



Monday Morning Missive

Can you feel the excitement in the air? I hope so. Maybe it's just because I'm sitting in my office thinking about what this Sunday is going to be like. I cannot begin to tell you how much I've missed seeing all of your smiling faces – and even those faces that don't smile all that often. You know who I'm talking to, don't you? I have to tell you that these last couple of months have been tough, but we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Now, I know some of you are praying that the light isn't an oncoming train. Believe me, I get it. Right or wrong, I feel a great sense of responsibility for every person who even considers coming back to the church building at this time. The last thing I want to do is to be the cause of someone coming down with Covid-19. But at the same time, I feel a sense of urgency in

my heart that the time to return is now. Why? Because corporate worship is an essential part of our lives as believers. We need each other.

However, having said that, some of you aren't ready to return, and that's okay. We are going to continue to offer the same online experiences as we do now. Our 8 and 10:30 a.m. worship services in the sanctuary will be broadcast on our livestream website, Facebook Live, and our YouTube Channel. Due to our technological limitations, we will only Facebook Live our family worship service at 9:15 a.m. from the Fellowship Hall. But we are committed to doing everything we possibly can to reduce the risk for everyone. Our 8 a.m. service will be geared towards our senior adult and at risk populations, and our 9:15 a.m. service will be for families with children. The 10:30 a.m. service will be for everyone else. We are limiting our seating in the sanctuary to around 90 people so that we can provide for social distancing. Family units will sit in every other pew at the ends of the pews. Face-masks are

encouraged, and we will have hand sanitizer available at the entrance. If you are running fever, have a dry cough, or difficulty breathing, we ask you to stay home and watch online. If you have a fever when you arrive, we will encourage you to return home. Please know that we will be doing this for everyone's safety.

Please know that our desire is to return to our regular schedule as soon as possible, but that will most likely be months away. Sunday School classes and Small Groups will not meet until we can do so safely. Until then, we are encouraging you to watch our online Sunday School class or join with one of our groups that are meeting online. I am praying that a number of you will be led by the Holy Spirit to begin online groups. Currently, I am leading a marriage enrichment group. **This Summer, I will be starting Online Financial Peace University. We will be meeting on Mondays at 7 p.m. starting July 13. If you are interested in participating, let me know before May 31 and I will order your materials. The cost**

will be \$99 per couple before May 31, but it will go up to \$129 per couple after that.

Please know that we want to meet every need, and your church staff will do all that we can to make that happen. If you see an area we are neglecting, please let me know because it is not intentional. We love you all, and we are here to serve you.

**God bless you,
Bro. Ben**

P.S. If you didn't get my earlier message, someone is sending out text messages in my name (not from my phone number) asking you to run an errand. They want you to buy an E-bay gift card to send to a cancer patient. It is a SCAM. Don't reply to them. We are investigating to try to find out what is going on.