



**Good Monday morning, church. What joy fills my heart as I write this knowing that you are going to read this. I feel like the apostle Paul when he says, “I give thanks to the Father every time I think of you.” And that is what I am doing right now – praying to the Father for you and thanking Him for allowing me to be your pastor. God is so good.**

**Yesterday, we kicked off a four week emphasis on “Who’s Your One?” This is going to be a time where we ask God to focus our hearts on one person that He has placed in our lives who needs the hope of the gospel. If you think about it prayerfully, I believe you will know exactly who that person is. Over the next three weeks, I’m going to ask you to identify this person and begin praying for their salvation. As you pray, be aware**

**of what the Holy Spirit leads you to do to begin to minister to this person. And as you minister, be sensitive to the opportunities to begin to share your faith with them. I will be giving you some ideas for ministry along the way along with ways to tell them about Jesus. By the way, this would be the perfect time for you to join us in our 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting if you haven't already started. If you go back and read our key passage starting in Isaiah 58:6, you will see that the kind of fast that God honors is the one that is connected to breaking the bonds of wickedness and setting the oppressed free. That's exactly what lost people need – to be set free from their sin.**

**We have been offered a ministry opportunity to the parents of Dadeville Elementary School students. And you know that I accepted the opportunity. October 19-21, we will be providing a simple meal (hot dogs, chips, and a drink; pizza and a drink; sandwiches, chips, and a drink) for about 60 people. I need your help to do this, so if you are interested, please reply to this e-mail or**

**give me a call. This would be a great ministry opportunity for some of our Sunday School classes to share in.**

**Don't forget, we still need lots of candy for Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31. We could also use a few more trunks, so please sign up this week.**

**Our annual associational meeting will be Oct. 17 at Stone Ridge Baptist Church. The business session is at 3 p.m. for the messengers, but everyone is welcome for the worship service at 4:30. Please note that we are NOT cancelling small groups that night, but my group will not meet. We do need cases of water, still, for the youth gathering.**

**Please join me in praying for our four new deacons: Jeff Gulledge, Bubba Gibson, Mark McCutcheon, and Chipper Washburn. We will have an ordination service for the first three on the list in November.**

**Also, remember in prayer the family of Bro. Wyman Matthews. He passed away yesterday. We will share the funeral arrangements with you when they are made.**

**Finally, keep praying about our decision concerning the two worship services. The question is simple: does God want us to go back to one service? I am confident He will guide us as we seek His will.**

**In Christ alone,  
Bro. Ben**