

# REFLECTOR

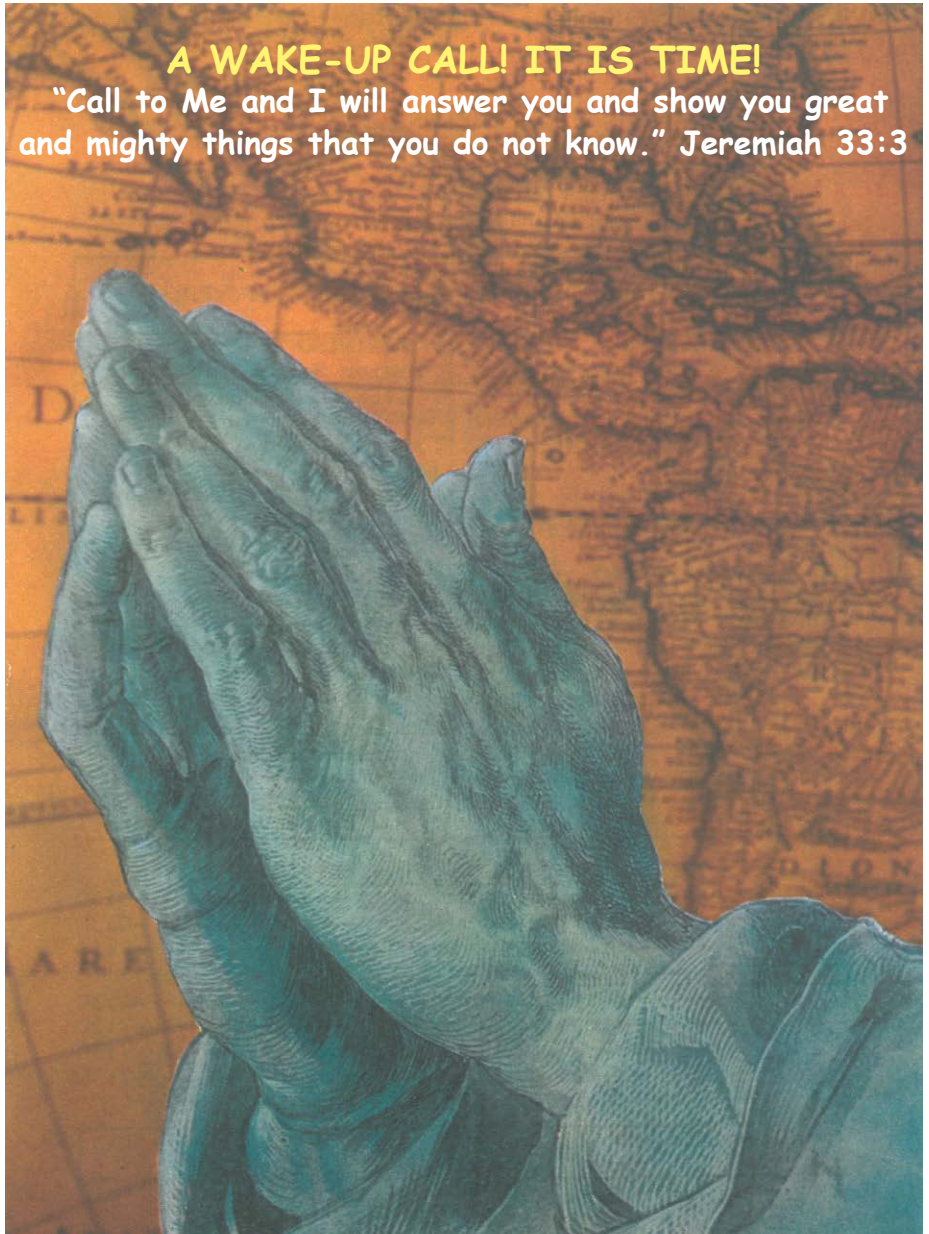
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## A WAKE-UP CALL! IT IS TIME!

"Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things that you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3



## THE TWO SHORTEST PASTORATES

From April 13, 1967 until July 1968, my pastorate was Ringgold Baptist Church, Ringgold, Virginia. Not only did I pastor the church, I taught psychology at Averett College, Danville, and did graduate study at Duke University. An unexpected invitation came in early Spring 1968 to return to Kentucky and join the faculty at Eastern Kentucky University. Both Sue and I felt this was the call of God. The experience at EKU included serving as an administrator in the College of Education, a position that prepared me for my academic leadership role in the early years of Liberty University, the presidency at Northeastern Bible College (NJ) and to lead the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) eleven years as the first full-time Executive Director.

