

## **Thursday's Thoughts**

**Good morning, church family. What a week it has been! I am so proud of the way that our church has responded during this crisis. You have been faithful in your commitment to worship, to serve, and to give. In fact, we are very close if not over our budget needs for this month. Thank you for that. Someone asked me if we were still passing the plate. I told them that we were not, but we were still encouraging our folks to give because God has commanded us to give -- not because He needs our money but because we need to give. It's a matter of teaching ourselves the importance of sacrifice in a life of obedience. You can give online from our website or you can mail your offerings in.**

**Thank you to those of you who tuned in last night to our online prayer meeting and Bible Study. I don't know if you noticed, but I was just a wee bit nervous. I can preach in front of hundreds of people, but the camera is a bit**

**intimidating. It didn't help that Sonya kept making faces at me. If I missed your prayer request, I apologize. Just know that we will be praying every day for every need.**

**Let me share with you about this weekend. We are going to try to do exactly what we did last Sunday; however, we have asked Bro. James to stay home until this virus threat is gone. I have asked Bro. Don Arthur to lead us in our worship, and he has agreed to do so. I will be teaching the Sunday School class, and Bro. Forrest will be preaching the message. I think it's going to be an exciting day, so please tune in. I cannot stress this enough: if you have any symptoms, stay home. If you've been exposed to anyone who has symptoms, stay home. If you are part of the most susceptible population, stay home. We will be practicing social distancing, but let's not take any chances.**

You can watch Sunday School (9:15) and worship (10:30) on our LiveStream at [www.fbcdadeville.com/live-stream](http://www.fbcdadeville.com/live-stream). You can watch on FaceBook Live. I've changed the location to our church page instead of my personal page. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchDadeville/>. I have added a YouTube channel to spread our audience out a bit to reduce overwhelming the LiveStream. You can watch this at <https://youtu.be/NofBYNG8qkQ>. You can also subscribe if you would like. We will NOT be printing any bulletins, but it will be available on the LiveStream website as it was last Sunday.

Keep praying for our staff. We are all working hard to stay in touch with you and to find better ways to minister. We are available by phone, email, FaceTime, carrier pigeon, and bullhorn if you have one. We can go buy your groceries or pick up your medications, and we have lots of

**volunteers waiting to serve you. We have the best church family in the world! Keep praying, keep serving, keep loving because God is using this time to impact the lost world around us.**

**I love you all. Bro. Ben**