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HALLELUJAH FOR THE CROSS



"We have known and BELIEVED
the love that God hath to us."
1 John 4:16

THE LOVE THAT COMPELLED CHRIST TO GO TO THE CROSS
IS THE SAME LOVE HE HAS IN HIS HEART FOR YOU TODAY.

IN THE UPPER ROOM AND BEYOND JOHN 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

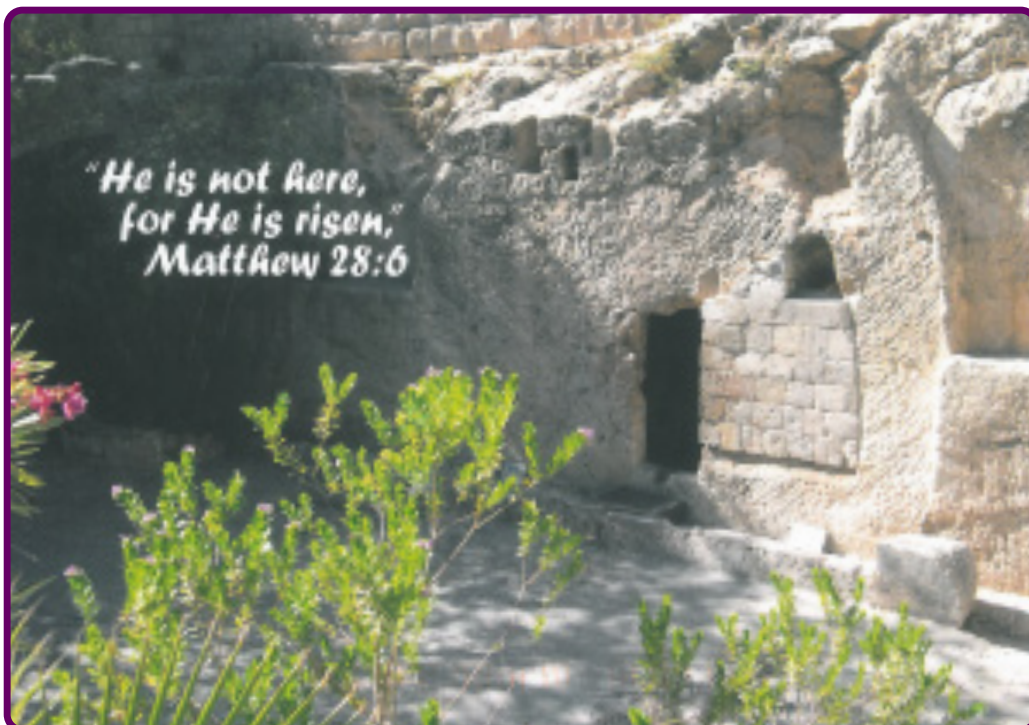
JESUS washed His disciples' feet as an example of love and humility. He instituted the Lord's Supper as a memorial,
This do, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME



Olive Wood Lord's Supper
(handcarved in Bethlehem)
DISPLAYED IN JGHM MUESUM, LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

"HE IS RISEN, AS HE SAID"

The bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. There is nothing to compare with it! If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain (1 Corinthians 15:14). No one else ever rose from the grave. Jesus not only did it, but He did it just as He said He would do it.



A Note from the Eagle's Nest



"For God so loved the [people of the world] that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him [His death, burial, and resurrection] should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

I know not how that
Calvary's Cross a world from
sin could free;
I only know its matchless love
Has brought God's love to me.
H. W. Farrington

If you have made a decision to receive His love, it is time for praise and worship. Celebrate the Resurrection! Lift up your hands and praise the Lord with thanksgiving. But if you have yet to receive His love, "Behold, now is the accepted time; today is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

You know the story of Jesus. You believe intellectually that He is God's Son who came to earth in human form, lived a sinless life, and was crucified, shedding His blood for your sins. You believe He died and His body placed in a new tomb. You believe He is Lord and that God

raised Him from the dead [THE RESURRECTION]. That is good. However, the belief that brings salvation is when you, in a moment of time and place, call upon Him for your salvation. Follow the directions laid out in **Romans 10:8-13**. Will you be saved? Be saved today. As quickly as possible, tell someone what you have done. Get a Bible and in your own handwriting note that you have received His salvation and are born again. This can be your confession of faith—**FAITH IN THE RISEN LORD!** Sign it in bold letters!

Welcome to the family of God! Your name is now in the Lamb's Book of Life, written with indelible ink, the very blood of Jesus Christ has washed away your sins. The Holy Spirit now lives in you as the seal of your commitment. You are now in the body of Christ (1 **Corinthians 12:13**). Amazing! You have a "spiritual gift" to use to build up the body of Christ, so be alert. Finally, you are now on the road that leads to Heaven. No decision you will ever make is as important and urgent. Don't put off salvation.

Now, using Paul's testimony (**Acts 22, 26**) as a model, develop your own testimony. (1) I have not always been a Christian; (2) Here's how God got my attention; (3) Here's what I did when God got my attention; (4) Here's how my life changed. Use as few words as possible so you can give it standing at a water cooler in two minutes. Lift up the Lord Jesus Christ. Share it as often as possible. Developing your personal testimony is a part of the Evangelism Clinic led by Dr. Henry in many nations around the world.

**"The Lord is Risen!"
"He is risen indeed!"**

With this greeting the first century believers welcomed one another as they came together for worship on the first day of the week. The truth of Christ's victory over death is the foundation for our hope of salvation and ultimate victory.

Christians are often criticized for being too exclusive and separate from other religions. This misses the point. It is not WE Christians who set the standard—it is JESUS. He is our way, our truth, and our life. He said so. He even said to Martha, and to us, "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. He that believes in ME, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whoever lives and believes in ME shall never die, Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26).