The following excerpt is taken from **THE HISTORY OF RINGGOLD BAPTIST CHURCH**: "On April 13, 1967, the church extended a call to Rev. Jim G. Henry, a Tennessean, working in Berea KY with the schools and pastor of the Kerby Knob Baptist Church. The Henrys (Sue and the 3Ms—Mona, Mark, and Melody) moved to Ringgold on May 31, 1967. During his fifteen-month ministry in the church, the church experienced significant growth with 45 additions, 29 by baptism. Sunday School enrollment increased from 265 to 376 with the weekly average 235, and in August, 1968, achieved its goal of becoming a Standard Sunday School within the Southern Baptist Convention. Special mission offerings also increased to record highs. Additionally, 24% of regular tithes and offerings were given to world missions through the Cooperative Program. The church also supported the work of the associational mission program on a monthly budgeted basis. In 1967, the Ringgold Baptist Reflector, a weekly paper, began publication during this time and was distributed into more than 400 homes. A Church Council was formed. Another highlight involved Sue Henry's directing the Christmas drama, "They That Sit in Darkness," with more than 100 persons participating.

"On June 30, 1968, Roy N. Ford, Jr., who had been licensed by the church in November 1961 to preach the Gospel, was duly ordained into the ministry. A month later, Rev. Henry announced his resignation and he accepted a professorial appointment at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond. The church had been sharing its pastor with Averett College, Danville as he taught psychology classes there."

The July Reflector cover is from the Ringgold Baptist Church Sunday bulletin, February 4, 1968. Note the hands folded in prayer as you read and reflect on the article written by our pastor, the late Don Edwards, at Southeast Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, as you approach Independence Day 2019.

When the invitation came to serve at Lynchburg Baptist College (now Liberty University), I held an administrative position at EKU and was serving as pastor of the Hays Fork Baptist Church, a church organized in 1819. My first Sunday was April 1, 1971 and my last Sunday was May 19, 1972.

Sue and I were able to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, June 23. Fortunately, I had kept weekly bulletins and **Reflectors** from Hays Fork during the brief fourteen months and these were presented to the church archives. As was true at Ringgold, we had no question that moving to Lynchburg was God's appointment. Only those who were there can understand the sacrifices the early faculty, administrators, staff, and students made during these pioneer days, days greatly blessed by the Lord whom we served.

## Nation's future in our hands Folded hands in prayer.

In early May 1993, headlines in the Murfreesboro (TN) newspaper heralded the news that there would be no prayer in the graduation ceremonies at local high schools. Just prior to that, the Nashville papers reported that prayer was removed from the commencement services at Tennessee State University due to the objection of a Hindu professor. It was that context that provoked our pastor at Southeast Baptist Church and one of the JGHM board members, to pen the words that follow in **The Messenger**, our weekly church paper, on May 25, 1993. **Pastor Don Edwards**, (now in Heaven) expressed the burden of my heart. America needs prayer as never before.

Our greatest challenge as a nation is before us. Somehow we have moved from protecting the individual's right to worship as he sees fit, to protecting the

public from anything Christian. That is not what our founding fathers intended! We have forgotten that **we were founded as a Christian nation.** God's laws were the basis for most of our laws. **James Madison** was quoted as saying, We have staked the whole future of American Civilization not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.

There now seems to be groups of people who want to remove any and all acknowledgments of God and His influence in our nation. The truth is, our decline as a nation began when those efforts started. A nation cannot ignore God and expect to be blessed. We are now leading the western world in violent crimes, divorce, teen pregnancies, abortions, illegal drug use, and illiteracy.

The ironic thing is that the **one thing that could turn this around** is the very thing that is under attack now. **Prayer is our only hope.** Not a watered down prayer that acknowledges nothing, a prayer of recognition to the Almighty God, Creator of the Universe, and Judge of us all is the only thing that is going to save us.

We must ask again what **Abraham Lincoln** asked: Not is God on our side, but are we on God's side? We who are Christians must take a stand. Prayer must be important in all our lives. We must not be asked to pray in public. People in restaurants need to see that prayer is important to us. People at work need to know prayer is our way of life. And yes, young people, you can pray in school. Bow your head before a test or a sporting event. Acknowledge that God is the source of all even when you are eating in the school cafeteria. We can make a difference. We may have to be bolder than we have in the past. The stakes are high. **Our nation's future is in our hands—folded hands in prayer.**

## UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES

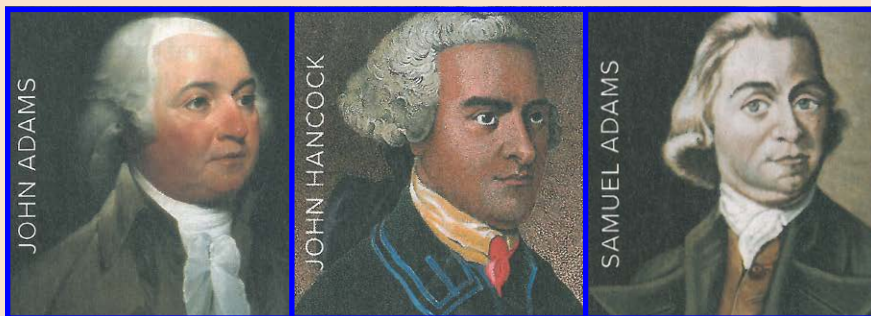
The faith of our forefathers has a story to tell to us in 2019. One matter of debate the past several years deals with a question. Is the United States a Christian nation founded upon biblical principles?

Let's see what some of our forefathers have said about it.

**JOHN ADAMS** **Second U. S. President and signer of the Declaration of Independence.** "The fourth day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever." Adams wrote this in a letter to his wife, Abigail, on July 3, 1776.

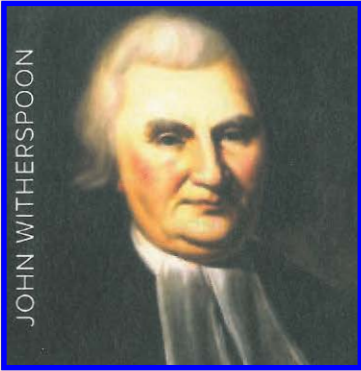
**JOHN HANCOCK** **First signer of the Declaration of Independence.** Resistance to tyranny becomes the Christian and social duty of each individual. ... **Continue steadfast and, with a proper sense of your dependence on God,** nobly defend those rights which heaven gave, and no man ought to take from us." **History of the United States of America, Vol. II, p. 229.**

**SAMUEL ADAMS** **Signer of the Declaration of Independence and Father of the American Revolution.** "And as it is our duty to extend our wishes to the happiness of the great family of man, I conceive that we can better express ourselves than by humbly supplicating the Supreme Ruler of the world that the rod of tyrants may be broken to pieces, and the oppressed made free again; that wars may cease in all the earth, and that the confusions that are and have been among nations may be overruled by promoting and speedily bringing on that holy and happy period when the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ may be established, and all people everywhere willingly bow to the scepter of Him who is the Prince of peace." As Governor of Massachusetts, Proclamation of a Day of Fast, March 20, 1797.





JOHN WITHERSPOON



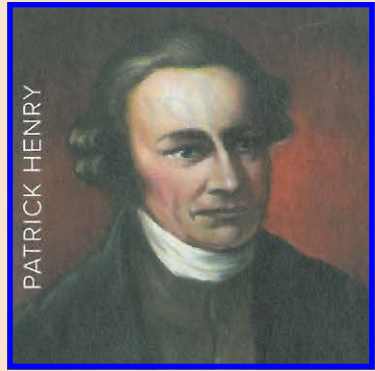
**JOHN WITHERSPOON** Signer of the Declaration of Independence, clergyman and president of Princeton University.

"While we give praise to God, the Supreme Disposer of all events, for His interposition on our behalf, let us guard against the dangerous error of trusting in, or boasting of, an arm of flesh ... If your cause is just, if your principles are pure, and if your conduct is prudent, you need not fear the multitude of opposing hosts.

"What follows from this? That he is the best friend to American liberty, who is most sincere and active in promoting true and undefiled religion, and she sets himself with the greatest firmness to bear down profanity and immorality of every kind.

"Whoever is an avowed enemy of God, I scruple not to call him an enemy to his country." Sermon at Princeton University, "The Dominion of Providence over the Passions of Men," May 17, 1776.

PATRICK HENRY



**PATRICK HENRY** Ratifier of the U. S. Constitution.

It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here." **The Trumpet Voice of Freedom; Patrick Henry of Virginia.**



**RALLYING CRY FOR 2019: EVERYTHING BY PRAYER**



## PRAYER SEMINARS ALIVE AND WELL IN LATIN AMERICA:

Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad & Tobago, Venezuela, Uruguay.

## PAKISTANI LEADERS ARE COMING

Now you can mark off Hyderabad, Pakistan. We provided funds to have leadership prayer seminars in several big cities in Pakistan, nation which is 97% Muslim. **THE COUPLE LEADING THE PRAYER SEMINAR MINISTRY** will be with us in August and we will provide a full Pakistani report in the August **Reflector**. We have an open door at this time working alongside indigenous churches but we do not know when the door will be closed to Christian ministries.

