



Monday Morning Missive

What a beautiful morning the Father has given to us following the storms of last night. So far, I haven't heard of any major damage or issues in our area, but if you know of anyone who needs help with trees, limbs, or work that some of us can do, let me know. We have lots of people who need an excuse to get out of the house and do something. I am praising the Lord for His deliverance, but at the same time, I am crying out to Him for the people who lost so much. I know that with everything that is going on – the pandemic, the storms – that it might seem like it's more than you can handle. It isn't. God has promised that He will give you the strength you need when you need it. In the meantime, if you need to talk about it, I am always available. Keep this in mind. You probably have lost friends, family members, and neighbors who are close to

the end of their ropes. Encourage them every chance you get, and tell them there are lots of people who would be glad to help them get through this. I am one of them. Give them my number or my e-mail address and I will be happy to contact them.

Now, let's talk about yesterday. I hope that you were as blessed by the service as I was. Lots of people worked hard to make this happen – all while social distancing. I apologize for the Sunday School issue. I have no idea what happened, but we made it through. Sometimes you just have to laugh. Sonya will tell you that I wasn't laughing at the time, but looking back, it is kind of funny. Again, God is good. And that's not even taking into account that we had a profession of faith following the service. I will share more about that after I have had an opportunity to counsel the man.

It has been a busy two weeks, and I am grateful for the work that has taken place to make our

online activities such a success. The staff – along with Phillip and Rachel Climer -- did an outstanding job with our Holy Week services. Zack spent his whole week putting all of the videos together for the Holy Week services. Forrest and Caren went above and beyond with our Easter activities for the children. James worked hard to get all of the music videos together for the worship service. Words cannot express the joy my heart feels right now because in this very strange time, we are reaching more people with the gospel than ever before. In fact, none of us wants it to stop – the ministry, not the stay-at-home order. We have been trying to figure out ways that we can continue to broaden the scope of what we are doing. I will be trying out something new later today through our social media. Keep an eye out for it.

I think that we are going to go at least one more week with our Friday night Lighting Up the Darkness prayer time. We will start publishing that information later today on Facebook. Please share

those posts so that we can reach as many people as possible because the world is hurting right now. Just last week, I received e-mails from two ladies who don't live anywhere near Dadeville. They were looking for help because their marriages were falling apart. Understand, not everyone has the hope that we have. Not everyone has the church family to rely on that we have. That's why I keep asking you to share our social media activities so that we can be a light in their darkness wherever they may be.

Let's talk about the future for just a moment. Obviously, we will not be having our regular business meeting at the end of this month. We will reschedule that as soon as possible once we get back to normal activities. Our first Sunday back is going to be special. I think we will try to have just one big worship service with everyone in attendance. My desire is that we have a baptismal service and the Lord's Supper with lots of special music. Maybe we can even throw in a few hugs. We may go a little long that day, but I don't think

anyone will mind too much. Do you? We also have a new event on the calendar. We are going to do a churchwide fish fry out at the Acree Property on June 7th. Hopefully, we will be back into a regular schedule by then, and we want to make this a big celebration of how good God has been to us. More details to come.

Folks, I can't wait to put eyes on each and every one of you. I love you with all my heart.

Bro. Ben