Christ is distinctive—divinely different. He is Lord. He is our Life. Christianity is CHRIST. He is changing history. Now the calendar begins on the first day and Christian churches celebrate RESURRECTION every Sunday, the day He rose from the dead.

Further, we are called to follow JESUS, and add to HIS numbers. He is the issue! In the end we want Him anyhow—so let's begin with Him. It is always back to JESUS. And nothing shows reveals Jesus like His resurrection. Resurrection climaxes what He really IS: the "only begotten Son of God." Another translation says, "He is the uniquely begotten Son of God." That means that He is not only ONE OF A KIND, He is the ONLY ONE.

JESUS is the ONLY ONE who was born of a virgin called Mary, born of the Holy Spirit without a human father. He is the ONLY ONE who ever lived and spoke as He did. Even a Roman centurion said, "No man ever spoke like this man" (John 7:46). He is the ONLY ONE who ever died on the Cross for the sins of the world. Jesus is not the top of the totem pole with other religious leaders, HE HAS HIS OWN POLE, THE OLD RUGGED CROSS!

Peter said it most emphatically, "Neither is there salvation in ANY OTHER, for there is NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12. AND He is the ONLY ONE who ever rose from the grave, and did so as He said He is the "first fruits" of the dead. That is. He is not only the FIRST of that kind, but th ONLY ONE of that kind having a resurrected, different, glorified spiritual body (1 Corinthians 15).

IF JESUS COULD OPEN THE GRAVE AND COME OUT ALIVE, HE CAN OPEN OUR LIVES AND MAKE US ALIVE IN HIM! Only trust Him. He will save you.

A BLESSING UPON YOU

The LORD bless and
keep you;
The LORD make His face
shine upon you;
The LORD lift up His
countenance upon you;
And give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26

Prayer that Revives

E. M. Bounds

When D. L. Moody's church in Chicago lay in ashes, he went over to England, in 1972, not to preach, but to listen to others preach while his new church was being built.

One Sunday morning he was prevailed upon to preach in a London pulpit. But somehow the spiritual atmosphere was lacking. He confessed afterwards that he never had such a hard time preaching in his life. Then the awful thought came to him that he had to preach again at night, and only the fact that he had given the promise to do so kept him faithful to the engagement.

But when Mr. Moody entered the pulpit at night, and faced the crowded congregation, he was conscious of a new atmosphere. "The powers of an unseen world seemed to have fallen upon the audience. As he concluded he said, "If there is a man or woman here who will tonight accept Jesus Christ, please stand up," At once about 500 people rose to their feet.

Thinking that there must be some mistake, he asked the people to be seated, and then, in order that there might be no possible misunderstanding, he repeated the invitation, couching it in even more definite and difficult terms. Again the same number rose. Still thinking that something must be wrong, Mr. Mood for the second time, asked the standing people to be seated, and then he invited all who really meant to accept Christ to pass into the vestry.

Fully 500 people did as requested, and that was the beginning of a revival in that church and neighborhood.

The sequel, however must be

given, or our purpose in relating the incident will be defeated. When Mr. Moody preached at the morning service there was a woman in the congregation who had an invalid sister. On her return home she told the invalid that the preacher had been a Mr. Moody from Chicago, and on hearing this she turned pale. "What," she said. "Mr. Moody from Chicago! I read about him sometime ago in an American paper and I have been praying God to send him to London, and to our church. Now sister, go out of the room, lock the door, send me no dinner; no matter who comes, don't let them see me. I am going to spend the whole afternoon, and evening in prayer." God, Who ever delights to answer prayer, poured out His Spirit in mighty power!

PRAYER SEMINAR

APRIL 19-21, 2021

Gloucester County Community Church

Dr. Bruce Sofia, Pastor

Washington Township, New Jersey

Contact Information:

Cheryl McFall (856) 373-2722

This will be Prayer Seminar 1,740 for Dr. Henry & Sue.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
PRAYER COVERING.

DOES YOUR CHURCH
NEED TO SCHEDULE
A PRAYER SEMINAR?

THE HOUR IS LATE!
THE NEED IS GREAT!
PRAYER IS THE ANSWER!

HAVE YOU TAKEN IT TO JESUS?

Have you taken it to Jesus?

Have you left your burden there?

Does He tenderly support you?

Have you rolled on Him your care?

Oh, the sweet unfailing refuge

Of the everlasting arms;

In their loving clasp unfolded

Nothing worries or alarms.

Have you taken it to Jesus,

Just the thing that's pressing
now?

Are you trusting Him completely

With the when, where, and how?

Oh, the joy of full surrender

Of our life, our plans, our all;

Proving, far above our asking,

That God answers when we call.

Have you taken it to Jesus?

'Tis the only place to go

If you want the burden lifted

And a solace from your woe.

Oh, the blessedness to nestle

Like a child upon His breast;

Finding ever, as He promised,

Perfect comfort, peace and rest.

Selected

The Inner Chamber

Andrew Murray

The enemy uses all his power to lead the Christian, and above all, the minister, to neglect prayer. Satan knows that however admirable the sermon may be, however attractive the service; however faithful the pastoral visitation, none of these things can damage him or his kingdom if prayer is neglected. When the Church shuts herself up to the power of the inner chamber, and the soldiers of the Lord have received on their knees "power from on high," then the powers of darkness will be shaken and souls will be delivered. In the Church, on the mission field, with the minister and his congregation, everything depends on the faithful exercise of the power of prayer.

RETURNING FROM THE PANDEMIC SHUTDOWN BACK TO THE BASICS START WITH EMPHASIS ON PRAYER

I KNOW

J. Wilbur Chapman (1859-1918)*

I know a World that is sunk in shame, where hearts are oft faint and tire;

But I know a Name, a precious Name, that can set the world on fire.

