



Monday Morning Missive

Dear church, I am writing this on Sunday evening, so my prayer is that when you read it, the storms will be past and all will be well. I wanted to get this ready to go tonight because first thing on Monday morning, we will be working to help our members, neighbors, and friends get out from under all of these trees that have fallen. If you read this and want to join us, we will meet at the church at 7:30 a.m. If it is after that, give me a call, and I will let you know where you can best help us. We will need chainsaws, rakes, machetes, axes, and all kinds of tools. Wear gloves and bring some Gatorade. Glinda and Tera Dennis will be working on sandwiches for us to eat at lunch. We should also have enough to share with some of the other groups that will be coming in to help out. God is so good. Thank you, church family, for always being willing to serve. Also, if you need help with

cleanup, let me know.

It looks like we will be continuing with our current activities for the next several weeks. The Leadership Team of the church has met online, and we do not want to do anything that will put any of you at risk. That means that even if the state opens up and allows gatherings, we may try to limit the numbers in the sanctuary. We will continue our livestream broadcast of all services, and we will continue to do the little extra things during the week. None of that has been fleshed out, but please ask the Father to show us exactly what we should do.

I have asked our church staff, deacons, Sunday School leaders, and Small Group leaders to be contacting those who are under their care to see if you have any needs. Please know that we all want to minister the best we can, so let us know what you need from us. We have several options available to us that we aren't utilizing yet, but we will if you or the members of our church who are

not online might need them. For example, for those without internet, there is a way that we can connect them to Sunday School and worship through their telephone whether it is a landline or cellular phone. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let me know.

Can I say one more time that I am so proud to be your pastor, and I am so very proud to be part of the great staff that we have at First Baptist. God has provided us with a fantastic team, and I wanted you to know that. But as a staff, we are proud to be part of a tremendous church that is loving, serving, and giving. As of last week, our giving has been spot on. In March, we exceeded our budget needs, and through last Sunday, we are just slightly under. Please keep being faithful, and I know that God will bless our church.

Stay safe. Stay healthy. Stay strong.

**Love you all,
Bro. Ben**