

# The Bishop and the Cabinet Challenge Congregations to Read Through Bible in a Year

The IGRC Cabinet used its address at the 2011 Annual Conference to encourage United Methodists to continue to practice the spiritual disciplines of fasting and ***add an additional component: reading through the Bible within the next year.***

“Teams that consistently win keep doing the basics well,” IGRC Co-Chair Randy Reese said. “The cabinet will lead you again this year in a call to First Thursdays ... a call to prayer and fasting. It’s a spiritual discipline that is much more than a one-year fling.”

Co-Chair In-Sook Hwang noted that the role of leaders is to keep the vision before the people on a regular basis. “In Kingdom matters, maintaining doesn’t really exist. We’re either moving forward or sliding backward. For us to celebrate that we have the same number attending worship this year as last year translates into God’s kingdom losing ground,” she said. “It’s bigger than bragging rights for attendance; it’s bigger than survival issues for my church; it’s greater than someone paying attention to me.”

Reese said the stories from around the conference from persons who are participating in First Thursdays are amazing. “Young people leaving annual conference last year and getting commitments to fast and pray from someone in each church of the six-point parish they are a part of...stories of people praying together that don’t really like each other...stories of holy ground moments with others who have never prayed before,” Reese said. “The list goes on and on.” Reese noted that Tom Albin, dean of The Upper Room in Nashville, Tenn., who joined the Cabinet last fall for a retreat said that the initiative was creeping up in conversation in other annual conferences and in Nashville.

To complement the First Thursday initiative, the Cabinet is developing a “through the Bible in a year plan that will be available in the near future through the IGRC website and emails.

**The program starts on Monday, August 1, 2011.**

## ***Bible One-Year Reading Plan***

	<b>The Law</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Psalms</b>	<b>Poetry</b>	<b>Prophets</b>	<b>Gospels</b>	<b>Epistles</b>
<b>Week</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sun.</b>
1	Gen 1-3	Josh 1-5	Pss 1-2	Job 1-2	Isa 1-6	Matt 1-2	Rom 1-2
2	Gen 4-7	Josh 6-10	Pss 3-5	Job 3-4	Isa 7-11	Matt 3-4	Rom 3-4
3	Gen 8-11	Josh 11-15	Pss 6-8	Job 5-6	Isa 12-17	Matt 5-7	Rom 5-6
4	Gen 12-15	Josh 16-20	Pss 9-11	Job 7-8	Isa 18-22	Matt 8-10	Rom 7-8

5	Gen 16-19	Josh 21-24	Pss 12-14	Job 9-10	Isa 23-28	Matt 11-13	Rom 9-10
6	Gen 20-23	Judg 1-6	Pss 15-17	Job 11-12	Isa 29-33	Matt 14-16	Rom 11-12
7	Gen 24-27	Judg 7-11	Pss 18-20	Job 13-14	Isa 34-39	Matt 17-19	Rom 13-14
8	Gen 28-31	Judg 12-16	Pss 21-23	Job 15-16	Isa 40-44	Matt 20-22	Rom 15-16
9	Gen 32-35	Judg 17-21	Pss 24-26	Job 17-18	Isa 45-50	Matt 23-25	1 Cor 1-2
10	Gen 36-39	Ruth	Pss 27-29	Job 19-20	Isa 51-55	Matt 26-28	1 Cor 3-4
11	Gen 40-43	1 Sam 1-6	Pss 30-32	Job 21-22	Isa 56-61	Mark 1-2	1 Cor 5-6
12	Gen 44-47	1 Sam 7-10	Pss 33-35	Job 23-24	Isa 62-66	Mark 3-4	1 Cor 7-8
13	Gen 48-50	1 Sam 11-15	Pss 36-38	Job 25-26	Jer 1-5	Mark 5-6	1 Cor 9-10
14	Exod 1-4	1 Sam 16-20	Pss 39-41	Job 27-28	Jer 6-11	Mark 7-8	1 Cor 11-12
15	Exod 5-8	1 Sam 21-25	Pss 42-44	Job 29-30	Jer 12-16	Mark 9-10	1 Cor 13-14
16	Exod 9-12	1 Sam 26-31	Pss 45-47	Job 31-32	Jer 17-21	Mark 11-12	1 Cor 15-16
17	Exod 13-16	2 Sam 1-4	Pss 48-50	Job 33-34	Jer 22-26	Mark 13-14	2 Cor 1-3
18	Exod 17-20	2 Sam 5-9	Pss 51-53	Job 35-36	Jer 27-31	Mark 15-16	2 Cor 4-5
19	Exod 21-24	2 Sam 10-14	Pss 54-56	Job 37-38	Jer 32-36	Luke 1-2	2 Cor 6-8
20	Exod 25-28	2 Sam 15-19	Pss 57-59	Job 39-40	Jer 37-41	Luke 3-4	2 Cor 9-10
21	Exod 29-32	2 Sam 20-24	Pss 60-62	Job 41-42	Jer 42-46	Luke 5-6	2 Cor 11-13
22	Exod 33-36	1 Kgs 1-4	Pss 63-65	Prov 1	Jer 47-52	Luke 7-8	Gal 1-3
23	Exod 37-40	1 Kgs 5-9	Pss 66-68	Prov 2-3	Lam	Luke 9-10	Gal 4-6

