



## *Monday Morning Missive*

**Good morning, church family. No, this is not a blog post that I promised last Monday. Sonya and I didn't make the trip to Israel, but you can see lots of pictures on Facebook from our group that went. They are having a great time like I knew that they would. Pray for their safety on the ground as they travel home on Saturday.**

**Wasn't yesterday a fantastic day? Bro. Forrest did a great job preaching yesterday morning, and the Children's Choir did a great job on their program last night. It was one of the very best children's programs I have ever seen. You can watch it again by clicking on this link:**

**<https://fbcdadeville.com/sermon-archive/>. Thank you to Bro. James and all of our adults who helped put this together. I can't wait for this Sunday night when our Sanctuary Choir presents**

**their program. Don't forget that there is a finger food fellowship following the service. And the Handbell Choir (I still can't bring myself to call them "The Ding-a-lings) will be sharing with us on December 15<sup>th</sup>. That's one of the things I love about the month of December. Lots of Christmas music to go along with all of the fellowships and special party times. Through it all, let us not forget about the reason for the songs and the celebrations. It is way too easy for us to get caught up in all the trappings of Christmas and forget about the great Gift that God gave to us in and through His Son.**

**Don't forget about our Week of Prayer for International Missions and our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. As I said yesterday, 100% of what we give to this offering goes directly to the mission field. It provides for the needs of our missionaries as well as gives them the tools they need to continue to do ministry. We are so blessed to have 3 families actively involved in missions around the world, and that's why we**

**should give not just generously to this offering, but sacrificially. Let me encourage you to first pray for our missionaries, and then pray for the amount God would have you to give. Then, give like you've never given before to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. I would love to see on December 31, 2019 that we have given twice as much as we gave last year. I commit to giving at least twice as much as I gave last year. Will you do the same? And if you didn't give last year, would you give \$10? \$20? Every dollar counts.**

**Let me give you a report on some of our folks for whom we have been praying. Mrs. Mary Melton, Meg to many of you, will be moving to Dadeville Rehab for some intense cardiac rehabilitation. Bro. Jerry Hughes is home, and he will be having some tests to see if he has a blockage in the arteries going to his kidneys. Mrs. Kerri Carr had spinal surgery this morning at Russell Medical Center. She is doing fine and will be going home in the morning. Bro. Dick Harrelson remains in Neuro-ICU in Birmingham. I visited with him this**

**morning, and he is looking better. Keep praying for him and for the family. Amanda Williams will be having surgery tomorrow. And don't forget about Danny Penza and his family as he struggles with his health issues. Lots of physical needs in our church right now, but God has this under control.**

**One final thing: I am so blessed to be the pastor of this wonderful church. On Thursday, when we had multiple families in need of ministry, our deacons, members, and staff stepped up to do what needed to be done. With a couple of phone calls and text messages, we had 3 deacons, 2 laypeople, 1 staff person, “and a partridge in a pear tree” taking care of Bro. Dick Harrelson and Mrs. Jackie. I will be forever grateful to see God's people being the hands and feet of Jesus just as He has called us to be. You are the best!**

**Love you all,**

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