, Quinn Fetters (young man, stroke), a new music director

Missionary of the Month: Mike and Heather Slagle (College Ministry)

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

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.

(I John 2:15)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, October 1st at 9:00 AM: Our last Pull Party of 2022. Please come out and give 1 hour to sprucing up the church, pull weeds! Questions? See Pastor Mike

Sunday, October 2nd Food Pantry Collection: First Sunday special emphasis on food collection for the New Albany and Johnstown food pantries. A collection tub will be just inside the main entrance doors. Please impact a family. Non-perishables only!

Thursday, October 20th at 6PM: Women's Ministry is looking to add more ladies and projects. Interested? See Tamie McVay.

Sunday, October 30th after Church: 5th Sunday Potluck

Want To Serve God?: Nursery, Toddler, Women's Ministry, Daytime Office Help (computer skills needed), weed pulling, Scouts volunteer, Sunday computer help.