

Thursday's Thoughts

Good Thursday morning! I hope that your January 1st was blessed. As we get started on this New Year, there are three things that I want to remind you:

- Don't forget the Retirement Luncheon for Mrs. Yvonne Petty following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Bring food, cards, and gifts to let Mrs. Yvonne know how much you have appreciated her 55 years of service.**
- Don't forget to send me your "hard questions" for my sermon series beginning in February. We are off to a good start, but I need a bigger sampling of questions to make this work.**
- Don't forget to start your new "Reading Through the Bible." The updated list is on the website at www.fbcdadeville.com/news. I posted this on Facebook, but for those of you not on Facebook, keep this in mind.**

"According to Brad Waggoner's book, The

Shape of Faith to Come, the number one indicator of spiritual growth is regular Bible reading. The church must immediately get new believers, regardless of age, engaged in reading Scripture. According to a LifeWay survey presented by Ed Stetzer, those who engage in Bible reading are more likely to:

- Confess wrongdoings to God and ask forgiveness.**
- Make a decision to obey or follow God with an awareness that choosing to do so might be costly.**
- Pray for the spiritual state of people they know are not professing Christians.**
- Read a book about increasing their spiritual growth.**
- Be discipled one-on-one by a more spiritually mature Christian.”**

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If you think you don't have that much time every day, you can spread it out over two years by reading the Old Testament passages one day and the New Testament passages the next day.

Can't wait to see you on Sunday!

Bro. Ben