



Woodstock Presbyterian Church

This Week

January 4, 2015



The Bible App is one of the most popular apps on people's cellphones. According to the app's creator, YouVersion, it has been downloaded more than 162 million times.

Unlike the print version of the Bible, the digital version of the Bible can be mined to find its users' reading habits. That allows YouVersion to come up with a number of interesting conclusions about how users all over the world are reading the Bible.

Interest in the Bible App surged over the past year in several surprising places. The highest growth of activity was found in Israel, according to YouVersion founder Bobby Gruenewald. After that came South Sudan, then the Republic of Suriname in South America, Iraq and Macedonia. The majority of the population in several of these countries is NOT Christian, but interest seems to be growing in reading the Bible.

YouVersion also has been able to trace which Bible verses are the most commonly read. Across the world, Romans 12:2 is the frontrunner: "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Philippians 4:8 came out as the most commonly read verse in America, Brazil, and Nigeria: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

Readers in Canada, the United Kingdom, South Africa, and Australia were captivated by Jeremiah 29:11: "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"

The makers of the Bible App expect to add new social interaction features soon. This will allow users to have a form of mobile Bible studies with other people.

Until next time, Pastor Don Esa



Joys and Concerns

*"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."
(Romans 12:15)*

Joys: Healing: Judy Haworth (prayers for easing of her pain); Chuck Wharton (respiratory ailment); Sue Mumbauer's father Bud Aiken (strength in fighting cancer); Donna Moore's friend Sharon Gwaltney (recovery from colon cancer surgery); Hortense (chemo therapy); Sharon Shuda's brother Don Goss; Richard Cowan (ALS); Rebecca Blackwell and her husband Wayne (Alzheimer's)

God's comfort, help, guidance: Mike Mumbauer's in the loss of his mother Adeline Mumbauer; Sharon Shuda, Kim and Jim Galloway in their job searches; Pablo and Carmen Mercado (move to California); Barbara and Bill Stillion's granddaughter Katie and her husband Matt (Liberia deployment to help in Ebola crisis); curbing Ebola around the world; college students Ashley Moore, Jayna Mumbauer; war against ISIS in the Middle East; our military personnel

Homebound: John Graul, James Ray

Woodstock/Trinity Churches, PCUSA: Our Session, Pastor Esa, our music leaders

Worship This Week

9:00 a.m.

Coffee at 8:30 a.m.

Committed to Seeing It Through

Philemon 23-24; Colossians 4:14;
2 Timothy 4:9-11

*"Demas... has deserted me..."
(2 Timothy 4:10a)*



Holy Communion

Fellowship time, coffee, munchies following the worship services



It takes \$1487 each week in contributions to meet the budget at Woodstock Presbyterian Church, including the additional \$393 payment on the loan for the new roof. Recent offerings received:

Dec 7:	\$3238.00
Dec 14:	\$426.00
Dec 21:	\$684.76
Dec 24:	\$351.00 (for MUST Ministries)
Dec 28:	\$455.00

The session has asked each giving unit in the church to consider giving an additional \$5 per week over their regular church contribution to meet the loan payment on the new roof. Many have responded. Thank you for your continued support of your church.



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