I know of a Book, a marvelous Book, with a message for all who hear;

And the same dear Name, His name illumines its pages clear.

I know of a Home in Immanuel's land, Where hearts ne'er faint nor tire;

And His marvelous Name, His own dear Name inspires the heavenly choir.

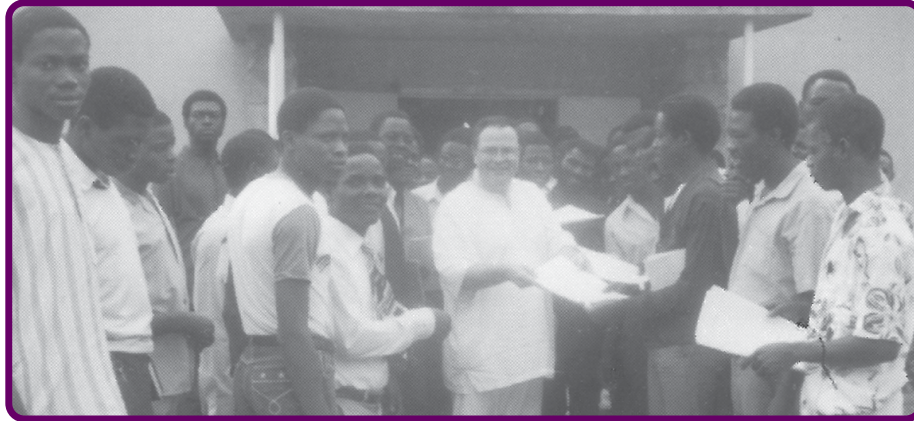
I know of a Day, a glorious Day, when He will come again;

Then crown Him King, His praises sing, when He begins His reign.

*A Presbyterian evangelist in the late 19th Century, generally traveling with gospel singer, **Charles Alexander** (1867-1920), a native of East Tennessee, near where Dr. Henry was born.

A Favorite Photo

JGHM has thousands of photos in our archives in the **JGHM MUSEUM, 1127 Lakeview Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia**. Actually, an effort was made to snap at least one hundred photos for each international venture using an Olympus camera. At some point we shifted to Polaroid shots. We often took pictures of those who trusted Christ as Savior, and there were hundreds upon hundreds over the years. Then we moved to a digital camera.



This photo was taken in Nigeria in 1988. Working in collaboration with Sudan Interior Mission (SIM)/Evangelical Church of West Africa (ECWA), we provided prayer seminars for each of their seminaries and Bible colleges. A great spiritual awakening/revival took place across the nation. Headlines of newspapers reported "Revival Sweeps Nigeria."

Each participant was provided a prayer seminar workbook (in one of their three major languages or English) and a pen. Each received a certificate of completion. Years later, Sue and I returned and 13,000 attended the seminars. Many of the ECWA leaders at that point were those students from the 1988 seminars. A large number brought their prayer seminar workbook and/or certificate.

Seeing the expressions of appreciation on the faces when workbooks were distributed was one of the greatest blessings ever! When I explained that "someone in America loves you and has sent you gifts (a workbook, a pen, a light

lunch/beverage, and a teachers)", the applause began and continued.

The Nigerian Prayer Seminar was established by **Onesimus Sule** and **Sunday Bwanhot**. Their goal was to lead each church to become a praying church. Their efforts were very successful. **Othnel Wakili** is the current leader. Several of the men who led the seminars became the **ECWA** president.



Sunday & Grace Bwanhot now missionaries in Chicago, Illinois

Thank you, **Doorkeepers**, for making all this possible. Only eternity will reveal the value of your investment touching lives in many nations through the prayer seminar ministry..

Tell the Good News

An angel from Heaven first announced the glad news of the resurrection. "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said, Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And Go quickly, and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead ..." (Matthew 28:5-7). These words were spoken to two women who had expected to find Jesus' dead body in a tomb. Their purpose was to anoint His body with spices following a hasty burial on Friday. But the body was not there. And this fact, furnishes one of the greatest proofs of the bodily resurrection of Jesus. Yes, He is risen! And this is a glorious message of the Christian faith.

Note that no sooner than the angel had announced the glad news of the resurrection, he committed this glorious message to men. Nevermore shall it be proclaimed by angels. If the world is to know, it will be through men and women who have seen and who believe that our Redeemer lives.

When the women heard the angel's words "they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word" (Matthew 28:8). And it was ever thus. When one heard he told another. And their message was ever rooted in the fact of the risen Lord. What they did in their day we can do in ours. For we have the same commission, the same message, and the same Lord. Men still walk in darkness and long for the light. And they will respond in faith to the joyful words, "He is not here: for He is risen."

It is interesting to note that as these women ran on their mission, they met Jesus Himself. And note His greeting to them. "All hail" (Matthew 28:9). These words translate a word that may be rendered "Rejoice" or simply "Good morning." And this is still Jesus' word to us.

**"Rejoice," for the Lord
is risen! "Good morning,"
for a new day has dawned!**



D. L. Moody

More Insight into Dwight L. Moody

R. A. Torrey

Out of a very intimate acquaintance with D. L. Moody, I wish to testify that he was a far greater pray-er than he was preacher. Time and time again, he was confronted by obstacles that seemed insurmountable, but he always knew the way to overcome all difficulties. He knew the way to bring to pass anything that needed to be brought to pass. He knew and believed in the deepest depths of his soul that nothing was too hard for the Lord, and that prayer could do anything that God could do.

