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VICTORIA-Northside Baptist Church has found a high-tech means of encouraging the timeless discipline of Bible reading.

At the beginning of the year, church members signed commitment cards saying they would read the New Testament through this year.

Some are following a traditional approach and pick up bookmarks at church each month that show daily Bible readings for the month. Others go to the church's website and click the daily Bible reading icon to find the suggested passages.

Still others have signed up for daily e-mail reminders of their Bible readings. Mickey Ewing, associate pastor for music and media, said more than 300 people have signed up for the e-mail reminders.

And now word of the service has spread beyond the church. "People I've never heard of have asked to be put on the list because they've heard about it from someone they are friends with or work with," he said.

This ministry is not labor intensive, Ewing explained. "My Bible software has an option for generating a daily Bible reading. I just told it what part of the Bible we wanted to read and how many days, and it divided the New

Testament for us in that many pieces at logical places.”

The Bible readings take about three minutes a day, he said.

“We're thrilled at how it seems to be working out,” he said.

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