

# REFLECTOR

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## STANDING IN THE GAP



"I sought for a man...that should make up the hedge,  
and stand in the gap before Me for the land that I  
should not destroy it ..." Ezekiel 22:30



## Praying as a Priority

### TO PRAY OR NOT TO PRAY

You know it and I know it. Our country is in a spiritual crisis, our churches face mounting opposition, and Satan appears to be getting the upper hand. Why is this happening? I believe it is because Christians are not praying.

It has been said that the average Christian in America spends only four minutes a day in prayer. In the same study, it was found that pastors spend an average of only seven minutes per day conversing with God. During my forty year journey in the prayer seminar ministry countless pastors have privately shared with me that they did not have a meaningful prayer life.

**Pastor Royal Blue**, one of the leading Baptist pastors in California, identified quickly with the prayer seminar ministry. He had learned a truth that was displayed on the three panels of their auditorium balcony, **MUCH PRAYER, MUCH POWER** was on one panel. The second panel's message was **SOME PRAYER, SOME POWER**. The third panel stated **NO PRAYER, NO POWER**. A master communicator of the Gospel message, he used short pithy sayings to motivate his people. "Let your walk talk; let your talk walk." He and his wife became faithful **Doorkeepers** for the prayer seminar ministry. An organized prayer ministry was formed and became the catalyst for a soul-winning reaching, teaching, preaching ministry in the **North Valley Baptist Church, Redding, California**.

For the past four decades, God has given me the privilege of presenting the six-hour prayer seminar in fifty-nine nations, including forty-seven USA states and the District of Columbia. The subject of prayer is my favorite topic because it is the one thing that changed my life completely once I discovered it in 1976.

## A SPECIAL NOTE FROM DR. HENRY

My immediate plans are to present four additional **Reflectors** (September, October, November, December) and that will complete sixty-six years of publication. Beyond my primary work as an educator, my passion since 1980 has been developing and teaching the prayer seminar wherever and whenever God opened doors.

In 2020, we celebrate the forty years. Our banner has been **IT'S BEEN A GREAT JOURNEY**. A few weeks ago during my Quiet Time, the Holy Spirit spoke to me quite plainly, "Add another line." I had my personal diary open and my pen poised. The words flowed, **THE BEST IS YET TO COME**. I received the message with gratitude.

In order to consolidate and preserve the teaching shared in the prayer seminar, the content of the five **Reflectors** will feature food for the journey that I have learned. In the August issue, my primary source has been the **PRAYER SEMINAR WORKBOOK**, my basic teaching tool to teach five emphases with the early church in Jerusalem as my model: (1) Word of God; (2) Spirit-filled; (3) Prayer; (4) Witnessing; and (5) Stewardship.

Keep the source in mind as you read knowing that Sue and I are praying that our words will be a deep encouragement to the readers. As I prayed about preparation, the Holy Spirit urged me multiple times, **REMINDE THE READERS TO RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO SPEED-READ OR MERELY SCAN THE CONTENT**. You are hereby reminded! My books are featured on page 13. Each is to flesh out content of different topics covered in the prayer seminar.

The amazing phenomenon was that when my metamorphosis came I was in my twenty-third year as a pastor and was Vice President for Academic Affairs at Liberty Baptist College (now Liberty University). One shocker in 1976 was realizing that I did not know God very well. I was too busy working for Him to develop a prayer life and was only in the Bible to get a message to preach, not for my own spiritual food. My knowledge of the Holy Spirit was so limited that I had no clue what Spirit-filled (which is command, not a suggestion given by Paul in **Ephesians 5:18**) meant. My concept was that being Spirit-filled meant having more of the Holy Spirit instead of living controlled by the Holy Spirit (hence the analogy of a drunk person in the text). By the way, the material in this study is covered fully during a prayer seminar using the **PRAYER SEMINAR WORKBOOK**. The truths need to be taught and re-taught in every local church until the church becomes a praying church. The only way to have a praying church is to have praying people. Have you ever said, I want my church to be a praying church? Do you mean it enough to schedule a prayer seminar for your church as a major event?

### THE DIFFICULTY OF PRAYER

Anyone who tells you that prayer is easy evidences the fact that he does not spend much time in prayer. A Christian who is serious about praying becomes an instant candidate for Satan's hit list. Of course, he opposes what hurts his program. Prayer is difficult because Satan does not want us to pray. He would rather we do anything than prayer. He exercises his

wiles to thwart our praying. Neither does the flesh (the continuing influence of the old man who was crucified when we became Christians). The flesh wars against the Holy Spirit to defeat any person who becomes serious about living a deeper Christian life (including pastors and church leaders).