QUOTES FROM R.A. TORREY (Read Matthew 6:6)

God has not changed and His ear is just as quick to hear the voice of real prayer, and His hand is just as strong to save as it ever was. All that God is, and all that God has is at the disposal of prayer. Prayer can do anything that God can do, and as God can do everything, prayer is omnipotent. Prayer that is born of meditation upon the Word of God is the prayer that soars upward most easily to God's listening ears.

Oh, men and women, pray through; pray through. Do not just begin to pray and pray a little while and throw up your hands and quit; but pray and pray and pray until God bends the heavens and comes down. God is waiting for us to ask.

If loving God with all our heart and soul and might is the greatest commandment, then it follows that not loving Him that way is the greatest sin.

The devil is perfectly willing that the Church should multiply its organization and its deftly contrived machinery for the conquest of the world for Christ, if it will only give up praying. Satan laughs softly, as he looks at the Church today, and says under his breath: "You can have your Sunday schools, your YMCAs ... your grand choirs, and your fine organs, and your brilliant preachers ... as long as you do not bring into them the power of Almighty God, sought and obtained by earnest, persistent, believing, mighty prayers.

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NOTES from MY BIBLE

Notes from

R. A. Torrey (1856-1928)

An American evangelist,
educator, pastor, author

Note 5061. Prayer is the key that unlocks all the storehouses of God's grace and power.

Note 5062. The chief purpose of prayer is that God may be glorified in the answer.

Note 5063. Triumphant prayer is almost impossible where there is neglect of the Word of God.

Note 5064. Every true revival has had its earthly origin in prayer.

Note 5065. We are too busy to prayer, and so too busy to have power.

ROPEHOLDER/DOORKEEPER REPORT

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

1 Thessalonians 1:2

2/26/2021-3/29/2021

Regular	57	\$7,044.00
Ropeholder-Kenya	1	150.00
Total	58	7,194.00



PRAYER CALENDAR**APRIL 2021****"I will give myself to prayer..."****Psalms 109:4b****THURSDAY, APRIL 1****1 Kings 1-3 (Lesotho 2M)**

Burma Abbott (VA)
 Mae Adams (NC)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)
 David & Eunjoo Andersen (VA)
 Marvin/Donna Anderson (VA)
 Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
 Eldon & Gayle Armstrong (SC)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)

FRIDAY, APRIL 2**1 Kings 4-8 (Malaysia 31.4M)**

Marcia Barna (PA)
 Linda Beattie (PA)
 Tim Bash-GCCC (NJ)
 Emily Baskin (TN)
 Jean Beasley (TN)
 Tommy Bell (TN)
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
 Beulah Baptist Church (VA)
 Dr. Dennis & Doreen Hollandsworth

SATURDAY, APRIL 3**1 Kings 9-11 (Mexico 124.6M)**

Beverly Blankenship (TN)
 Jimmy/Christina Borsh (VA)
 Loretta Bolen (VA)
 William/Debbie Bowden (NC)
 Kathleen Boyce (PA)
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Jean Bradshaw (VA)
 Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Lurlene Braud (VA)
 Michael Breed (WI)

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Dorothy Brooks (VA)
 Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
 Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Anne Campbell (VA)
 Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

MONDAY, APRIL 5

1 Kings 12-16 (Mozambique 26.6M)
 Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)
 Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)
 Vernia Coleman (MD)

Mary Columbus (VA)
 Kathie Connolly (VA)
 Philip & Jennifer Cooke (VA)
 Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)
 Foster/Ravenna Covington (VA)
 Barry & Melanie Cox (VA)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

TUESDAY, APRIL 6**1 Kings 17-19 (New Zealand 4.5M)**

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
 Barbara Custalow (VA)
 Tina Darden (MD)
 Bobby & Deborah Davis (VA)
 John Davis (VA)
 Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
 Robert & Janice DeLong (VA)
 Carolyn Dodd (VA)
 Jo Anne Dudley (VA)
 Micheal & Diane Eagle (VA)
 Kathryn Eaton (ME)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7**1 Kings 20-22 (Nigeria 190.6M)**

Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Jeff & Leeann Englert (KY)
 Don & Mary Enoch (FL)
 Duane Eriean (WI)
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
 John & Susan Finnessy (MD)
 James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)
 Nancy Fowser (NJ)
 Claire/MaryAnn Fredstrom (NE)
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

THURSDAY, APRIL 8**2 Kings 1-3 (N. Ireland 1.9M)**

Emilee & Emma Fulcher (VA)
 John & Kim Gaines (DE)
 Ron & Kay Gavette (VA)
 Gloucester Co. Community Ch (NJ)
 Bruce Sofia, Pastor
 Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)
 Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
 Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)
 Steve & Sue Gordon (VA)

FRIDAY, APRIL 9**2 Kings 4-8 (Pakistan 204.9M)**

Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ)
 Dale & Mary Gray (IL)
 Odether Gray (GA)
 Linda Gregory (UT)
 Mike Hall (IN)
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
 Sadie Harris (VA)
 Hazel Hartless (VA)
 William & Sara Hefner (PA)
 Mary Pat Hendrick (VA)

SATURDAY, APRIL 10**2 Kings 9-12 (Panama 3.8M)**

Jim Hengood (CT)
 Gina Henry (VA)
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
 Jack Henry (TN)
 James & Kathryn Henry (MS)
 Mark Henry (TN)
 Melody Henry (VA)
 Roger & Sara Henry (OH)
 Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
 Frank & Pat Hitchings (ME)
 Jeff Hodge (VA)
 Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
 Bill Hogan (VA)
 Joanna Holland (VA)
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)
 Anita Horton (VA)
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (TN)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)

MONDAY, APRIL 12**2 Kings 13-17 (Paraguay 7M)**

Joyce Hunt (TN)
 Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)
 Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)
 Gene Jeffries (AR)
 Debbie Jenifer (MD)
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
 Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)
 Millicent John (NY)

