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In this Bulletin (p.2) we begin printing a weekly schedule of daily Bible readings for individual & family meditations. They are reprinted by permission from Kirkridge Readings & Intentions, and are written by Dr. Willis Elliott. This is the 17th year Dr. Elliott has arranged these ecumenical readings with brief, appropriate quotations from his writings. The quotation usually correlates with the first scripture which is the Sunday Gospel. The first 3 scriptures listed each week are the ecumenical lections of Catholic and Protestant churches. Then follow a Psalm, an O.T. reading, another Epistle reading, and another Gospel reading for Saturday. Dr. Elliott suggests reading aloud, more slowly the second time.

Dr. Elliott is Dean of Exploratory Programs at N.Y. Theological Seminary (*one of the seminaries to which our Outreach Budget contributes*). He has a Ph.D. from the U. of Chicago, has taught numerous courses at several universities, has held state & national administrative posts, is the author of books & articles on many subjects, is a consultant to church & business organizations, foundations, publishers, radio & television programmers. I am trying to make arrangements for him to lead an adult retreat next Fall with emphasis on motivation for devotion and action.

Kirkridge is a retreat campus on 100 acres along the Appalachian Trail, Bangor, Pa. 18013. It seeks to foster "a style of life with daily openness to scripture till word or verse speaks with power; intercessions by name with thanks and praise; centering down in silence for at least minutes before God; seeking to act out Christian claims about justice, enemies, church, families, body-earth-air, intellect, our own affluence; celebrating Christian faith in joy, without compulsion and without anxiety."

The Kirkridge Prayer may be used in connection with the weekly Bible readings, keeping in mind our whole church family:

*"Almighty God, known in our silence, and entreated in our hunger for Thee, nourish us now with the common bread of Thy grace. Shape with Thy hands the witness of this quiet company, that our ministry may be Christ's own life in our day. Bestow Thy serenity and clean strength on each member of this circle, granting us honest work and steadfast friendship in Him. Deepen, O God, Thy intention for our life in Thee. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."*

*Roger Wm. Johnson*

JANUARY 14 -- John 1:35-42; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 2; Ezekiel 33:7-10; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 2:14-52. -- I am an original from the hand of God and by the call of Christ though I may never have an original thought. When you recognize a thought of yours expressed by me, give thanks for the community of thought. When my thought seems alien to yours, give thanks for our power and freedom to differ and to enrich each other across the difference.



JANUARY 21 -- Mark 1:14-22; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 119:33-40; Isaiah 61:1-3; Ephesians 3:1-12; Luke 5:1-11 -- Life is a commentary on language, and words are never quite able to return the compliment. Human tolerance -- such as these quotations -- is both noble and pathetic, like trying to cover a bed with a handkerchief. But the Word behind and within the words is ever nigh us, the News beyond the noise is profoundly Good, and the Call is "with authority." --Willis E. Elliott, *Kirkridge Readings & Intentions*