Prayer is also difficult because it cannot be done just out of habit. Nominal Christians can attend church services faithfully, read their Bibles, tithe, and even be a witness, and still remain nominal. This is because they have simply developed all the acceptable habits. But, there is one thing a believer will not do just out of habit—spent time alone with God in prayer. This is because only **one of two things can happen when one prays with any seriousness: either his life gets right with God and remains pure, or he quits praying.** There is no in-between. The Holy Spirit brings the Word of God alive during a prayer seminar and confronts nominal Christians as well as encourages praying Christians.

It is interesting to me that the terminology of Scripture alludes to the difficulty of praying. God uses words such as wrestling, striving, laboring, and agonizing. Prayer is not only work, it is hard work. As I cover this point during the prayer seminar, I have my students to note the meaning of a phrase Paul's praying and that is striving in prayer (**Romans 15:30; Colossians 2:1-2,12**) which literally means **TO THE POINT OF EXHAUSTION (PRAYER SEMINAR WORKBOOK, page 8).**

### THE PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

Foremost, a person must be a Christian prior to any attempt at prayer.

It has been rightfully noted that the first prayer God wants to hear is the sinner's prayer. This involves changing your mind about sins in your life (repentance), confessing sins to God and by faith receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Secondly, a Christian must be in proper fellowship with the Lord in order to expect his prayers to be answered. This means there is no known sin harbored in the heart. If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me (**Psalms 66:18**). Many participants have stated that one of the most helpful parts of a prayer seminar is learning how to deal with their sins and how to be filled (controlled) by the Holy Spirit. This is covered in the **PRAYER SEMINAR WORKBOOK** (pages 22-23).

I have found that the most important prayer time of my day is my first waking moment, usually around 4 am (I am in bed and asleep by 9 pm). This is before my mind gets cluttered with the events of the day. First, I examine my heart to see if its free of sin. Next, I yield myself to the Lord for the day, giving Him control of my thoughts, my eyes, my tongue, my hands, and my feet. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight (**Psalms 19:14**). I devote the two and one-half hours between 4 and 6:30 a.m. to the Word and to Prayer. I begin with Bible reading first and then move into prayer time.

### WHY PRAY?

Frankly speaking, there is only one word for prayerlessness—sin! Session Five of the **PRAYER SEMINAR WORKBOOK** (pages 17-22) deals

with **The Sin of Prayerlessness**. Until a believer deals with his sins, he will not be on praying ground. Once the sin of prayerlessness becomes established, it will be easier not to pray than to pray. This is Satan's primary goal. He wants to destroy our usefulness. He is unrelenting, waiting for an opening.

God has commanded that we pray (**Jeremiah 33:3**) and He expects us to obey (**Matthew 26:41; Philippians 4:6; James 4:2**). That is why we must pray. Jesus knew prayer is the only answer to our daily confrontations with the enemy. In three consecutive verses, **Matthew 6:5, 6:6, 6:7**, He did not say if you pray, but when you pray.

If the President of the United States called me on the phone and invited me to dinner at the White House, believe me, there would be nothing on my schedule that I would not cancel in order to make that dinner date. Why? Because the President asked me to come. Yet, has not the King of Kings asked us—yes, ordered us—to pray? Do we arrange our schedule to comply with His request?

Finally, Christians should make supplication to God because there is power in prayer (**Matthew 7:7; John 14:13; John 15:7; Luke 10:2**). It is God's way to accomplish His plan and purpose for our lives. We pray, and He answers. It's simple and powerful.

Lastly, believers should pray because it is a valuable exercise in itself, aside from the response of God. Prayer does not change God, prayer changes you and me when we pray. I am conscious of God and His presence because I am talking to Him. Your day and my day will always

be better if we are constantly aware of His presence. Would you be afraid of anything if you sensed Christ were by your side? Of course not. Then as we pray often, we are constantly recognizing the presence of God, and thus we need not fear any crisis.

## WHEN TO PRAY

**1 Thessalonians 5:17** states: Pray without ceasing. Is this possible? Three other Scriptures echo the same admonition: **Philippians 4:6**; **Luke 18:1**; **Colossians 4:2**. Let me show you twelve suggested times throughout a given day to pray to God.

