



FRANKLIN ROAD

baptist church

51 North Franklin Road • Indianapolis, IN 46219 • 317.897.1298

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 28, 2016

WATCHING YOUR RIVAL LOSE - PASTOR ANDY

WHO HERE, BESIDES JOHN MAGNUSSEN AND MYSELF, ENJOYED WATCHING OHIO STATE BEAT MICHIGAN THIS LAST SATURDAY? JUST A SMALL SIDE NOTE (AND ALL-AROUND INTERESTING STAT), IT HAS BEEN 5,855 DAYS SINCE THE LAST TIME MICHIGAN WON AT OHIO STATE. TO PUT THAT IN PERSPECTIVE, YOU COULD TRAVEL TO PLUTO AND SIGHTSEE FOR A WHILE AND MICHIGAN STILL WOULDN'T HAVE WON YET.

IN 1968 WHEN OHIO STATE WAS AT MICHIGAN, OSU WON 50-14. WITH 83 SECONDS TO GO, OHIO STATE SCORED AND WENT FOR A TWO POINT CONVERSION. WHEN ASKED WHY THEY WOULD GO FOR TWO, THEIR BE-LOVED COACH, WOODY HAYES, SAID, "BECAUSE I COULDN'T GO FOR THREE". THAT RIGHT THERE IS THE ATTITUDE WE HAVE TOWARDS MICHIGAN. OHIO STATE FANS ALWAYS WANT TO SEE THEM LOOSE AND LOOSE IN AWFUL WAYS.

CASE AND POINT: THIS LAST SATURDAY OHIO STATE WON AGAIN, BUT THEY DIDN'T DESERVE TO. THE OFFENSE WAS BAD. THE QUARTER BACK COULDN'T HIT FRANKENSTEIN IN A PHONE BOOTH. THE OFFENSIVE LINE COULDN'T BLOCK. THE KICKOFF TEAM COULDN'T TACKLE. AND ON TOP OF THAT, OUR KICKER MISSED TWO FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS! WE LOOKED BAD. BUT, AFTER A FEW ROUGH CALLS AGAINST MICHIGAN, THEY STARTED TO IMplode AND LET OSU BACK IN THE GAME – OHIO STATE WON IN THE SECOND OVER TIME.

IT IS OUTSTANDING TO WATCH YOUR RIVAL LOOSE, GO DOWN, GET BEAT, IMplode, BREAKDOWN, CRY, WHINE, COMPLAIN, NAG, LOOK BEFUDDLED, BAFFLED, CONFUSED AND STUMPED. MICHIGAN HAD SO MUCH PRIDE COMING INTO THIS GAME AND THEY WERE CHOPPED DOWN. MICHIGAN PUT UP A NICE FIGHT BUT COULDN'T GET THE VICTORY.

IT IS OUTSTANDING TO SEE OUR RIVAL, SATAN: THE LORD OF DUNG, THE GREAT DRAGON, THE SERPENT OF OLD, THE DESTROYER, THE ADVERSARY, THE DEFAMER, THE SOWER OF WEEDS, AND THE DECEIVER CHOPPED DOWN.

JOHN 16:33 TELLS US THAT WE SHOULD TAKE HEART IN THE MIDST OF TROUBLE. .CHRIST HAS OVERCOME THE WORLD

ROMANS 8:31 TELLS US THAT IF GOD IS FOR US THEN WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?

1 CORINTHIANS 15:55 TELLS US THAT DEATH HAS NO VICTORY. DEATH HAS NO STING.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:57 TELLS US THAT WE HAVE VICTORY THROUGH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

1 JOHN 3:8 TELLS US THAT THIS IS WHY THE SON OF MAN APPEARED, TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL.

HEBREWS 12:14 TELLS US THAT JESUS, THROUGH DEATH, RENDERED SATAN POWERLESS

COLOSSIANS 2:15 TELLS US THAT JESUS MADE A PUBLIC SPECTACLE OVER THE AUTHORITIES WITH TRIUMPH.

AND I COULD KEEP GOING ON AND ON. IN FACT, GODS WORD DOES. GOD DESIRES FOR US TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST OVER THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS AND DEATH. NO MATTER HOW GLOOMY THE DAY, HOW BIG THE TRIAL, OR HOW DARK THE WORLD SEEMS TO GET, WE SERVE THE VICTOR. THE RIVAL IS DEFEATED AND WE SHOULD REJOICE.

I PRAY THAT THIS SEASON FRUSTRATES SATAN. KNOWING ONCE AGAIN THAT WE ARE GOING TO CELEBRATE AND REJOICE THAT EMMANUEL HAS COME. .GOD IS WITH US. .PEACE HAS BEEN PROVIDED. .SATAN IS GOING TO LOSE.

LET'S NOT GET DISTRACTED WITH ALL THE WORLDS STUFF (SATAN STILL PUTS UP A FIGHT) BUT KEEP OUR EYES ON THE VICTOR – JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD AND SAVIOR!