

Trinity Echoes

February 2012

Two-Year Bible Reading Plan

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The following Bible reading plan is designed to take you through the Old and New Testaments in two years and through the Psalms and Proverbs four times during that period. This plan is based on the book by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart, *How to Read the Bible Book by Book: A Guided Tour* (Zondervan 2002). You will benefit the most if you use this plan together with Fee and Stuart's book.

Feb 1	Exod 1-2	Ps 32
Feb 2	Exod 3-4	Ps 33
Feb 3	Exod 5.1-6.27	Ps 34
Feb 4	Exod 6.28-9.35	Ps 35
Feb 5	Exod 10-11	Ps 36
Feb 7	Exod 12.31-14.31	Ps 38
Feb 8	Exod 15.1-21	Ps 39
Feb 9	Exod 15.22-17.7	Ps 40
Feb 10	Exod 17.8-18.27	Ps 41
Feb 11	Exod 19-20	Ps 42
Feb 12	Exod 21-23	Ps 43
Feb 13	Exod 24.1-11	Ps 44
Feb 14	Exod 24.12-25.40	Ps 45
Feb 15	Exod 26-27	Ps 46
Feb 16	Exod 28-29	Ps 47
Feb 17	Exod 30-31	Ps 48
Feb 18	Exod 32-33	Ps 49
Feb 19	Exod 34	Ps 50
Feb 20	Exod 35-36	Ps 51
Feb 21	Exod 37-38	Ps 52
Feb 22	Exod 39	Ps 53
Feb 23	Exod 40	Ps 54
Feb 24	Catch-up day	Ps 55
Feb 25	Catch-up day	Ps 56
Feb 26	Lev 1-2	Ps 57
Feb 27	Lev 3	Ps 58
Feb 28	Lev 4.1-5.13	Ps 59

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 1

Ron De Armond
Lannette Hiemstra
Mari Martin

February 2

Bob DeRonde
Norma Schuttinga

February 3

Sharla Kampman
Sheena Lester
Merle Nunnikhoven

February 4

Shelley Brackin
Lucas Jablonski

February 5

David Cottington

February 6

Jamie & Anna Dunsbergen

February 7

Gerald Johnston
Kim Vande Voort
Tony & Ruth Langstraat
Maurice & June Verros

February 8

Henry Nunnikhoven
Don Roorda
Jacob Van Gorp
Nancy Westerkamp

February 9

Shannon Hoekstra
Ken Oppenhuizen
Cole Schakel
Tasha Schnell
Kraig Van Kooten
Ed & Sylvia Hoksbergen

February 10

Max Fox
Connie Kane
Norma Van Dyke
Dwight Ver Steegt

February 11

Nathan Lester

February 12

Jeff Bokhoven
Steve Nieuwsma
Liz Sample

February 13

Peggy De Nooy

February 14

Ashley Harrington
Brent Smith
Gregg Van Roekel
Jane Van Wyk
Maynard & Dot De Vries

February 15

Joan Van Hal

February 17

Dean Butler
Shawn Nunnikhoven
Judy Pringle
Joan Vander Linden
Don & Elaine De Kock

February 18

Marty Meyers

February 19

Alexandria Schwerdtfeger
Treaa Vander Hart
Ken & Roberta Kerger

February 20

Eileen Hessing

February 21

Bonnie Westerkamp

February 22

Bill Gosselink
Metje Michmershuizen
Karl Rozendaal
Guy Schwab
Sophia Steenhoek
Evan Van Zee
Jamey Wineland

February 23

Kurtis Richardson

February 24

Matthew Meyers

February 25

Roger Huguen

February 26

Ward Van Dyke

February 27

Evie Baarda
Wilma Beyer
Karen Butler
Adalyn DeJong
Leona Ter Louw
Nicole Van Wyk

February 28

Matthew De Haan
Maynard De Vries
Sylvia Hoksbergen
Markus Meyers

Special Birthdays & Anniversaries

Bob De Ronde	February 2	84 Years
Norma Schuttinga	February 2	86 Years
Max Fox	February 10	80 Years
Joan Vander Linden	February 17	81 Years
Bill Gosselink	February 22	95 Years
Leona Ter Louw	February 27	96 Years
Maynard De Vries	February 28	80 Years
Maurice & June Verros	February 7	66 Years
Ed & Sylvia Hoksbergen	February 9	56 Years
Maynard & Dot De Vries	February 14	56 Years

February Nursery Schedule

February 5, 2012

8:30	Ruth Langstraat	Kathy Wassenaar	
DT	Trish Van Dyke	Wade Van Dyke	
10:45	Kent Oppenhuizen	Renaë Oppenhuizen	Katie Van Zee

