

Trinity Echoes – January 2012

TWO-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

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THE GOSPEL COALITION

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*, Zondervan 2002. You will benefit the most if you use this plan together with Fee and Stuart's book.

Jan 1	Gn 1.1-2.3	Ps 1
Jan 2	Gn 2.4-4.26	Ps 2
Jan 3	Gn 5.1-6.8	Ps 3
Jan 4	Gn 6.9-9.29	Ps 4
Jan 5	Gn 10.1-11.9	Ps 5
Jan 6	Gn 11.10-26	Ps 6
Jan 7	Gn 11.27-12.20	Ps 7
Jan 8	Gn 13-14	Ps 8
Jan 9	Gn 15-16	Ps 9
Jan 10	Gn 17	Ps 10
Jan 11	Gn 18.1-15	Ps 11
Jan 12	Gn 18.16-19.38	Ps 12
Jan 13	Gn 20-21	Ps 13
Jan 14	Gn 22-23	Ps 14
Jan 15	Gn 24-25.11	Ps 15
Jan 16	Gn 25.12-18	Ps 16
Jan 17	Gn 25.19-26.35	Ps 17
Jan 18	Gn 27-28	Ps 18
Jan 19	Gn 29-31	Ps 19
Jan 20	Gn 32-33	Ps 20
Jan 21	Gn 34-35	Ps 21
Jan 22	Gn 36.1-37.1	Ps 22
Jan 23	Gn 37.2-38.30	Ps 23
Jan 24	Gn 39-40	Ps 24
Jan 25	Gn 41-42	Ps 25
Jan 26	Gn 43-44	Ps 26
Jan 27	Gn 45-46	Ps 27
Jan 28	Gn 47-48	Ps 28
Jan 29	Gn 49-50	Ps 29
Jan 30	Catch-up day	Ps 30
Jan 31	Catch-up day	Ps 31

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 1

Sharon Blom
Dan Comstock
Doris McConeghey
Zain Van Wyk
Art & Evelyn De Cook

January 3

Caleb DeWaard
Caleb Piersma

January 4

Trudy Van Wyk
Carl Van Zee

January 5

Mike Van Steenwyk

January 6

Ken Kerger

January 7

Tony Hoekstra
Jacob Martin
Doug Van Zee

January 9

Shari Arkema
Stacey Schakel

January 10

Wendy Sims
Gary Spoelstra

January 11

Rick Pringle
Jeremy Van Wyk

January 12

Jay Muller
Peter Westerkamp
Chris & Lisa Staples

January 13

Nicholas Martin
Henry Van Rheenen
Marie Vander Wert

January 14

Sarah Cottington

January 15

Troy Schakel

January 16

Liam Mock

January 17

Matt Dykema
Josh Mick
Brian Van Wyk

January 18

Steve Arkema
Clarence & Joyce Rempe

January 19

Wilbur & Dorothy
Nunnikhoven

January 20

Mike Nardini
Rebekkah Nunnikhoven
Kim Roose

January 21

Brooke Harrington
Joe Michmerschuizen
Jeremy & Allison
Rozenboom

January 22

Chris Pothoven
Donald & Donna Frisby

January 23

David Hoekstra
Alecia Jablonski
Norma Nunnikhoven
Nile Rozenboom
Shelly Sample
Wayne & Norma Van Dyke

January 25

Heather Amos
Tanner Dunsbergen
Matthew Nieuwsma
Loren Van Zanten

January 26

Blake Bandstra

Carleen Coppock

January 27

Tammy Smith
William Van Wyk
Beth Yoder

January 28

Gardner Grooters
Monica McDowell
Dwight & Judy Ver Steegt

January 29

Jenny Kane
Molly Langstraat

January 30

Jake Pringle
Bertha Rozendaal
Jonathan Van Zee

January 31

Dylan Pol
Katherine Van Zee

Special Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Verros	January 3	86 Years
Tony Hoekstra	January 7	89 Years
Bertha Rozendaal	January 30	93 Years

Art & Evelyn DeCook	January 1	65 Years
Wilbur & Dorothy Nunnikhoven	January 19	58 Years

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Crossroad Bible Institute thanks Nancy Van Wyk for 10 years of discipling people in prison. There are thousands of instructors who correct Bible study lessons and write letters of encouragement to these students. God has used their faithfulness to see lives eternally changed, and CBI is tremendously thankful to Him for their perseverance in reaching those who are cast aside and forgotten by many. Congratulations, Nancy, and we pray that God will enable you to continue this good work for many years to come!