TUESDAY, APRIL 13**2 Kings 18-21 (Peru 31M)**

Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
 Ben & Gwen Jones (MD)
 Gwen Johnson (AZ)
 Aaron & Iris Johnson (MD)
 Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
 Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN)
 Vicky Johnson (MD)
 James Jones (FL)
 Paul Jones (KY)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14**1 Chronicles 1-9 (Philippines 104M)**

Theo/Sherry Jones (MD)
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
 Mohan Katta (IL)
 Suzie Kauffmann (NC)
 Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)
 Darren Hisel, Pastor

THURSDAY, APRIL 15**1 Chron 10-16 (Puerto Rico 3.5M)**

Harriet Kennedy (VA)
 Louis & Jane Kiger (VA)

Larry & Janet King (NC)
Ken & Bonnie Kirby (PA)
Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
Kenneth & Amy Kollar (ID)
Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

1 Chron 17-21 (Romania 21.5M)

Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
Sylvia LaFond (ME)
Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
Phil & Edra Landers (OK)
Del & Mary Leach (VA)
Aaron & Wanda Lewis (MD)

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

1 Chron 22-27 (Russia 142.3M)

Liberty University (VA)
Jerry Prevo., President
Delores Liely (MD)
Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI)
Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
Don & Betty Lowry (SC)
Manship Chapel (DE)

Bruce & Vickie Tribbett

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

1 Chron 28-29 (Rwanda 11.9M)

Wilma Marcum (KY)
Nick & Pat Markham (VA)
Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)
Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
Beau Ware Masonry (VA)
Deborah Mathias (NY)
Murray Mathis (TN)
Dan & Fay McConville (VA)

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
Nancy McPherson (ME)
Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)
Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)
Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
Wilma Moore (NC)

MONDAY, APRIL 20

2 Chronicles 1-5 (Singapore 5.9M)

Doris Moos (NJ)
Elaine Moser (MN)
Drever/Robertta Morton (VA)
Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
Betty Nichols (WA)
NE Baptist College (VT)
Mark Ballard, President
Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI)
Peter Dorn, Pastor

2 Chron 6-9 (South Africa 54.*M)

Zach & Jackie Olcott (VA)
Ann Palumbo (PA)
Cliff & Mary Pavalonis (VA)
Pecks Baptist Church (VA)
Bryan Sheehan, Pastor
Sandy Pederson (MN)
Jack & Carolyn Peerman (VA)
Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

2 Chron 10-12 (Swaziland 1.2M)

Greg & Christene Powell (VA)
Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)
Marjorie Randall (TX)
Walt & Daphne Reamer (FL)
Dave Ricker (ME)
Joyce Riley (KY)
Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)
Cynthia Roach (VA)
John & Sandra Roberts (NC)
Dorlos & Betty Robinson (MS)
Isabel Robotham (NY)

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

2 Chron 13-16 (Switzerland 8.2M)

James & Shelly Rode (FL)
Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
Wanda Rolater (TN)
Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
John Saint (PA)
St Paul Baptist Church (IN)
C. L. Adams, Pastor
Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO)
Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

2 Chron 17-20 (Tanzania 5.4M)

Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)
John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)
Shenandoah Valley Bapt Ch (VA)
Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
Lola Simpson (NY)

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

2 Chron 21-25 (Thailand 68.4M)

Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
Helen Sourlis (MD)
Tim & Pam Steger (ID)
Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
Reba Stinnett (VA)
Charles Stinson (VA)
Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

William Suttles (NC)

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)
Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
Ron Taylor (VA)
Stephanie Taylor (GA)
Jimmy & Mary Thomas (VA)
Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)
Montez Thompson (WI)
Cathy Tilton (VA)

MONDAY, APRIL 27

2 Chronicles 26-28 (Trinidad 1.2M)

Paula Tipton (TN)
William & Katie Toney
(NC Virginia Trask (VA)
Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)
Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
Diane Troutman (KY)
Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
Marshall Troutman (KY)
Frances Turpin (VA)

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

2 Chron 29-32 (Uganda 39.6M)

Sara Underwood (TN)
Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
Mary Ann Voss (DE)
Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)
Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

2 Chron 33-34 (Ukraine 44M)

Joyce Warpoole (TN)
Holland & Mary Warren (VA)
Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
Nancy Wetzel (KY)
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)
Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
Julie L. Wilson (PA)
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

2 Chron 35-36 (U.K. 64.8M)

Eva Winebarger (VA)
Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
Jon & Selena Wood (PA)
Layden Wood (VA)
Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
Lili Wykle (VA)
Yeshua Ministries (TN)
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EACH NATION THIS MONTH HAS HOSTED PRAYER SEMINARS.

DAILY INTERCESSION:

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ADAM & DIANNA NATHANSON

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him" (1 John 5:14-15).

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PRAYER FOCUS:
USA
PROTECT US BY
THY MIGHT

HE LIVES!

CHRIST AND PRAYER (Matthew 6:6)

"When you pray"--Period of Prayer
"Enter your closet"--Place of Prayer
"In secret"--Privacy of Prayer
"Pray to the Father"--Person of Prayer
"Shall reward you"--Promise of Prayer

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER!

"You have not because you ask
not" (James 4:2b)

TRY JESUS, MAN OF
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DIED FOR YOUR SINS.

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YOUR FAMILY, YOUR NEIGHBORS,
YOUR CITY, YOUR STATE, YOUR
NATION. ENLIST YOUR FRIENDS!

Faithful until Death Says our Loving Master, A Few More Days to Labor and Wait.