1. Early morning. Begin your day with God and it will help you to go with God all day (**Psalms 63:1**).
2. Pray anytime you feel the peace of God disturbed in your life. Then, it is time to pray (**Colossians 3:15**).
3. Pray when you face temptation (**Matthew 26:41**).
4. Pray every time you need wisdom or courage (**James 1:5**).
5. Pray when you witness (**Colossians 4:2-6**).
6. As fathers drive home after work, pray (**Colossians 3:8, 12-15**). You are going home to be the spiritual leader in your household. The first ten minutes will set the tone for the entire evening.
7. Pray every time you eat (**Ephesians 5:4**).
8. Pray each time the Holy Spirit seems to be prompting you to pray.
9. Pray when you promise to pray for someone, do it; this is promising God that you will pray for that

person (**Ecclesiastes 5:4**).

10. Pray in preparation for church services (**Ephesians 5:16**).

11. Pray when you feel grateful (**Ephesians 5:20**).

12. Pray when you want to do the most you can for someone (**Colossians 1:3, 9-11**).

## IS IT EVER WRONG TO PRAY?

Do not be shocked. There are indeed times when it is inappropriate to pray because God will not answer. When? Let me suggest four times.

1. When you want God's blessing on something that clearly violates Scripture.
2. When you harbor unconfessed sin (**Psalms 66:18**).
3. When there are conflicts between husband and wife (**1 Peter 3:7**).
4. When you are not using your resources and your talents for God.

## HOW DO WE PRAY

Remember prayer is the talking part of a relationship. Everyone knows that verbal communication is necessary for healthy relations. Is this true? Let's check it out. Look at a few earthly relationships: husband-wife, marriage; parent-child, home; employer-employee, business. When there is no verbal relationship, the marriage will go wrong, the home will fall apart, and a business will go bankrupt. Then, think about biblical relationships: friend (**John 15:15**), servant (**Colossians 3:24**), bride (**Romans 7:4**). What is prayer? Prayer is a friend talking to a Friend, a servant talking to his Master, and



the bride talking to the Bridegroom. When you are praying, you are building your relationship with God. You will never know God if you don't spend time in His presence.

A key passage to understand is **Revelation 4:1-2**. John saw a door opened into Heaven. A voice invited him into the Throne Room. In Heaven, there is an occupied throne. God, the Father, is sitting on the Throne. A glimpse of what is happening is given in this chapter. Jesus is there, seated at the right hand, the place of authority and honor (**Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:24; Romans 8:34**) praying for us at this very moment. There are two key Scriptures to guide you as you mature in your prayer life: **Hebrews 4:16**, Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Circle throne of grace. **Hebrews 10:19**, Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. Circle holiest. Where is the holiest point? It is where the Father is seated in Heaven's Throne Room. Through the blood of Jesus we have the privilege to come directly to the Father in prayer. **Prayer is coming to the Father through Jesus in the power of the Spirit.**

In leading a nineteen year old young man to the Lord in his office, a businessman reported: I asked him to pray aloud to God just as if He were sitting in a chair across from him. As the young man started to pray, I peeked, and what I heard and witnessed really touched my heart. He was praying with his head half bowed, his eyes wide open,

and looking at that empty chair. You would have thought Jesus was really there in bodily form! His words were those of a person simply talking to a new found friend, no flashy phrases, no \$1,000 sentences.

There is no need for Christians to impress God with their speech. Simply tell Him what is on your heart. He will understand, and He will respond. Back to **Hebrews 4:16**, you are invited to come to God boldly. No problem is too small for God. You need never apologize for coming to your Heavenly Father saying, I hope I am not too much bother. He wants us to come to Him. No problem is too small or too great for God. When you hurt badly, pray, knowing that He understands your innermost feelings. He has already experienced your hurt (**Hebrews 4:15**).

Pray in the Spirit. This can be done only if we are filled (controlled) by the Spirit (**Ephesians 5:18**). When we are controlled by the Holy Spirit (which is God's will for each of His children), we will pray in the will of God; and if we pray in God's will, we are assured our prayers will be answered (**1 John 5:14-15**).

Do not use vain repetitions (**Matthew 6:7-8**). These are the rehearsing of words from the mind and not the heart. I believe in model and serial number praying—that is, pray specifically. When He answers such a supplication, we know He has answered and our faith grows. We get encouragement and God gets the glory.

**Romans 12:12** reads, ...continually instant (diligently) in prayer. How do you feel when you miss a prayer commitment, compared to missing a mortgage or insurance payment?

Pray with forgiveness in mind for any who have hurt or offended you (**Mark 11:25**). Bitterness renders prayer useless.