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TWIST's Annual Ladies' Christmas Dinner was held on December 5 and was attended by 92 women. After devotions, we enjoyed a delicious dinner of parmesan chicken, cheesy potatoes, lettuce greens with dressing, rolls with butter, sherbet salad, and peppermint/chocolate dessert. We were served by nine husbands who were invited to eat when their work was completed.

The 12 round tables were beautifully decorated with holiday dishes and centerpieces. This tableware was provided by ladies who volunteered to help.

After the meal, we moved to the sanctuary for our program given by Rich Schulte, who was also a guest at the dinner. He shared his thoughts and music with us about the "Life Lessons" that we can learn from Mary. An offering was also taken to help struggling families in the Pella area. Thanks to all of you who attended and gave so generously. We had a wonderful evening.

--Nancy Westerkamp

Thank You!

We would like to kindly thank all of our Church Family for your continuous prayers and support for the sympathy and support expressed to us during the death of Gardner's father in August. We also express our appreciation of the prayers for us during the diagnosis of Candi's mother just recently. You have shown your love to us and it means more than you might realize. May the Lord richly bless you all!

--Gardner and Candi Grooters

Thank You!

Thank you to each one who sent cards and came to visit for my 80th birthday! I really enjoyed it!

God Bless You All!
Wilbur Nunnikhoven

The Cadets would like to thank everyone who attended our Soup Supper this year and for the desserts and donations. It was a very successful fundraiser thanks to your generosity! Your gifts will go towards providing activities and for Camporee for the boys.

Thank you!
Trinity Cadets

The annual CROP Walk was held in October. Trinity donations amounted to \$600 which was given to CROP/Church World Service.

Thank you! Trinity donated 64 Operation Christmas Child boxes. Most of the Iowa boxes will go to India. Thank you for helping make Christmas special for those children.

I want to thank you all for the cards I received on my 90th birthday. I received 35 cards from Trinity Church family and a visit from Pastor Norman. I got 95 cards in all.

--Char De Jong

Words cannot express the gratitude and thanks that Ilda and I feel to all of our family and Trinity friends for your outpouring and expressions of love and concern for us during her recent surgeries and my hospitalization. Thank you for the cards, visits, food, prayers and encouragement. Thank you, Pastor Chris, Pastor Norman and Elder Butch Kampman for your visits and prayers. We are regaining our strength each day and God has used each of you to be ministers of His grace and healing presence. PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

--:LeRoy & Ilda Van Zee

As head of the committee for the Ladies' Christmas Dinner, I want to give special thanks to the following ladies for bringing their holiday dishes and decorating our tables: Janna Boyd, Maryann Hutchinson, Loran Born, Ilda Van Zee, Joyce Vos, Marilee Sjaardema, Connie Vos, and Elva Roorda. I also want to thank the 9 men who so graciously served us our food and cleaned up after the dinner. They were Larry Kool, Harvey Blom, Larry Hutchinson, Don Roorda, Bob Vander Waal, Maynard De Vries, Jonathan De Nooy, Ray Vos, and Jerry Van Wyk. Thanks to all of you! The dinner would not have been a success without your help.

--Nancy Westerkamp

Nursery Volunteers

January 1

8:30: Evie Baarda, Shelly Sample
No Discovery Time
10:45: Kurt De Jong, Danielle De Jong, Marlee Bokhoven

January 8

8:30: Bill Boyd, Janna Boyd
D.T.: Chad Whitten, Amy Whitten
10:45: Alan Born, Loran Born, Suzy Brackin

January 15

8:30: Karen Butler, Dean Butler
D.T.: Trina Collier, Heidi Ernst
10:45: Jamie Dykema, Matt Dykema, Nickolas Dykema

January 22

8:30: Verla Hoekstra, Greg Hoekstra
D.T.: Kelsey Schuring, Jeffy Schuring
10:45: Scott Enyart, Kristin Enyart, Taryn Ernst

January 29

8:30: Linda Rozendaal, Karl Rozendaal
D.T.: Maryann Hutchinson, Cindy Piersma
10:45: Lisa Fyfe, Jill Long, Abby Fyfe

Echoes Missionary updates for Jan.2012

As some of you may remember from our prayer/praise requests in the Newsline back in August, Jeff Taylor resigned as pastor of the Apache Reformed Church in Apache Oklahoma. Since that time many changes have taken place there and many more steps toward wholeness will be coming in this new year. Beginning on January first 2012 Rev. Wayne Townsend, an interim specialist experienced in ethically mixed congregations, will become their ½ time pastor serving there for the next two to three years. In fact he was there to celebrate Christmas with them. The congregation has many problems to work through as they learn to serve rather than be served. With the help of Rev. Townsend

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and **our prayers** God can and will transform this church into what He can use to serve and save the American Indians as well as the white people living in this area of His world. At the present time they have one very faithful elder serving as vice President of their consistory. Her name is Debbie and she needs our prayers and encouragement. So much depends on her and she is dedicated to her Lord and His Church in Apache. She is very excited with the prospect of renewal and growth for her people but also feels the deep responsibility for the work God has called her to do. Remember her in your prayers.

