



# FRANKLIN ROAD

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PASTOR ANDY

MY BROTHER, JEREMY, AND HIS FAMILY WILL BE HERE THIS WEEK. HE CURRENTLY LIVES IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND IS BACK IN THE STATES FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. OUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY, LIKE MOST, IS VERY CLOSE SO NEEDLESS TO SAY, I AM VERY EXCITED TO SEE HIM (AND MY SISTER-IN-LAW, NING, AND MY NIECE, LILIA). WE ENJOY COFFEE, EUCHRE, AND TELLING STORIES. THE EASIEST WAY FOR JACK AND TITUS TO TELL TIME IS BY WHAT THEY CALL "NIGHT-NAPS"; HOW MANY NIGHTS BEFORE SOMETHING HAPPENS. JEREMY WILL BE HERE IN INDIANAPOLIS IN 3 NIGHT-NAPS!! I AM EXCITED.

AS PASTOR PREACHED YESTERDAY, WE ALL HAVE SOMETHING WE LOOK FORWARD TO. IT COULD BE THE COOLER MONTHS, A VACATION, FOOTBALL, SCHOOL BEING OVER (THANK YOU SHERRY), A BIRTHDAY, HOLIDAY, OR LUNCH.

THE LAST TIME I PREACHED (JOHN 17) WE TALKED ABOUT UNITY IN THE CHURCH BECAUSE THE EVIL ONE CONTINUES TO TRY AND STIR UP DISCOURSE AMONG US WITH THE PETTIEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES. HE LOVES TO USE OUR WEAK FLESH AGAINST US. WHAT IS IRONIC IS THAT JESUS DOESN'T PRAY FOR US TO LEAVE EARTH AND JUST GET AWAY FROM THE HAVOC OF SIN, BUT TO KEEP US FROM THE EVIL ONE. THERE IS A ROLE THAT WE HAVE IN THE MASTER'S PLAN AND THAT IS TO BE SUCH A WITNESS THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW THAT THE FATHER HAS SENT THE SON (JOHN 17:21) FOR SINNERS TO BE SAVED.

IT IS GREAT TO HAVE SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO – FOR CHRISTIANS IT SHOULD BE JOINING WITH CHRIST FOR ALL ETERNITY. YOU HAVE OFTEN HEARD PASTOR AND MYSELF PREACH THAT THERE IS NOTHING INHERENTLY WRONG WITH WORLDLY "THINGS" UNTIL THOSE "THINGS" BECOME OUR DESIRES AND PULL US AWAY FROM WHAT WE SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON. I.G. I AM EXCITED FOR OHIO STATE FOOTBALL, BUT I AM NOT MAKING THE YOUTH SCHEDULE AROUND OHIO STATES GAMES.

WE SO OFTEN THINK ABOUT WHAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO DO AFTER WE HAVE DONE WHAT WE WANT TO DO, AND THEN WONDER WHY WE ARE NOT SEEING FRUIT.

WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO SHOW THE WORLD THAT GOD LOVES THEM (JOHN 17:23) AND HIS SON HAS COME TO SAVE THEM. THE JOY OF KNOWING WHERE WE ARE GOING SHOULD DRIVE US TO LIVE IN THE PRESENT – TO SERVE OUR ANOINTED KING NOW!

LAST YEAR IT WAS A JOY TO SEE SO MANY VOLUNTEER FOR AWANA. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO SEE EVEN MORE THIS YEAR. SEEING PEOPLE INVEST INTO THE LIVES OF OUR LITTLE ONES: EVEN IF IT'S JUST LISTENING TO THEM RECITE SCRIPTURE.

THE YOUTH GROUP ALWAYS NEEDS PRAYER. .THEY'RE TEENAGERS!

THE LADIES BIBLE IS STARTING SHORTLY

WE WILL START WORKING ON THE CHURCHES BUDGET AND THINKING ABOUT NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIONS ON BOARDS IN 2019: WHERE CAN YOU SERVE?

THE CHOIR IS STARTING UP.

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBOR TO THE PICNIC (SEPTEMBER 9TH)

CHRISTMAS IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER AND DECEMBER IS CHALK-FULL OF WAYS TO GIVE.

AS A CHURCH BODY LETS KEEP OUR FOCUS ON THE ETERNAL EXCITEMENT OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR AND SEE WHAT HE CAN DO WHEN HIS REDEEMED ARE TRULY ALL IN TO SERVE HIM.