



Monday Morning Missive

Good morning, church family. It was so good to be back in church yesterday, and it's good to be back in the office this morning. God has blessed me in so many ways during the past 2 ½ weeks as so many of you have reached out to us with your thoughts and prayers and food. Sonya and I truly felt the love of our church family, and we know that many others of you have prayed for us, too. We are grateful to all of you.

We had a great day yesterday. The music was good, and I made it through the sermon. And we had a new couple to join our family. Welcome Shane and Ronda Jennings. They live at 514 E. LaFayette Street, and their e-mail address is rondablythe@auburn.edu. Let them know that you are happy for their decision.

This is going to be a short week this week, but please don't forget our Christmas Eve Communion service at 5 p.m. As you enter the Sanctuary for our Christmas Eve service, please pick up a "communion pack" like we used last time with the cup of juice and the bread. Also, pick up a candle that we will use at the close of the service. We are praying for a very special time of worship together. Remember, we will not meet on Wednesday, but we will have our regular services on Sunday.

We are seeing an uptick in the virus among our members. We have several who have been diagnosed and others who will be tested today. Please be careful. Continue to practice social distancing and good hand hygiene. Make sure you take care of yourself. Because of the heroic efforts of our health-care professionals and the treatments that are available, the virus seems to be less fatal to most people, but please don't take a chance with it. Even the mild case I had was

nothing I want to repeat. I know that everyone wants to be in church because that is the desire God has placed in our hearts, but until this is over, we must protect ourselves and our most vulnerable population.

Be safe. Be blessed. Know that this pastor loves you with all of his heart.

**Merry Christmas,
Bro. Ben**