Below Larry and Jean Rus give us the latest on what God had called them to do:

Although we are looking forward to settling into our home in Arizona for the winter, we have been spending a fair amount of time traveling since we returned from Turkey in August. We were in Iowa & Illinois for 2 weeks in September and in Colorado for a debriefing program in October.

Larry is still involved with doing the financial work for the ministry and church in Antalya and both of us are still active on the Board for the newly forming counseling center there. It is amazing what can be done with modern technology so that meetings can be conducted and administrative work done from half way around the world although it is likely that Larry will need to make a trip to Turkey early next year. (This section was held over from last month.)

As we begin a new year I would like to encourage you to become a more faithful reader of the articles that our missionaries write. The missionary letter slots in the narthex hold copies of all articles that come to us. This month it includes Christmas greetings from most of them. You can also find the letters our missionaries, as well as all RCA missionaries, write on the RCA website. Jake Moss for Jackson County Ministries and Tom Johnson faithfully send very interesting monthly letters. If you would like to be on their e-mail list contact me at edsylvia@iowatelecom.net. These letters can also be found in their missionary letter slots.

Ladies Day Out

On November 18, thirteen ladies from Trinity enjoyed a very interesting and fun day out.

Our first step was to bring quilts our sewing ladies had made to the Hope Bargain and Community Outreach Center. This is the Bethel Mission's thrift store and recycling center. Jordanne was a great tour guide who gave us a tour of the building and then we could do some shopping there. They have 4 staff members and 25 – 30 volunteers who donate their time there. Next we went to the Bethel Missions shelter for a tour of the home. 60 – 80 men can live here at one time if they obey the 4 “C” rules: Chapel every evening, Chores to do, a Curfew to be met and Cleanliness. The men can live there for 30 days free of charge and if they are not ready to go out into the community yet, then they can move to the Door of Faith facility. They get wonderful, 90% of which are donated to them in Hope Café. After the residents have eaten, the community is welcomed to also get free meals. There is also a Hope Family Center where homeless women and children can live. This was a real eye-opener to us and made us very thankful for our homes and many blessings.

We enjoyed a delicious lunch at Maxie's. After that we traveled a short distance to Valley Junction and spent some time shopping there. On the way home we had coffee and ice cream at McDonalds.

Those who enjoyed the day were: Marlene DeJong, Marilyn Fox, Carol Keuning, Ethel Van Rheenen, Erma Nunnikhoven, Joy Vander Linden, Marilee Sjaardema, Tressie Van Weelden, Betty Ver Meer, Bonnie Westerkamp, Liz Van Dusseldorp, Betty Vander Waal, and Ella Kool.

Many thanks go to Joey Vander Linden for planning another great day out and to Marlene DeJong for driving the van.



January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 No Discovery Time	2	3 9:00am CBS 1:00pm Apprentice Women's Bible Study Rm 206 Deacons, Elders, Consistory Meetings	4 6:00am HHDH 6:30pm WOW, GWMS, Cadets	5 7:30pm Special Needs Bible Study Rm 260	6	7
8	9 6:30pm The Big D Rm 204	10 9:00am CBS	11 6:00am HHDH 6:30am Blessing BS 6:30pm WOW, GEMS, Cadets	12	13	14
15	16 6:30pm The Big D Rm 204	17 9:00am CBS 1:00pm Apprentice Women's Bible Study Rm 206	18 6:00am HHDH 6:30pm WOW, GEMS, Cadets	19 5:30pm Families First 7:30pm Special Needs Bible Study Rm 260	20	21
22	23 6:30pm The Big D Rm 204	24 9:00am CBS 7:00pm Worship Committee	25 6:00am HHDH 6:30am Blessing BS	26 5:30pm Families First	27	28
29	30 6:30pm The Big D Rm 204 End of Month Meal	31 9:00am CBS Sewing Bee				

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