24	Lev 1-3	1 Kgs 10-13	Pss 69-71	Prov 4	Ezek 1-6	Luke 11-12	Eph 1-3
25	Lev 4-5	1 Kgs 14-18	Pss 72-74	Prov 5-6	Ezek 7-12	Luke 13-14	Eph 4-6
26	Lev 7-9	1 Kgs 19-22	Pss 75-77	Prov 7-8	Ezek 13-18	Luke 15-16	Phil 1-3
27	Lev 10-12	2 Kgs 1-5	Pss 78-80	Prov 9	Ezek 19-24	Luke 17-18	Phil 4
28	Lev 13-15	2 Kgs 6-10	Pss 81-83	Prov 10-11	Ezek 25-30	Luke 19-20	Col 1-2
29	Lev 16-18	2 Kgs 11-15	Pss 84-86	Prov 12	Ezek 31-36	Luke 21-22	Col 3-4
30	Lev 19-21	2 Kgs 16-20	Pss 87-89	Prov 13-14	Ezek 37-42	Luke 23-24	1 Thess 1-3
31	Lev 22-24	2 Kgs 21-25	Pss 90-92	Prov 15	Ezek 43-48	John 1-2	1 Thess 4-5
32	Lev 25-27	1 Chr 1-4	Pss 93-95	Prov 16	Dan 1-6	John 3-4	2 Thess
33	Num 1-4	1 Chr 5-9	Pss 96-98	Prov 17-18	Dan 7-12	John 5-6	1 Tim 1-3
34	Num 5-8	1 Chr 10-14	Pss 99-102	Prov 19	Hos 1-7	John 7-9	1 Tim 4-6
35	Num 9-12	1 Chr 15-19	Pss 103-104	Prov 20-21	Hos 8-14	John 10-12	2 Tim 1-2
36	Num 13-16	1 Chr 20-24	Pss 105-107	Prov 22	Joel	John 13-15	2 Tim 3-4
37	Num 17-20	1 Chr 25-29	Pss 108-110	Prov 23-24	Amos 1-4	John 16-18	Titus
38	Num 21-24	2 Chr 1-5	Pss 111-113	Prov 25	Amos 5-9	John 19-21	Philm
39	Num 25-28	2 Chr 6-10	Pss 114-116	Prov 26-27	Obad	Acts 1-2	Heb 1-4
40	Num 29-32	2 Chr 11-15	Pss 117-118	Prov 28	Jonah	Acts 3-4	Heb 5-7
41	Num 33-36	2 Chr 16-20	Pss 119	Prov 29-30	Mic	Acts 5-6	Heb 8-10
42	Deut 1-3	2 Chr 21-24	Pss 120-121	Prov 31	Nah	Acts 7-8	Heb 11-13

43	Deut 4-6	2 Chr 25-28	Pss 122-124	Eccl 1-2	Hab	Acts 9-10	Jam 1-3
44	Deut 7-9	2 Chr 29-32	Pss 125-127	Eccl 3-4	Zeph	Acts 11-12	Jam 4-5
45	Deut 10-12	2 Chr 33-36	Pss 128-130	Eccl 5-6	Hag	Acts 13-14	1 Pet 1-3
46	Deut 13-15	Ezra 1-5	Pss 131-133	Eccl 7-8	Zech 1-7	Acts 15-16	1 Pet 4-5
47	Deut 16-19	Ezra 6-10	Pss 134-136	Eccl 9-10	Zech 8-14	Acts 17-18	2 Pet
48	Deut 20-22	Neh 1-4	Pss 137-139	Eccl 11-12	Mal	Acts 19-20	1 John 1-3
49	Deut 23-25	Neh 5-9	Pss 140-142	Song 1-2	Rev 1-6	Acts 21-22	1 John 4-5
50	Deut 26-28	Neh 10-13	Pss 143-145	Song 3-4	Rev 7-11	Acts 23-24	2 John
51	Deut 29-31	Esth 1-5	Pss 146-148	Song 5-6	Rev 12-17	Acts 25-26	3 John
52	Deut 32-34	Esth 6-10	Pss 149-150	Song 7-8	Rev 18-22	Acts 27-28	Jude

**Week #1 = 08/01/11 - #10 = 10/03/11 - # 20 = 12/12/11**

1	08/01/11	14	10/31/11	27	01/30/12	40	04/30/12
2	08/08/11	15	11/07/11	28	02/06/12	41	05/07/12
3	08/15/11	16	11/14/11	29	02/13/12	42	05/14/12
4	08/22/11	17	11/21/11	30	02/20/12	43	05/21/12
5	08/29/11	18	11/28/11	31	02/27/12	44	05/28/12
6	09/05/11	19	12/05/11	32	03/05/12	45	06/04/12
7	09/12/11	20	12/12/11	33	03/12/12	46	06/11/12
8	09/19/11	21	12/19/11	34	03/19/12	47	06/18/12
9	09/26/11	22	12/26/11	35	03/26/12	48	06/25/12
10	10/03/11	23	01/02/12	36	04/02/12	49	07/02/12
11	10/10/11	24	01/09/12	37	04/09/12	50	07/09/12
12	10/17/11	25	01/16/12	38	04/16/12	51	07/16/12
13	10/24/11	26	01/23/12	39	04/23/12	52	07/23/12