... and the people stood in their place. **Nehemiah 8:7**



There are many ways to express feelings related to reviewing a life's journey. After a life of great accomplishments as a respected educator, a revered pastor, and Christian statesman, my good friend/mentor Dr. O. W. Yates was honored upon his retirement from an amazing pastorate at Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington Kentucky with a new Cadillac. When he shared this experience with me, he simply stated, "It's a mighty far piece from the sandy ridges of North Carolina to a Cadillac in one generation!" His long life of active service attests the truth of his statement.

In reviewing the history of Kentucky Baptists, I found this intriguing sentence related to 1948-49: "No years in the history of Kentucky Baptists have been more fruitful in spiritual results, and in marked advance along all lines of endeavor than 1948-49." The Central Baptist Hospital at Lexington was being constructed on a beautiful ten acre plot on the Lexington-Nicholasville

Pike. All foundations have been put in and paid for. Early in 1949 the two Field Representatives, C. L. Hargrove and George W. Phillips, returned to the pastorate. Brother Phillips became pastor of the First Baptist Church, London, Kentucky, and Brother Hargrove of the First Baptist Church, Tavares, Florida. Dr. O. W. Yates was elected Executive Secretary of the Hospital and began his duties on November 1.

Otis Webster Yates was born in Morrisville, North Carolina, and graduated from Wake Forest College in his native state. He received the Th. M. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and later the Ph. D. degree from Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee. He was ordained to the ministry December 24, 1912 and married Margaret E. Culley of Louisville, Kentucky, October 1917. Dr. Yates served as teacher, dean and president of Bethel College, Russellville, Kentucky, 1918-1932; and professor of History in Western State Teachers College, Bowling Green, Kentucky, two years. In 1934 he was elected head of the Department of Religious Education in Ouachita College, Arkansas, and served twelve years. In 1946 Dr. Yates was elected Director of Public Relations at Georgetown College where he raised funds to build the commodious John L. Hill Chapel. Dr. Yates resigned effective November 1, 1949 to accept the position of Executive Secretary of the Central Baptist Hospital. When

he became pastor of the Rosemont Church, there was a small cinder block edifice. Under his leadership, Rosemont became one of the largest churches in Lexington.

In the late 1950s-early 1960s, I served as the Training Union Director for the historic Bates Creek Baptist Association in Kentucky.. When Dr. Yates was invited to speak at a key event, we became very close friends and he became my mentor. He served as evangelist in revival meetings in my pastorates in Kentucky, Ohio, and Virginia. On Monday morning, May 20, 1981, Dr. Yates was welcomed into his eternal home. His funeral was conducted at Rosemont Baptist Church and his interment was in the Resthaven Cemetery in Louisville, Kentucky. In many ways, Dr. Yates served as an exemplar for me as an educator, pastor, author, evangelist and a soldier of the Cross. He was filled with joy and his countenance displayed that joy and confidence.

The secret of joy in the Lord is to be sure you are doing what God wants you to do. Your place of service may not be an easy one, or even the work of thing you would have chosen for yourself. No matter how excellent your present job may be, if it is not the work God would have you do, it may become the most unpleasant work in the world. Paul says, But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased (1 **Corinthians 12:18**).. In the service of God, the important thing is not the prominence of the position we occupy, but faithfulness in our place, be it ever so obscure or unrecognized by men.

Charles Spurgeon once said, If two angels were sent to represent

the Lord, one to the court of St. James, the other to sweep the street-crossings of London, each would feel equally honored and each be equally diligent and faithful in the performance of his task!

In the army of the Lord there are officers and privates. Some must be in the front lines, others must work behind the lines and guard the supplies. John Milton wrote the lines we read, "They also serve who only stand and wait." In **Daniel 7:10** we read, . . . A thousand thousands **MINISTERED** to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand **STOOD** before Him. You, too, may be called upon at times just **TO STAND** before Him. I love the hymn, **Onward Christian Soldiers marching as to war**, but there are times when we are told just to **HOLD THE FORT**. Each and everyone who is a believer is called to the work of **holding the fort by prayer!** Early in our friendship, Dr. Yates gave me a signed copy of his commentary on 1 **Timothy** entitled **A GOOD SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST**. Since I opted for a non-theological education, this book became very important to me in my role as a local church pastor. I was sure that was where God placed me and my choice of higher education opened many doors for me to be salt and light in the myriad positions that I have occupied. Now I can affirm that He set my feet in pleasant places. I have had great joy in my life in each position He placed me, but without equivocation my favorite has been the prayer seminar ministry. Sue and I praise God for calling **Adam Nathanson** to lead The Prayer Seminar, the nomenclature he has chosen as the banner for his ministry

establishing Lighthouses of Prayer for the nations.

S. Lorimor said it well: "I cannot fill another's place; No more can he fill mine. God meant us each to fit His plan, Not o'er our lives to pine. When you are sure that you are where God has placed you, doing what He has called you to do, you can be certain that He will require no more of you than His enabling grace makes possible." And this is a part of my life story and the message for me to share at this stage of my own life.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

A Family Prayer

Viola Jacobson Berg

Father, guide our feet today
To pastures rich and green.
Give us strength to walk aright
With mind and spirit clean.

Give us eyes to look beyond
This world of earthen clay,
And give us ears to hear Thy voice,
To hearken and obey.

Give our hands Thy work to do,
And courage to be strong.
Give our minds an open door
And to our hearts a song.

Bless our family, every one
That we might humble be.
Guide us, mother, father, child
That we might live for Thee.

"Morning by morning He awakens me, and gives me understanding of His will" (Isaiah 50:4).

IN LOVING MEMORY DOORKEEPERS

HOME AT LAST: The building of God, not made by human hands, eternal in the heavens, To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Now, enter into the joys of the LORD" Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."



