



## *Monday Morning Missive*

**Good morning, church family. Today is one of those days where the weather definitely mirrors our hearts: dark and dreary. By now, you have probably all heard the news that Maddie will be coming home under hospice care if her strength allows. My heart breaks for this precious family. Then we hear that Bro. Doug is back in ICU with breathing problems. It is easy to be overwhelmed by circumstances like these, but just remember, the clouds may fill the sky, but the sun is shining brightly just above those clouds. And the Son is shining His love through the dark clouds of our hearts revealing that He is still on the throne of Heaven. We pray for His grace and His mercy to fall on both of these families.**

**I really goofed yesterday, and I want to apologize. I should have recognized all of our teachers in the**

worship service. But I want to make up for it and say that we truly appreciate each and every one of you who have given so much to reach our children. When I think back over the teachers who have impacted my life, I cannot say “thank you” enough to them and to you who have dedicated your lives to this great calling.

The greatest, most important week of the year is coming up fast. Yep, Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. If you haven’t already done so, put June 7-11 on your calendar so that you can pray each day for the children and all of our workers. In the meantime, would you pray and ask the Father to show you how you need to be involved because we need teachers and workers to make this happen. Let Bro. Forrest know what you would be willing to do.

I am excited to share with you our newest ministry called “His Kids.” This is a children’s clothing ministry for needy families in our community. We want to provide free clothing for children in

**families that have been referred by different agencies or pastors in our community. Mrs. Linda Davis is heading this up, and the plan is to have it operational in June. If you have gently used clothing, footwear, or baby items, call Linda or the church office, and these items will be picked up. Once the ministry is opened, donations will be accepted on Monday between 12 and 4 p.m.**

**This coming Sunday is Mother's Day, and I can't think of a better way to honor our mothers than to be in church. Bring your mother with you. Plan to make a day of it. And join us as we celebrate the Ordinance of Baptism.**

**Don't forget about Supper Clubs. You can sign up to host or attend – and I do need several more hosts.**

**Looking forward to what God has in store for us,**

**Bro. Ben**