

FRANKLIN CHURCH CARES  
AND  
WOULD LIKE TO CARE MORE

Dear Friends,

One of the first things I remember about arriving here as the church's new pastor was the amount of people who were waiting to help unload our two (yes two, but medium size), U-Haul trucks. The amount of help demonstrated caring people. Six months later we had to move as we only had a 6-month lease. We rented another house on the same road. Still, the people of Franklin showed up in great numbers. We felt the care of our church on Sundays as well. People like Chester & Gladys Doran, Jerry & Nina Hill, Don & Jean Souder, and many others made us feel at home quickly – we knew they cared.

Over the years I have continued to see a spirit of caring. No matter what the size of attendance, I have never heard a visitor say, "I was ignored" or "I didn't feel welcomed". Somewhere in the early 90's we created a ministry called Care Ministry. It had four components: Andrew (evangelism), Timothy (Discipleship), Abraham (Pray-ers), and Barnabas (care team). Those who were Barnabas sent cards, made phone calls, and sometimes visited. In addition to Barnabas', we always had Deacons. We haven't had Deacons since 2020. Now, the church wants to "step-up" the caring to another level.

For a while we have been featuring shut-in information on the pre-service announcements. We are seeking out new people from Franklin to show more care. First, if you are willing to write shut-in cards, please see Tamie McVay or call the church. Secondly, if you are willing to give someone a ride to church, including shut-ins, please call the church and leave a message. The plan would be to give you the opportunity to give a ride to a Franklin person somewhere near you. More caring information coming soon.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Mike

Prayer: Donna Clickenger, Church Revival

Events: Potluck this Sunday after church