Pray and supplicate (**Philippians 4:6**). These terms do not mean the same thing. Supplicate in Hebrew means to cry for mercy, and in the Greek, ask a favor in special intensity. In the prayer seminar, I define petition praying as praying for yourself based on the Greek rendering. Pray for your own spiritual weaknesses. This is one of the most important elements in **how to** pray. This might include a greater burden for the lost (beginning with your own family), a greater hunger for the Word, a greater hatred of sin, a closer walk with God or a greater longing for holiness. Remember we have absolute assurance of an answer to this type of prayer (**1 John 5:14-15**). Intercession is praying for others which is greatly facilitated by using a prayer list. Don't neglect either in your daily praying.

Include thanksgiving as you pray (**Philippians 4:6**). Thanksgiving answers the question, What can I give to God who has been so gracious to me?

## CONCLUSION

Our beloved nation is in trouble. What our country needs is a spiritual awakening. But this will not come as more souls are saved. It will not happen just because we elect a few Christian politicians. I am convinced that the answer to the ever increasing crisis in our nation will only come as Christians get serious about prayer. The Bible is very clear about this: If My people, which are called by My name, shall

humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land (**2 Chronicles 7:14**).

As I continue to weed files, I discover treasures that are difficult to discard. One is a letter dated September 17, 2003 by **Suzie Kauffmann (Mrs. Howard)** who proposed drafting a **Chronicles Commission** that would include the act of entrusting--a trust or charge--the act of transacting business for another under his authority.

The question must be asked, Will you begin to pray—really pray making prayer the priority that will make a difference. The need is great; the hour is late.

Yours in Calvary love,

*J. Gordon Henry*



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**Corordinator Thomas Gerlach  
(Marienheide, Germany) & Dr. Henry**

It is common knowledge that there is little interest in biblical Christianity and the Lord Jesus Christ in Europe. Although Europeans are highly literate, most have turned from God. What was once a launching pad for missions is a vast mission field. Europe is the Continent that has lost its faith.

Where would Christianity in the United States be if it were not for European influence? Now the tide has turned and Europe needs missionaries. No other continent has exerted as great an influence on world civilization and world history. One-seventh of the world's population (517 million) live in the thirty-four countries in Europe. Dozens of ethnic groups are based in Europe, which means much of the world could be touched through Europeans if a spiritual awakening began.

**The harvest is ripe in Europe and the laborers are few. God's children who are on praying ground need to pray earnestly for laborers (Matthew 9:35-38; Luke 10:2; John 4:35).**

Germany was the thirty-fifth nation to host prayer seminars. The seminars were well received with a strong sense of the Holy Spirit moving. Mrs. Thomas Gerlach translated the Prayer Seminar Workbook into German, a herculean task. At that time she was suffering under the throes of cancer. It was not long after the seminars that God called her home to Heaven.

## NOTES from my BIBLE

Notes from

Dwight Lyman Moody

Feb 5, 1837-Dec 22, 1899



Note 5021. Real faith is man's weakness leaning on God's strength.

**Note 5022.** Out of 100 men, one will read the Bible; the other 99 will read the Christian.

**Note 5023.** God does not expect the impossible from us; He wants us to expect the impossible from Him.

**Note 5024.** I'd rather be able to pray than to be a great preacher; Jesus never taught His disciples how to preach, but only how to pray.

**Note 5025.** Some people think God does not like to be troubled by our constant coming and asking, but the way to trouble is not to come.

SHARED BY

**GARY & SANDY SCHNITTJER**

Long-time Doorkeepers

Bucks County, Pennsylvania

Dr. Henry & Sue. Thanks for your years of ministry. They have been a blessing in our lives. Blessings to you and your family.

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**PRAYER CALENDAR****AUGUST 2020****"I will give myself to prayer..."****Psalms 109:4****SATURDAY, AUGUST 1****Jeremiah 1-6 (Latvia 1.9M)**

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2**

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 Hollandsworth

**MONDAY, AUGUST 3**

**Jeremiah 7-10 (Lebanon 6.2M)**  
 Beverly Blankenship (TN)  
 Loretta Bolen (VA)  
 William/Debbie Bowden (NC)  
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)  
 Kathleen Boyce (PA)  
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)  
 Jean Bradshaw (VA)  
 Kim Bradshaw (VA)  
 Lurlene Braud (VA)  
 Michal Breed (WI)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4**