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FOREST, VIRGINIA



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8/17/1929--2/24/2021
OCONTO, WISCONSIN



JEAN BRADSHAW (MRS. ED)
11/23/1930--3/19/2021
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

**HEAVEN: A PREPARED PLACE
FOR PREPARED PEOPLE.**

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of God." 2 Timothy 2:15.

I am convinced that **a person will never have a meaningful, daily prayer life apart from being in the Word of God.** No believer will ever be hungry for God's Word unless he acknowledges his need for that Word. No believer's knowledge and understanding of the Bible will ever expand unless he spends time reading and studying the Word of God. As you and I saturate ourselves in the Word of God, it is going to make a difference in our desire to pray and our prayer lives.

Since 1977, my Bible reading has been a main stay in my own Christian pilgrimage. My intention has been to spend time daily reading the Bible devotionally. Although the purpose of devotional reading is not to gain Bible knowledge, that is one of the obvious outcomes. In fact, the basic objective of my own Bible reading from 1953 (when I became a pastor) until 1977 was to prepare messages to preach. Now, the issue is not to have a message to preach. Rather, it is having time to share what I have in my heart. Devotional reading means reading and studying the Word of God to know God and His will in order to live a pleasing Christian life.

A personal letter from God

Do you have a favorite Bible? Hold it in your hand. What kind of a Book is it? Do you believe the Bible **is** the Word of God with fervent conviction? During my ordination to the gospel ministry in 1955, the late O. B. Mylum, pastor, Berea Baptist Church, Berea, Kentucky asked me the question: "Do you believe the Bible **is** the Word of God or thatd it **contains** the Word of God/" My answer was definite: "I believe the Bible **is** the Word of God!" He exhorted me, therefore, to preach the Word--not my own opinions or the views of others. For a 19-year old "preacher," that was a significant question that has guided me over the years. Six and one-half decades later, I feel even more intensely that the Bible **is** God's Word.

So, what kind of Book do you hold in your hands? While it is the **Word of God to MEN**, it is the **Word of God to ME!** Compare the Scriptures to a personal letter from your best friend. The Bible is not a "Dear Sir" business letter, but a personal letter from God's heart to your heart.

When God brought **Sue Troutman**, my wife, into my life in 1955, I had no doubt that she was a very special person. My first contact with her was processing her application in the Office of Guidance at **Berea College**. Ond of the work assignments that I had was to review the applications of each accepted student and extract basic information that would enable **Berea**

College to meet their personal needs. As I read her personal comments, she indicated what God meant in her life and how she wanted to use her life for the Lord Jesus Christ. Since I felt the same way, I was impressed. She had chosen the School of Nursing. Through her roommate, Nola White (who attended the church where I was pastor along with a large number of other students from the college), I met Sue and was impressed even more with her keen mind and her ability to communicate. Soon she began attending Liberty Avenue Baptist Church and we began dating. Coming from a Western Kentucky family of thirteen children, she was very homesick during her first summer at Berea College. Few Berea College students were permitted to have automobiles on campus. Since I was pastor, I was one of the few but could only use the car for pastoral duties. Since the Dean of Women was a personal friend who knew how homesick Sue was, she gave permission for Sue to accompany me on pastoral visits.

It was a sad day in my heart when Sue's nursing program required her to live in Cincinnati to gain experience in a metropolitan hospital. The void was filled with love letters. She wrote to me every single day and I wrote to her every single day. When a letter came, I gave it devoted attention. I would first read it standing in the college post office. Then I re-read it many times weighing every word, studying every sentence. I read between the lines to see her point of view and to determine how the one I loved felt. I did not ask someone else to read the letters and write a

commentary on them. The Bible is a love letter from God's heart to our hearts!

God gave me "a father in the ministry" who was special to me. His name was **Harris Bell Harris**. My first contact with him came through radio. He had what he called the "Sunday School of the Air" broadcast every weekend on WCRK, Morristown, Tennessee. How he communicated the Word of God! When it was the responsibility of my high school class in my junior year to be responsible for a chapel service, I suggested Harris as a speaker. He came. His smile and caring spirit captured my heart. When he invited students to accept Christ as Savior following his Bible message, a number came forward. He asked me to help him counsel them. He became my pastor, my special friend, my mentor, my father in the ministry. His interest in every aspect of my life was unbelievably real and vibrant.

When I chose **Berea College** (KY), my pastor did his best to prepare me before I left home. Then he continued his counsel through letters. As I prepared this copy, I went back to a few of his letters that I have kept and caressed them and thanked God once again for what he meant in my life. I needed direction. I needed advice. I needed encouragement and love. I needed acceptance and someone who believed in me. Harris Bell Harris provided all of these. What a difference he made in my personal life and ministry. Much to my horror, as he returned from a revival meeting in Kentucky the Easter weekend in 1955, a drunk driver struck his car near Oneida, Tennessee. He was at the point of

death for days and days at St. Mary's Hospital in Knoxville, Tennessee. He called my name many times and I went to his bedside. Through a miracle, God spared his life. The recuperation was long and difficult, but his almost illegible notes to me were cherished more than ever. In January 1961, God called Harris and his daughter, Elizabeth, home through another automobile accident early one Monday morning near Mount Vernon, Kentucky. Hundreds came to the funeral home and I stood at the head of his casket for hours not wanting to leave his physical remains one minute. I was "his boy" and then the letters I had kept meant more than ever.

God's plan for mankind

God has revealed Himself and His program for mankind in His Book. He has done it in a manner that makes it possible for a believer to study and learn more and more of Him and what He is doing in the world. It is an inexhaustible well from which to drink cool water. "Second-hand" Bible truth does not satisfy like "first-hand" study does. Study not only to **know** the Word of God, but also to **love** the Word of God and the God of the Word. The Bible is written for the heart as well as for the mind and the will. This means we must allow it to speak personally as the Holy Spirit teaches us God's truths and insights for living (**John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13-15**). As we read, we should focus on spiritual essentials, not merely the historical or geographical.