February 12, 2012

8:30	Natasha Plate	Justin Plate	
DT	Sharla Kampman	Butch Kampman	
10:45	Sam Mick	Crystal Namminga	Emily Wineland

February 19, 2012

8:30	Gary Spoelstra	Beth Spoelstra	
DT	Heather Amos	Sue Van Gorp	
10:45	Susie Bandstra	Liz Van Gorp	Jodi Vander Hart

February 26, 2012

8:30	Rod Van Genderen	Sheryl Van Genderen	
DT	Cathy Steenhoek	Joe Michmershuizen	
10:45	David Hoekstra	Jessica Hoekstra	Marlee Bokhoven

Soup Supper Invitation

The Attica United Methodist Church women invite you to their Annual Soup Supper on Thursday, February 16 from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. There will be three kinds of soup available – Oyster, Potato & Chili. There will also be homemade pie. A freewill donation will be accepted. That's at the Attica United Methodist Church, Attica, Iowa.

Thank You!

We want to say Thank you to all of you that offered your prayers during my surgery and recovery. A special thanks to all who sent cards, flowers, called and made meals for the family. Thank you to Pastor Norman for your visit and prayers. Blessings to our entire church family!

Jamie & Anna Dunsbergen

Special thanks to everyone who was a part of our church's Christmas Celebration on the eve of December 18. Thanks to the musicians, singers, interpretive dancers, sound operators, and projectionists for your part in the program. Your dedication and commitment is greatly appreciated.

Music Committee

Thanks to all who remembered us on our 65th Wedding Anniversary the 1st of January. A special thanks to Pastor Norman for his visit. We appreciated your thoughtfulness in sending the cards and the memories.

Art & Evelyn De Cook

Thank you for serving! Trinity Church has been a participant in Habitat for Humanity Builds for a number of years. On Saturday, January 7, seven volunteers from the Trinity family served on the house at 135 Prairie St, Pella, by giving a combined total of nearly 40 hours of their time. THANK YOU for serving God by serving others! Those who participated this year are Dean Butler, Arlan Van Wyk, Del Wichhart, Kent Van Kooten, Matt Dykema, and Henry Van Rheenen along with Brent Van Hauen who also organized the volunteers and others who provided refreshments for the workers. May you be blessed even as you have been a blessing to the family for whom this house will soon become an affordable home.

Linda Grandia

Volunteer Coordinator, Habitat Builds

Thank you to everyone who blessed others at Christmas by participating in the Angel Tree/Crossroad gift project. Whether you purchased a gift, donated money for a gift, helped sort gifts, or delivered gifts, may you be blessed as you have blessed others.

The Outreach Team

Hi all! Thank you so much to you and your church for helping with the Salvation Army Bell-Ringing this Christmas season. Your combined efforts brought in \$11,250.86!!!. Thanks again for your help!

Sarah Schlager

Central College Campus Ministries

Missionary Updates

Following is a big part of the Christmas letter from the Van Es Family. Internet mail from them is very undependable so we appreciate this letter, it reads:

2011 was both a big year and a tough year for lots of reasons. For the Van Es Family, both Jane and Rowland turned the **big** 5-0! Jenna made **big** transitions, turning 18, graduating from high school and starting Hope College. Michelle turned 15 on January 15 and finished her freshman year of high school.

Jenna is busy making friends, enjoying her studies and getting involved in many clubs and activities including singing in Nykerk, a more than 75 year old tradition at Hope (see the you tube video "Nykerk 2015 Song"). As a Phelps Scholar she has also had lots of additional opportunities to explore multiculturalism in the United States, with field trips to a Jewish museum in Detroit, a mosque in Grand Rapids, and an African American church in Chicago. We have missed her and we are glad that she is home with us for Christmas break. *Jenna in her Hope College dorm*

Jane continues to teach sociology and psychology to Divinity students at St. Paul's University. She also helped to develop the curriculum for a new major in Sociology. Jane is very happy to have her mother, Trudy Vander Haar, here for Christmas. Mom/Grandma helped make dozens of cookies for our Christmas open house to which all our friends and colleagues were invited. In January, Jane's brother Dave and his wife Lynn will visit us and see Africa for the first time. None of our siblings have been able to visit since we got married and moved to Malawi in 1990!

Jane with 50 roses for her 50th

For Rowland the year was physically challenging. He has had more back pain than usual (lingering from a motorcycle accident 25 years ago). Depending on which doctor you talk to the dizziness is linked to problems with his back and neck or to an inner ear problem. He wore a neck brace for a while and continues to wear his back brace as needed. The dizziness and back pain have not departed but he is coping. Regular physiotherapy and a new exercise routine are helping.