**Jeremiah 11-15 (Lesotho 2M)**  
 Nancy Bretz (PA)  
 Judy Britt (GA)  
 Clint & 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)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5**

**Jeremiah 16-10 (Liberia 4.7M)**  
 Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)  
 Robert & Anita 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)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6**

**Jeremiah 21-25 (Libya 6.7M)**  
 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)  
 Michael & Diane Eagle (VA)  
 Kathryn Eaton (ME)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 7**

**Jer 26-29 (Liechtenstein 38,244)**  
 Lynn Elkins (TN)  
 Jeff & Leann Englert (KY)  
 Don & Mary Enoch (FL)  
 Duane Erieau (WI)  
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)  
 John & Susann Finnessy (MD)  
 James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)  
 Nancy Fowser (NJ)  
 Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)  
 Freedom Through Faith (MD)  
 Robert Tribobaeu, Pastor  
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

**Jeremiah 30-33 (Lithuania 2.8M)**  
 Emilee & Emma Fulcher (VA)  
 John & Kim Gaines (DE)  
 Pauline Garrett (NJ)  
 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)

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9**

Sam/Michele Graisbury (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)

**MONDAY, AUGUST 10**

**Jer 34-36 (Luxembourg 594,130)**  
 Jim Hengoe (CT)  
 Gina Henry (VA)  
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)  
 James & Kathryn Henry (MS)  
 Mark Henry (TN)  
 Melody Henry (VA)  
 Roger & Sara Henry (OH)  
 Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11**

**Jeremiah 32-39 (Macau 601,969)**  
 Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)  
 Ed & Donna Hindson (VA)  
 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)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12**

**Jeremiah 40-45 (Macedonia 2.1M)**  
 Joyce Hunt (TN)  
 Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)  
 Jide & Bunni Iware (MD)  
 Gene Jeffries (AR)  
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)  
 Debbie Jennifer (MD)  
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)  
 Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)  
 Millicent John (NY)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13**

**Jeremiah 46-52 (Madagascar 25M)**  
 Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)  
 Gwen Johnson (AZ)  
 Iris Johnson (MD)  
 Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)  
 Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN)  
 Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)  
 James Jones (FL)  
 Paul Jones (KY)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 14**

**Lamentations (Malawi 19.2M)**  
 Theodore/Sherry Jones (MD)  
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)  
 Mohan Katta (IL)  
 Suzie Kauffmann (NC)  
 Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)  
 Harriet Kennedy (VA)  
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church  
 (KY) Darren Hisel, Pastor

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**

**Ezekiel 1-6 (Malaysia 31.4M)**  
 Louis & Jane Kiger (VA)

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16**

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)

**MONAY, AUGUST 17**

Ezekiel 7-11 (Maldives 392,709)

Liberty University (VA)  
 Jerry Falwell Jr., 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  
 Wilma Marcum (KY)  
 Nick & Pat Markham (VA)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 18**

Ezekiel 12-15 (Mali 17.9M)  
 Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)  
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)  
 Beau Ware Masonry (VA)  
 Deborah Mathias (NV)  
 Murray Mathis (TN)  
 Bob & Heidi Matney (VA)  
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)  
 R. O. & June McHaney (VA)  
 Nancy McPherson (ME)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19**

Ezekiel 16-19 (Malta 416,338)  
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)  
 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (TN)  
 Betsy Miedema (MI)  
 Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)  
 Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)  
 Wilma Moore (VA)  
 Doris Moos (NJ)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20**

Jer 20-24 (Marshall II 74,539)  
 Drever/Robertta Morton (VA)  
 Elaine Moser (MN)  
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)  
 NE Baptist College (VT)  
 Mark Ballard, President  
 Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI)  
 Peter Dorn, Pastor  
 Zack & 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)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21**

Ezekiel 25-28 (Mauritania 3.8M)  
 Greg & Christene Powell (VA)  
 Elbert & Barbara Powell (VA)  
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)  
 Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)  
 Marjorie Randall (TX)  
 Dave Ricker (ME)  
 Joyce Riley (KY)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22**

Ezekiel 29-32 (Mauritius 1.4M)  
 Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)  
 Cynthia Roach (VA)  
 John & Sandra Roberts (NC)  
 Dorlos & Betty Robinson (MS)  
 Isabell Robotham (NY)  
 James & Shelly Rode (FL)  
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)  
 Wanda Rolater (TN)

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23**

Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)  
 St Paul Baptist Church (IN)  
 Dr. C. L. Adams, Pastor  
 John Saint (PA)  
 Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO)  
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24**

