

THE MESSENGER

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“WIN – TRAIN – SEND”

THANKFUL FOR...

Believe it or not, ready or not ... Thanksgiving is right around the corner! Since this is our November newsletter what other subject would I write about except Thanksgiving! I remember several years ago I was in a meeting that began with a devotional. When the guy began (a pastor) he shared something from the book of Psalm. I confess I thought to myself: "This might be a little boring." Shame on me! He started talking about God's goodness and initially it was somewhat routine. But the longer he went the better it got. When he was finished, I was struck with awe concerning the goodness of God.

Think about this statement: God is good - period. He is not good most of the time, some of the time, or even 99% of the time. God is good all the time and all the time God is good. I am thankful that his goodness supplies all my needs. I am thankful that his goodness means anything that happens to me is not a surprise to him and he can make something good come out of it. His goodness knows no end; his goodness means he never turns his back on me. I am thankful for that.

I am thankful that his goodness gives me loving family and friends. He has been good to me by giving me a really good group of people to pastor at Franklin Church. I am thankful for the dozens of faithful people who do dozens of acts of service to keep our church "going." God is good and I am thankful that as flawed as it is and as messed-up as it seems to be we still live in the greatest country in the world. God is good; he has made America the third largest oil producing company in the world, largest producer of electricity. In my opinion, He has given us the most beautiful country and most diversified natural resources. God is good and I am thankful.

Perhaps when you gather your family around the Thanksgiving table this year try this idea: before you say grace and before anyone can eat, require them to share one thing, they are thankful for or give one example of God's goodness.

Happy Thanksgiving.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Psalm 150:6

PRAYER NEEDS

Barb Caldwell, Dick Fisher, Bonnie Boone, Mavis Baker, Brenda Carpenter, U.S. Elections (local to national), Hurricane Victims, Wars to end (Middle East and Ukraine)

Missionary of the Month – “M”: This month’s missionary we highlight is different than the usual way we go about doing it in that I don’t even know his/her name and for a very good reason. Two years ago, the United Brethren missionary office, U.B. Global, announced that there was an opportunity to send a missionary into a Middle Eastern country. Soon after that announcement was made, a person contacted the office and said he/she knew that God was calling him/her to the mission challenge. The person went through the U.B. interview, background check, spiritual, physical, and psychological testing and passed all phases. He/she is at their assigned post right now. Why is this person identified just as “M”? The country he/she serves has a very radical element in it. “M” is not in great nor immediate danger, but if known to certain people that he/she is a Christian, he/she would quite possibly be sent home by the country’s government.

Shut-Ins: Helen Smith, Barb Pittenger, Trish Dolejs, Faye Cooper, Betty McCombs, Clarabell Harlan, and Bonnie Boone

Shut-in of the Month – Bonnie Boone: Bonnie has been a member of Franklin Church for around 20 years. Those that know Bonnie know that she is quiet, soft spoken, and a Godly woman. Currently, Bonnie is living in the Memory Care Unit at Smith Mill Care Center in New Albany (just moved into the unit on October 25th). Unfortunately, between the months of August – early October, Bonnie broke both her hip and her pelvis. Overall, however, Bonnie has done a good job of keeping a strong faith. Bonnie is a widow; her husband’s name was James. Bonnie and James lived in Kansas City, Missouri, for many years before moving to New Albany. Bonnie and Jim have two children: a daughter, Sandy, and a son, Jim Jr. Bonnie worked in the office of her son’s business into her early 80’s. Her son owns and manages apartment complexes from Ohio to North Carolina.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Show we care for youth in foster care: Once again our Women's Ministry is leading an outreach need for kids going into foster care and need to know they are loved and important! The project is called “My Very Own Blanket”. Some women of the church are hand making blankets. If you are not someone who can do this type of thing, you can still help very powerfully. Each \$10 donation you make is enough to buy material to make a blanket! We have already exceeded our goal of 100 blankets!

Saturday, November 2nd 9AM – 12PM – Boy Scouts Yard Sale: Come out and find some great buys at our Boy Scouts’ yard sale at the church!

Saturday, November 2nd 2:30PM – 4:00PM – Family Movie Matinee: Bring your child, grandchild, niece, nephew, neighbor (as long as they are under grade 7). Christian themed movies in the fellowship hall. Popcorn, hot dogs, and punch for all!

Tuesday, November 12th 7:00 PM: Management team meeting

Woman's Ministry: Thursday, November 21st at 6:00PM – Have food, fun, and fellowship – and even help make blankets.

Fall Festivals Were Fantastic – Thank you: On the weekend of October 4-6th, we were a part of two important outreach events. October 4th, we teamed-up with the preschool for hayrides, food, games, and pumpkins. On October 6th, we had a table at the New Albany Fall Festival. Attended by over 1,000 people; we passed out a lot of church pens, crosses, and brochures.