



## *Monday Morning Missive*

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presence was tangible. I loved listening to all of the voices lifted up in praise of the Father. There is something special – it touches my heart, at least – when God’s people sing the great hymns of the cross. As we look forward to Resurrection Sunday, let us not skip over the agony of the crucifixion. We must see the cruelty of the cross in order to try to comprehend the love of our Savior. Once we comprehend the truth that it is “by His stripes we are healed,” we can begin to fathom the depth of His great love and the power of grace. Don’t let this Sunday become just another Easter where you go through the motions and take this powerful drama for granted. Embrace it. Dive deep into it. Let His mercy cover you like never before.

As I mentioned in the second service yesterday, April 28 is the day we will start back with our Family Night Suppers. I know that some of you aren’t ready for a buffet style meal, so our plan is to prepackage the meals in our “to-go” trays. We will put out all of our tables with 4 chairs per

**table, and we will provide an overflow room if necessary. However, we will need to have definite reservations to make this work and be cost-effective. So, now is the time to let Glinda know if you want to be on the permanent reservation list. But remember – if you are on this list, we need you to be there or cancel prior to Wednesday.**

**Several people have asked about Supper Clubs. I would love to get that started on June 20 if there is interest. We will go through July 25 – skipping the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. For those of you who are new, this is where we go to different homes on Sunday evening for a meal and fellowship. You can attend one week or every week, and our goal is to make sure you are with different people each time you attend. There may be some overlap, but we try to mix it up as much as possible. To make this work, I need you to let me know if you are interested in hosting a group at your home on one or more Sunday evenings, and how many you can accommodate. Also, if you want to participate in one or more Sunday evenings, I need to know this**

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**I can't wait for this Sunday to get here. God has a great day planned for us. Keep in mind that it is typically our biggest attendance day of the year, so welcome our guests and make room for them. Keep in mind that that the balcony is open, and parking will be available at the bank, across the street from the church, and in the grass field in back.**

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