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Brother Brad's Box ...

Dear Friends,

Kids everywhere are heading back to school, including at our local University of West Alabama. Livingston is really bustling with those who are moving back to town and those who are just showing up on a college campus for the first time. It's an exciting time in their young lives.

The kiddos in our church are experiencing first grade and high school for the first time. Their minds race, butterflies in their stomachs, and they beam with youthful excitement in their smiling faces.

That's part of our world. Another very real part, again this year, is the heartbreaking struggle of the overworked healthcare professionals. Many nurses are crumbling and giving up while many others simply struggle to put one foot in front of the other and go on.

We see similar circumstances among pastors. Long burned-out from the day-to-day ministerial demands, they have experienced the rollercoaster ups and downs of keeping their precious congregations safe from harm while attempting to spread the relevancy of the Gospel and the incredible importance (and Biblical command) of gathering together for worship.

Perhaps you find yourself experiencing many of the same emotions of all the folks, young and old, that I've mentioned above, and you, too, struggle with the harsh realities of daily life. Yet, you still see the happiness and excitement of so many folks around us who are simply taking one day at a time as it comes.

See? There is always hope. Every struggle, difficulty, sickness, sorrow, and yes, even death, is an opportunity for the Lord to be blessed and get the glory from our circumstances and how we respond to them.

Let me simply encourage you to keep on keeping on. Be ever aware as Christians of the need to portray His love in this lost world. Do so through the difficult days. Turn off the news. Ignore the statistics for even just a day or two, and watch your outlook brighten.

We can't hide from the tough times, but we do NOT have to focus on them. Thank God, He is now, and will ALWAYS be, in control!

Much love and prayers,
Brad

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 6 *Labor Day*
- 13 Pastors Fellowship, 10:30 a.m., BBA Office
- 26 Praise Night , 5:30 p.m., York

OCTOBER

- 4 Pastors Fellowship, 10:30 a.m., BBA Office
- 19 170th Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Siloam

NOVEMBER

- 1 Pastors Fellowship, 10:30 a.m., BBA Office
- 7 Daylight Savings Time ENDS



PRAISE NIGHT
Sunday, September 26
5:30 p.m.
York

No meal will be provided this year!

170th Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 19
6:30 p.m.
Siloam

-Mark your Calendar!-



Monday, September 6, 2021