



Monday Morning Missive

Good morning, church family. I hope that your day has started off well. We have so many reasons to be thankful this morning, and I hope you've taken the time to tell our Father how much you love Him. Remember, this is the day that He created just for you – so rejoice and be glad. I know that it may be difficult to do that when our church family has been hit so hard by this virus, but we have reason to rejoice over small improvements. Keep praying for Jim and Pat White, Glen and Connie Elmore, and Jason and Lauren Rawls and family.

There is a lot going on around here in spite of the Virus. We are maintaining our Sunday worship, online Sunday School, prayer meeting, etc. We are finding ways to be more

creative as we minister to our church family and our community. I am very proud of the way our people have embraced the challenges of doing ministry in a new way. And I know that there are times when you must get frustrated because of the way we are forced to do things – your church staff feels the same way. We want nothing more than to be able to get back on track with all of the activities and services we are missing out on, but we also want to be smart and keep everyone healthy. That’s why we made the call NOT to have Vacation Bible School in any format this Summer. Our hope is that we can find some ways to bless our children online and reach our community with God’s love through all of us ministering together. That means we need to stay in touch with each other. Call your friends and neighbors to check on them. Meet needs when you can. And if you cannot meet a need, call me and let us see what we can do to help.

Speaking of needs, there is a big one that has been presented to us from outside of our church. Many of you knew Pastor David Johnson from Eagle Creek Baptist Church. He passed away, and his wife, Darlene, had to use most of their savings for medical bills. The association has asked our churches to come together to help build an efficiency apartment for her on her son's property in New Site. I have spoken with Chuck Ledbetter (Deacon Chairman), Linda Kilgore (WMU Director), and Kevin Hall (Men's Ministry Director). All of us are in agreement that we need to help. If you would like to give a love offering to help out, please do so. Remember to designate the offering to the Johnson Family. If you would like to help in the building process, there is a meeting tomorrow night (July 14) at 6:30 at the associational office. They will also need meals and snacks prepared for the workers. If you would like to help out, call the church office, and we will put you on the list.

I cannot tell you how important it is for all of us to come together during this time. For those of you who cannot attend worship on campus, please make every effort to watch one of our services LIVE online and participate. Don't have it on in the background while you're doing something else. Stand and sing with us. Pray when we pray. Follow along in your Bible. Soon, we will have the capability to show the slides on the video to help you do just that. There is something powerful about joining our hearts together even if we are miles apart. Be faithful in worship. Be faithful in serving. Be faithful in giving. We NEED you.

**Blessings on this great and glorious Monday,
Bro. Ben**

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