2011 was a tough year for us and our colleagues at St. Paul's because we are grieving together. We lost a colleague to cancer, the dean of theology lost a 23 year old daughter, the dean of business lost a son-in-law only a few weeks after his daughter married, and another colleague lost a 16 year old daughter. Rowland also lost a good friend (and weekly tennis partner) in a traffic accident.

2011 was a tough year for the average Kenyan with high inflation (an annual rate of 20-25%) taking a big bite out of their already small salaries. The *Daily Nation* newspaper ran a headline "A Black Christmas" because of all the strikes (doctors, public university lecturers, taxi and truck drivers), shortages (sugar, diesel, gasoline, and cooking fuel) and high prices making the expected celebrations more difficult-even the poorest Kenyans hope to travel to be with family and share a special meal together at Christmas.

We are grateful that whatever our circumstances we can celebrate Christmas because of the good news of great joy, that Jesus Christ was born to save us!

Love and Joy to you from the Van Es family

Tom Johnson, our RCA Missionary in Niger, Africa, writes a very interesting letter each month for us. Following are some parts of the December one.

He writes: December is proving to be another busy month for us. Our volunteer teacher, Ashley K, finished up the fall term with the two older girls before leaving on December 20 from Niamey. Before Ashley left, we also wanted her to experience Niger's only game park, Park W (named after two bows in the Niger River that flows through it). We were pleased to learn that our RCA colleagues in Niamey, the Beebouts and our family friends in Zinder, the Garvis, wanted to join us. Between our three families we have 8 girls (and no boys) between the ages of 2-8 years. Our three days camping in the park (staying in military tents) offered a lot of fun and camaraderie, though we failed to see that park's lions and elephants. Still, we saw enough other wildlife to appreciate what's there. Additionally, one day we lunched on French cuisine at a new French-owned Eco-lodge that was built on one of the park's islands. Our new volunteer teacher, Anna P, also joined us at the Park, as she's been helping the Beebouts since arriving with Ashley in September. We returned from Niamey with Anna, the same morning that Ashley left on an Air Maroc flight. I was dropped off at the Galmi Hospital (run by SIM missionaries) on the way to have a benign cyst surgically removed for \$28 and stayed there one night by myself to ensure there were no complications before taking the bus home. I'm sure the same procedure would have cost thousands of dollars in the U.S, but then, few American medical personnel are supported by their churches and friends and sadly, they have to worry about expensive malpractice insurance!

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

Please pray for a good 2012 for our family, especially for our health and safety. We're hearing more and more rumors that an Islamist fundamentalist group from Nigeria, Boko Harem, is making inroads in Niger, which is worrying, though we personally haven't experienced any problems. Give thanks that Aïchatou's new medicine has greatly improved her functioning and that as she continues to improve, she'll be able to return to past interests that her illness did not permit her to pursue.

We give thanks for Ashley's past work and for Anna's future work with our children. Pray for Ashley to have a successful time finishing up her elementary education studies and student teaching responsibilities this spring in Iowa. Pray that Anna will have a good stay at Dogon Gao and develop a sense of God's will for her life.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30pm GEMS, WOW, Cadets 6:30pm Running the Rapids	2 5:30pm Families First 7:30pm Special Needs Bible Study – Rm 260	3	4 7:00am Battlezone 8:15am PS Women’s group
5	6 6:30pm The Big D – Rm 204	7 1:00pm Apprentice Women’s Bible Study Rm 206 6:30pm Consistory Mtg	8 6:30am Blessing Bible Study 6:30pm GEMS, WOW, Cadets 6:30pm Running the Rapids	9 5:30pm Families First	10 6:30am Men’s Bible Study – Rm 201	11 7:00am Battlezone 8:15am PS Women’s group
12	13 6:30pm The Big D – Rm 204	14	15 6:30am Blessing Bible Study 6:30pm GEMS, WOW, Cadets	16 7:30pm Special Needs Bible Study – Rm 260	17	18 7:00am Battlezone 8:15am PS Women’s group 1:00pm GEMS sleepover at Church
19	20 6:30pm The Big D – Rm 204	21 1:00pm Apprentice Women’s Bible Study Rm 206 6:30pm Gideons	22 6:30pm WOW, Cadets	23 5:30pm Families First	24	25 7:00am Battlezone 8:15am PS Women’s group
26	27 6:30pm The Big D – Rm 204	28	29 6:30pm GEMS, Cadets			