Ezekiel 33-36 (Mexico 124.6M)  
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)  
 Mark/Pamela Schollaert (PA)  
 Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)  
 Sam & Jill Scott (VA)  
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)  
 Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)  
 Shenandoah Valley Bapt Ch (VA)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25**

Ezekiel 37-39 (Micronesia 104,196)  
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)  
 Lola Simpson (NY)  
 Bobby & Cindy Smith (TN)  
 Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)  
 Helen Sourlis (MD)  
 Randy/Cheryl Stauter (MN)  
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26**

Ezeler; 40-43 (Moldova 3.5M)  
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)  
 Charles Stinson (VA)  
 Johnny & Rosie Street (TX)  
 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)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27**

Ezekiel 44-48 (Monaco 30,645)  
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)  
 W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)  
 Montez Thompson (WI)  
 Cathy Tilton (VA)  
 Paula Tipton (TN)  
 William & Katie Toney (NC)  
 Carroll/Ouida Troutman (KY)  
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28**

Daniel 1-6 (Monoglia 3.1M)  
 Diana Troutman (KY)  
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)  
 Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)  
 Malcom Troutman (KY)  
 Marshall Troutman (KY)  
 Frances Turpin (VA)  
 Sara Underwood (TN)  
 Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)  
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)  
 Jane Vekkaik (MI)

George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29**

Daniel 7-9 (Montserrat 5,292 )  
 Mary Ann Voss (DE)  
 Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)  
 Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)  
 Joyce Warpoole (TN)  
 Holland & Mary Warren (VA)  
 Rodger Watts (WI)

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30**

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)  
 Eva Winebarger (VA)

**MONDAY, AUGUST 31**

Daniel 10-12 (Morocco 34M)  
 Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)  
 Jonathan & Selena Wood (PA)  
 Layden Wood (VA)  
 David & Lili Wykle (VA)  
 Yeshua Ministries (TN)  
 Dr. Frank Bell, President  
 Fred & Susan Zeller (MD)  
 Norman/Mary Sue Zink (MI)

**LET'S PRAY FOR  
 ONE ANOTHER.**

## DAILY INTERCESSION

**Dr. & Mrs. J. Gordon Henry/Adam & Dianna Nathanson**

We remain eager to pray with you and then supply needed prayer support daily. Keep us updated. You do not have to bear your burden alone. Thanks for your prayers for Sue, me, Adam, Diana and the prayer seminar ministry. It is a pleasant uplift when we hear the words from so many of you, "I am praying for you."

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## IN LOVING MEMORY

### DOORKEEPER

Joy Harper (Mrs. George)

2/3/1925-7/8/2020

Goode, Virginia

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints" (Psalm 116:15)  
AMEN! AMEN!

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## DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

June 19-July 21, 2020

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**THANKS! ROPEHOLDER  
DOORKEEPERS!**

## Hail to the Chief!

Proverbs 29:2

Hail to the Chief is the official anthem of the President of the United States. The lyrics, though rarely sung, were written by Albert Gamse and are as follows: Hail to the Chief we have chosen for our nation, Hail to the Chief! We salute him, one and all. Hail to the Chief, as we pledge cooperation, in proud fulfillment of a great, noble call. It was first played at James K. Polk's inauguration on March 5, 1845.

On November 3, we will be electing a man to serve as President of the United States of America for the next four years. Whoever we elect will become the most powerful man on the face of the earth! His positions and policies will affect not only our own country, but much of the rest of the world. A decision this monumental is not to be taken lightly. For God's children, **this is perhaps the most important election in our lifetime.**

As you prepare to make this decision I would encourage you to earnestly consider the following suggestions before you vote:

**First**, learn as much as you can about the integrity of each candidate. Contrary to what the media may say, this is not only very important, but crucial. Ian Fair states, Personal values such as honesty, sincerity, fairness, trust, loyalty, ethical system, a consistent standard of morality, sincere desire for the well-being of others and a lack of malice and manipulation seem to be those qualities that surface most when integrity is discussed. Remember, what a person **IS**

determines what he/she **DOES!** Integrity is essential!

**Second**, learn as much as you can about Party Platforms. Perhaps, as in no other election in modern times, the Party Platforms are radically different, in fact, almost diametrically opposite. For example, one is clearly pro-choice, the other is pro-life. This is just one of the many distinct differences between the two platforms. Never has it been more important for you to vote your convictions, rather than on party-lines or just for a charismatic personality.