Keep the text in context

Keep truths in context in order

to understand. For example, the "Greater Works" passage in **John 14:12-14** can be misleading if one does not know that the greater works will occur through prayer, asking in Jesus' name. When He came to earth, the Lord Jesus Christ voluntarily chose to limit Himself to a human body with all its limitations space and time. Now He has no such limitations. As we pray, He works. More people are saved and transformed today than when He was on earth.

It is not only unproductive, but dangerous, to read the Bible out of context. Perhaps you heard of the person who made it a practice to flip his Bible open to get a message from God. Whatever his eye focused on was the message. One day he opened his Bible in his customary manner and read "Judas went out and hung himself." Since that did not seem appropriate, he decided to flip again. This time the word was "Go thou and do likewise." By that time, he knew he did not have the correct word for the day. The third time he flipped, his eyes fell on "What you are going to do, do thou quickly!"

In our day, a word of caution is necessary. Satan knows the Scripture and how to use the Bible to his advantage and our detriment (**Matthew 4:5-7**). "It is written" must be balanced by "Again, it is written" just as Jesus did.

Notes from my Bible

My respect for the Bible has increased more and more. For many years, I have made notes in my Bible almost daily. Many of them have to do with the Bible or the Word of God. I want to share a few of these notes with you with

the hope that these thoughts about the Bible will bless your life as they have blessed mine. I encourage you to make writing notes in your Bible a practice. You'll be surprised at the positive impact in your life.

"The devil is afraid of the Word of God, the Sword of the Spirit." "Master the Word and let the Word master you." "Bible reading is our spiritual food." "The Bible is the most important book I will ever study. It was written for my transformation, not just for my information." "This Bible is not used for analytical Bible study, but devotional reading." "These words are the eternal words of God." "The Scriptures speak to each generation with fresh power to give wisdom that leads to salvation, that men may serve Christ for the glory of God."

"Read the Bible slowly and thoughtfully integrating what you read." "Read with a pen or pencil in hand." "As God speaks to a need, HEAR what He says, and HEED it." "Ask the Holy Spirit to take familiar phrases of the Word and infuse them with new meaning and life for you." "There is no better compass to guide my life than the unchanging Word of God."

"The Word of God offers hope, brings joy and comfort, and above all, new life through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." "What a privilege it is to be able to read His Word and to share its message with those around us." Gipsy Smith said: "What makes the difference is not how many times you have been through the Bible, but how many and how thoroughly the Bible has been through you."

"A person will never become a competent student of the Bible by accident." "Plan a daily confrontation

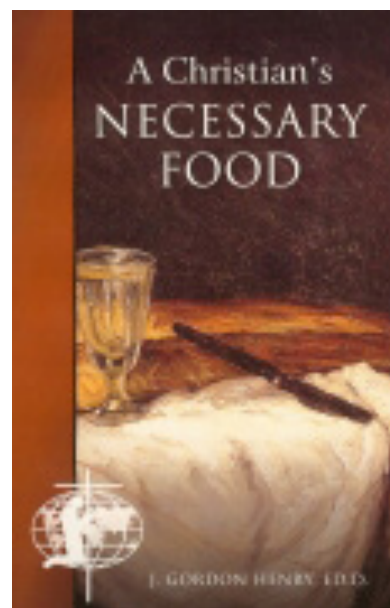
with God every day. Talk to Him. Meditate on the truths of His Word throughout the day. Change life to conform to His Word."

"REVIEW. 1. What have I forgotten about this passage since the last time I read it? 2. What new insights can I gain? 3. How can I remember these truths until I read them again?"

"DAILY. Never leave the passage you are reading in God's Word until it has made a mark on you!"

"The Bible does not tell us to live and learn; it exhorts us to learn and live."

An excerpt from **A Christian's Necessary Food**. The book is one of a series of books written to flesh out the prayer seminar material, available through JGHM. Other books are **Adoration: Prayer as Worship**; **The Enabler** (co-authored by Dr. Robert G. Witty); **Hey! I'm Saved**; **Intercession: Prayer as Work**; **The Model Prayer**; **Notes from My Bible**; **Spiritual Warfare**; **Upper Room Discourse**.



Nature speaks

The following is from a 1969 **Reflector**. At that time I was pastor of **Kerby Knob Baptist Church**, Jackson County, Kentucky, and director of the **Model Laboratory School, Eastern Kentucky University**.

"Since this year, 1969, marks the point when I have preached for one-half of my life, I wanted to share these thoughts with you for whatever they are worth. Surely God has been more than good to this sinner saved by grace. Pray for us as we continue to put forth our best effort to say a good word for Jesus as we **HOLD FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE**."

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Everything in nature points to God. "The **HEAVENS** declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork" (**Psalms 19:1**). The **MOUNTAINS** remind us of the steadfast, unchanging nature of God. The **RECURRING SEASONS** tell us of His fidelity. The **RAINBOW** tells us that He always keeps His promises. The **CLOUDS** remind us how he led His people toward the Promised Land. The **SEA** reminds us that He said, "I have cast your sins into the deepest seas." The **RIVER** reminds us of the River of Life that flows by the throne of God.

Yes, all of nature unites to say—"God lives. God loves. God provides for every need and fills our lives with gladness." **WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE!** Visit us! Welcome! Well! Come!

A SCENE REPLICATED HUNDREDS OF TIMES WITH THOUSANDS TOUCHED



**MAY YOU BE BLESSED BY KNOWING
YOU ARE DEEPLY, FULLY LOVED.
HALLELUJAH FOR THE CROSS!**