



**Good Monday morning, church family. I am so excited about what God is doing in our church. Nothing blesses the heart of a pastor more than seeing God's people come to the altar to pray for lost people to be saved. And once again, yesterday you did just that. Please know that the invitation over the next two weeks will be similar as we focus on our Ones. But this coming Sunday, we will be going to the next level of ministry. We must always start with prayer because we cannot do more than pray until after we have prayed. Remember what Jesus said to His disciples: pray the Lord of the harvest will send out laborers into the harvest. If we want to see lost people saved, we must pray, but then we must be willing to go into the fields to labor. I will**

**be honest with you, prayer is hard work, but doing the work of ministry can sometimes be harder. We must begin the process of building or strengthening relationships so that we can learn how to meet their needs all while we are laying the groundwork for sharing the gospel. Don't miss these next two Sundays.**

**Please don't forget that we are continuing our 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting on Mondays. I have to tell you that these days have been very meaningful to me, but I would be lying if I told you that it was easy. Fasting is not the norm for most of us, but as difficult as that may be, the enemy always begins to attack when God's people get serious about prayer and fasting. It's because he is terrified of believers who draw near to the Father. So stay awake and alert for the signs that Satan is attempting to sift you like he did with Peter. We must never be afraid of the enemy because God is with us, but we must be ready for the spiritual warfare that he brings our way.**

**On a lighter note, we are gearing up for our Trunk or Treat on October 31. We want this to be a time of fun as we invite the community onto our church campus, but we also want this to be a time of ministry. My goal in everything that we do is to shine the light of God's love and to share the hope of the gospel with every person who comes. That means we need lots of Trunks decorated in movie themes, lots of candy to share with the children that come through, and lots of people who are willing to just be here to talk and fellowship with our guests. Remember, there is always a place of ministry for everyone.**

**There are two more things about which I would like to ask you to pray. First, our Minister of Music Search Committee is diligently working to bring God's man to join our staff. Keep praying for this man as well as the members of the committee and the process involved in making this happen. Second, pray for our business meeting on November 7. We will be voting on whether or not God wants us to return to one worship service or**

**continue with two services. I can tell you that I am praying for a unanimous vote, and I believe if we all seek God's will for our church, that will happen. When we get into trouble is when we vote for what we want instead, so my prayer has been that God will enable me to take my personal desires out of the equation. But I can tell you that whatever the outcome, I know God has a great plan for FBC Dadeville, and I am excited to see how it unfolds.**

**I want you to know that I have prayed for you today, and I would truly appreciate your prayers for me.**

**Love you,  
Bro. Ben**