**Third**, pray earnestly about who you should vote for. As a Christian, God has promised to direct us and make our paths clear (Proverbs 1:3). Pray as earnestly about this election as you would if your dearest loved one were critically ill. Remember the words of the Apostle James, the effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much (James 1:16).

**Fourth**, vote for the man who appears to have the nation's interest at heart and has a servant's spirit. None of us will ever forget the forceful words of John F. Kennedy at his inaugural address in 1961 when he said, Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.

Sherwood Eliot Wirt in his book entitled **Billy, A personal look at Billy Graham, the World's Best Loved Evangelist**, lists six characteristics of a good leader as exemplified in the life of Billy Graham:

1. A leader cares about his followers and builds them up. He draws attention to them, not to himself.

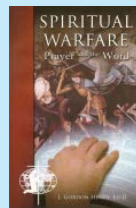
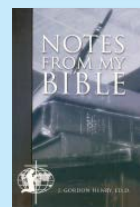
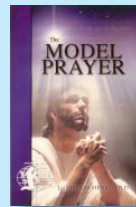
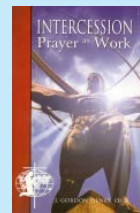
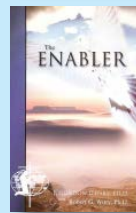
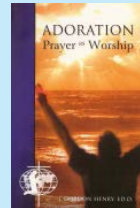
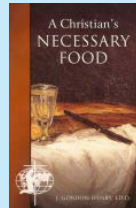
2. A good leader will go out of his way to help people even when they don't deserve it or seem to appreciate it.
3. A good leader supports those he leads, takes their part, and if possible defends them, even when it's inconvenient to do so.
4. A good leader overlooks the things that don't matter, even when they annoy him. He saves himself for the big issues.
5. A good leader has absolute confidence in the people working on the team and gives them freedom to work.
6. No matter how important his schedule or duties may be, a leader will also find time to do small favors for ordinary people.

It is an awesome privilege to live in a country where we have the right to elect those who rule over us. Many around the world literally die for this privilege. May we, who are so blessed, never forget that voting is not only our right as Americans, but our responsibility as well.

**REGISTER  
PRAY  
VOTE**

**STRENGTHEN AMERICA!**

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## Why Do We Sing So Many Songs about the Cross?

Sunday, May 24, 2020, was very special to Mona, Sue, and me. Together we attended the early service at **Beulah Baptist Church**, our home church in **Lynchburg Virginia**. This was the opening service inside the auditorium after a two-month shutdown due to the Corona pandemic that has swept across the world. Although there was no congregational singing (as though God could not protect the atmosphere surrounding singing worshipers!), God used **Bob Nichols** (a favorite soloist and a long-time **Doorkeeper**), **Steve Trost** (our music director), **Robin Trost** (our pianist), and **Jo Anne Dudley** (our organist), to minister to us. We were told to follow Paul's injunction to Ephesian believers associated with his teaching on being Spirit-controlled (**Ephesians 5:17-21**), namely making melody in your heart to the Lord. Actually I hummed along, with lips tightly closed, my heart feeling and that worked for me



Our pastor, **Dr. Dennis Hollandsworth**, had announced that his subject would be **Blessings by Way of the Cross** and provided his outline by E-mail. As usual, it was a forceful reminder that we find pardon, peace, purity, power and promise only at the Cross—spiritual and Scriptural message. The intriguing clincher that he used during his closer was an affirmation that the Cross is the central message of the Bible. One does not have to search and search to find the cross. The pastor said that the emphasis of each Gospel writer was not the life Jesus lived, but the life that He gave. The message was that Jesus suffered, was beaten, scourged, crucified, died,

buried, and then rose from the dead! Then right on target, to reinforce the powerful message, **Dr. Hollandsworth** reminded his congregation: **Everywhere you turn, the Bible is preoccupied with the Cross and the blood of Jesus.** That is why you have these wonderful hymns, *Are You Washed in the Blood?*, *Calvary Covered it All*, *Jesus Paid it All*, *Nothing but the Blood*, *There is a Fountain Filled with Blood*, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, *There's Power in the Blood*, and *The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power*. My response was Amen and Amen. For pastors who are interested in seeing conviction fall, ask your music directors to **never neglect hymns that magnify Jesus**—His words and His works, especially that which He did on *The Old Rugged Cross*.

