



Monday Morning Missive

Good morning, church family. What a blessing you are to me and to our community. I am so proud of the way that you are continuing to reach out and minister during these dark days. I know that God is smiling because of your faithfulness – and I know that the community around us is taking notice, too. I am so excited about how God is using this time to grow each of us spiritually and to enable us to make such an impact. We have been praying for God to do something amazing, something powerful, something beautiful, and I believe He is doing it now. Could it be that God is going to use this pandemic to bring about the spiritual awakening so many of us have been praying for? Only time will tell.

We have lots going on around here even though the church office is closed. You can still contact any of us on our cell phones because we are hard at work ministering. Your church staff is committed to maintaining as much

normalcy as we possibly can. That's why we will continue to provide our services through all of our online platforms. Sunday School, worship, and prayer meeting/Bible Study will continue at our current times. Zack is doing small group and worship activities with the youth, and several of our Sunday School classes/small groups are meeting online. In addition, we have added our daily children's time with the Resurrection Eggs and the crafts activity on Facebook. This week, you can tune in for our Holy Week services at noon each day. This will be a special time for all of us as we remember what Jesus did for us on that last week before the crucifixion. Each member of the ministerial staff will have our own day, and on Friday, Zack, Forrest, and I will all participate. We will also be blessed with the music of Phillip and Rachel Climer. You don't want to miss this. Next Sunday morning, we will not be having an Easter Cantata, but we will have some very special music and a brief (shorter than normal) message on the resurrection of Jesus. So, you see, we are staying very busy!

Thank you to all of you who participated in our "Lighting Up the Darkness" online prayer meeting on Friday night. We have had multiple requests to do this again, and

since this Friday is Good Friday, I don't know of a better time. So once again, Friday at 8 p.m., turn on all your lights inside the house and out, open up all your curtains and blinds to let the light out, take your brightest flashlight and go into your front yard as we let our lights shine to dispel the darkness. Join us on the church's Facebook page where I will be leading us in a time of prayer. Get your singing voices ready this time because God has laid a song on my heart for us all to sing together.

I wanted to remind you/give you the opportunity to participate in an exciting way to honor our 2020 graduating class of Dadeville High School. We are purchasing yard signs with each of their names, and we will be displaying them in front of the church just to show them that we love them and are proud of them. If you would like to purchase a sign or two, send a check made out to Ben Hayes for \$10 per sign. Our address is 62 Fawn Lane, Dadeville, AL 36853. This is not a tax-deductible gift. If you want to designate a particular senior, send us a note with the name(s).

I know that you have many things on your minds these

days, and it is easy to lose track of some of the routine items of life. However, your church still needs you. We need you to pray for our ministry every day, and we need you to continue to tithe. You can do that online or by mailing your contributions to the church. Carmen will be picking up the mail, making deposits, and paying the bills. I know that we can count on you.

Well, it's time to get busy. Love you all.

Bro. Ben