



Monday Morning Missive

Great morning, church family. At least, I hope it's a great day for you. I am looking forward to what God has in store for me today because I know that His plans for me are always for my good and for His glory. If you are His child, too, then the same is true for you. I am doing the "Thought for the Day" for Kenny Dean and the Front Porch this week. This morning, I used a quote from Martin Luther King, Jr. as the basis for my thought. Let me paraphrase the thought for you: only light can overcome darkness and only love can overcome hate. Sound familiar? It's exactly what Jesus taught us in the gospels. We are to be the light of the world, and we are to love people. I know it sounds pretty simple, but the truth is that if God's children would live out these two truths, the world we live in would be changed in a short period of

time.

Let me give you a quick update on where we are right now. We are continuing our online only services through the month of January. Right now, our plan is to come back together on Feb. 7 for on-campus worship. We will have both services at 8 and 10:30 a.m., but we will have to make a call on Sunday School. I know many of you have no desire to go back into classrooms right now, and we want to honor that. In the next week or so, we will let you know the plan. As we do move toward in-person services, let me ask you to be mindful of your church family. If you have been exposed to the virus or have ANY symptoms, stay home. Wear your mask into the building until you are seated, and maintain social distancing rules. If someone is wearing a mask, don't approach them unless you put on your mask. Keep in mind that our Father wants us to be "our brother's keeper," so let's put other's needs ahead of our own.

The church staff and the Leadership Team is putting together an appreciation meal for the employees of Lake Martin Community Hospital. We want to let them know that they are not forgotten in the midst of this pandemic and that they are greatly appreciated for their service. We will need volunteers to help us out when we do this, so, we will let you know the schedule as we begin to firm things up. Several people have indicated that they would like to contribute financially to this ministry. If you would like to join in, please just designate your offering (above your tithe) to LMCH Ministry.

Our church is such a giving church. I wish I could tell you about all the ministry that has taken place over the last 10 months during this pandemic, but it would take way too much time for me to write and for you to read. God's people have been doing God's business through their service and through their giving. We have had a great year both financially and ministerially, and it's all because of your faithfulness. Thank you!

Keep praying for all of our family members that are continuing to fight this virus as well as those fighting cancer.

**Trusting the Father,
Bro. Ben**