And I speak from experience, not conjecture or speculation. During the last two years of my pastorate ministry, my goal was to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ throughout all the services in the church. This included preludes, postludes, songs/hymns,

prayers, messages and invitations. The force behind each of these responses was found in the **24/7 Prayer Chapel** setting a few feet away in a wooded area behind the main auditorium. Someone was on his/her knees praying for the power of God to fall. The aim was for someone to be praying in the **Prayer Chapel** each hour around the clock. For a number of months, I wrote weekly studies on prayer and the Christian life that were taught during the Church Training Hour one hour before the Sunday evening service preparing those who were called to participate in the prayer ministry. We needed 168 prayer warriors—each praying an hour a week. Over two hundred received the training. Incidentally, those studies are now the primary content of the **Prayer Seminar Workbook**. At the time, I had no idea that God had a much more expansive purpose for the material being written that the words would be translated into many languages and would be taught to thousands. The good news about the provision God made for sinners to dwell with a holy God through his Son's powerful work.

**Why We Need to Keep Singing the Gospel.** We need to sing the gospel, because we're so prone to forget it. We need to sing the gospel because we're inclined to becoming works-oriented and putting our hope in other things besides Jesus. We sing the gospel because through it God most clearly displays his holiness, love, mercy, and power. We see how the infinitely holy and just God satisfied His justice by pouring out His wrath on Jesus in our place. Nothing demonstrates the love of God like the cross.

But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us"(**Romans 5:8**).

We definitely need to sing songs about God's holiness. But if that's all we sang we would eventually become condemned and fearful to approach Him. If we only sang songs about God's goodness we would probably have little holy fear and little appreciation for what he did to remove our sin. The gospel brings these glorious attributes together front and center. Justice and mercy kiss at the cross. We also sing the gospel because it's the only hope of the unsaved who join us many Sundays.

Let's keep singing the good news of Christ." As we sing to ourselves, we sing to our friends and we sing to our children. Let's keep gazing at the good news from every angle, like turning a diamond in your hand. Keep singing new songs unto the Lord. But let the new songs be the old song. Keep marveling at all the facets of God's holiness, love and mercy until we sing before the throne for all eternity, "Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain!" Those around us will listen.

## MINISTRY UPDATE

There are two major projects ahead of us. Since the Prayer Seminar DVD is "antiquated," plans are for Dr. Henry to produce a new, professional-type DVD. We plan to update our website with the same goal in mind. Pray for wisdom.

Pray for Adam Nathanson and his team as they devise strategies to be ready to conduct on-site prayer seminars as soon as the pandemic is lifted

## TWO APPOINTMENTS

**"It is appointed for man once to die and after that the judgment. So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many" Hebrews 9:27-28a**

### **DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED!**

Perhaps the saddest truth in all the world is that there are many sincere, good people who expect to enter Heaven but will be hopelessly and eternally disappointed.

Did you hear about the man who dreamed he was climbing to Heaven? He had only a short ladder to start with, but every time he did a good deed the ladder lengthened. So he did all the good that he could and climbed higher and higher--money to poor, joined the church, lived an exemplary life and on and on. With each act the ladder extended upward. He was sure it would reach heaven. When his life ended (so the dream went), he stepped off the top of the ladder with confidence only to go tumbling head over heels down, down, down into darkness and despair. When he awakened, he thought of a Bible verse he had at one time memorized:

"Jesus said to [Thomas], 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me' (John 14:6).

Scores of good people today think that God will take them into Heaven

because they tried to live a good life. It was to the religious Pharisees of His day that Jesus said, "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved" (John 10:9).

All the "good works" in the world, an honorable name, church membership, baptism, or even labors in the church cannot save our souls. We are all sinners (Romans 3:23) and God's justice demands death for sin. But Christ loved us so much that He came into the world to pay the penalty of sin. He died in our place. Now our only hope is to put faith in Him and trust Him for the forgiveness of our sins and as our only righteousness to enter Heaven. God says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

**GOOD NEWS!** Jesus came to "seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). He will save you now if you come to Him and ask Him. Christ is the only way to Heaven. Make your salvation sure. **Don't be disappointed when you come to the end of your life!**

### **A PRAYER FOR SALVATION**

**"GOD I know I am a sinner and that I cannot save myself. I thank You, Jesus, for bearing my sins on the Cross and dying for me. I now ask for forgiveness of my sins and I believe in my heart that my penalty is now paid. I now receive you into my heart as Lord Savior of my life. Amen." PRAY THE SINNER'S PRAYER. SIGN AND DATE THIS. TELL SOMEONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE. KEEP THE DOCUMENT WITH YOUR IMPORTANT PAPERS.**