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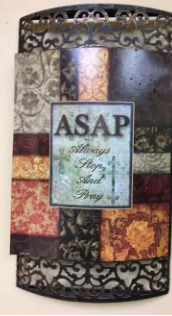
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S-top

A-nd

P-ray

NOTES  
from  
my  
BIBLE



**Note 5011.** As surely as a man is born to live, he is also born to die.

**Note 5012.** Those things begun in prayer end in power.

**Note 5013.** There is probably nothing so much discussed and practiced less than PRAYER.

**Note 5014.** It takes a personal visit to make most folks aware of their spiritual needs.

**Note 5015.** One brief contact won't do it all; you've got to keep on going.

**NOTE; EACH THOUGHT ABOVE IS FROM THE RINGGOLD BULLETIN (FEBRUARY 4, 1968).**

## DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

May 24-June 14, 2019

Regular	40	\$10,792.00
Kenya-Martin	48	8,080.00
Total	88	\$18,872.00



**THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!**

Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

**PRAYER CALENDAR****JULY 2019***"I will give myself to prayer..."*

Psalm 109:4b

**MONDAY, JULY 1**

Proverbs 1-4 (N. Korea 24.9M)

Mae Adams (NC)  
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)  
 Norma Ailes (FL)  
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)  
 David & Eujoo Andersen (VA)

**TUESDAY, JULY 2**

Proverbs 5-9 (N. Korea 24.9M)

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)  
 Eldon/Gayle Armstrong (SC)  
 Leonor Avila (MD)  
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)  
 Marcia Barna (PA)  
 Linda Beattie (PA)  
 Tim Bash-GCCC (NJ)  
 Emily Baskin (TN)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 3**

Proverbs 10-13 (N. Korea 24.9M)

Jean Beasley (TN)  
 Tommy Bell (TN)  
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)  
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)  
 Beulah Baptist Church (VA)  
 Dr. Dennis Hollandsworth  
 Beverly Blankenship (TN)  
 Loretta Bolen (VA)

**THURSDAY, JULY 4**

Proverbs 14-17 (S Korea 49M)

William/Debbie Bowden (NC)  
 Kathleen Boyce (PA)  
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)  
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)  
 Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)  
 Kim Bradshaw (VA)

**FRIDAY, JULY 5**

Proverbs 18-21 (Kosovo 1.9M)

Lurlene Braud (VA)  
 Michal Breed (WI)  
 Nancy Bretz (PA)  
 Judy Britt (GA)  
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)  
 Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)  
 Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)  
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

**SATURDAY, JULY 6**

Proverbs 22-24 (Kuwait 2.7M)

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)  
 Eileen Camarena (NJ)  
 Dallas & Anne Campbell (VA)

Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)  
 Cliff & Laura Cannon (FL)  
 Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)  
 Robert & Anita Carroll (VA)

**SUNDAY, JULY 7**

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)

**MONDAY, JULY 8**

Proverbs 25-29 (Kyrgyzstan 5.6M)

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)  
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)  
 Barbara Custalow (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)

**TUESDAY, JULY 9**

Proverbs 30-31 (Laos 6.8M)

Jeff & Leeann Englert (KY)  
 Lynn Elkins (TN)  
 Don & Mary Enoch (FL)  
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)  
 John & Susan Finnessy (MD)  
 James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)  
 Nancy Fowser (NJ)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10**

Ecclesiastes 1-6 (Lebanon 5.9M)

Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)  
 Freedom Through Faith (MD)  
 Robert Tribouea, Pastor  
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)  
 James Fugate (CA)  
 Emilee Emma Fulcher (VA)  
 Pauline Garrett (NJ)  
 Ron & Kay Gavette (VA)  
 Frank Geiger (HI)

**THURSDAY, JULY 11**

Ecclesiastes 7-12 (Lesotho 1.9M)

Gloucester Co. Community Ch  
 (NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor  
 Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)  
 Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)  
 Steve & Sue Gordon (VA)  
 Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ)  
 Dale & Mary Gray (IL)  
 Odether Gray (GA)

**FRIDAY, JULY 12**

Song of Solomon (Liberia 4.1M)

Linda Gregory (UT)  
 Mike Hall (IN)  
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)  
 Sadie Harris (VA)  
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)  
 Hazel Hartless (VA)  
 William & Sara Hefner (PA)  
 Mary Pat Hendrick (VA)  
 Jim Hengood (CT)  
 Gina Henry (VA)  
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

**SATURDAY, JULY 13**

Isaiah 1-4 (Libya 4.1M)

Jack Henry (TN)  
 James & Kathryn Henry (MS)  
 Mark Henry (TN)  
 Melody Henry (VA)  
 Roger & Sara Henry (OH)  
 Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)  
 Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)  
 Frank & Pat Hitchings (VA)

**SUNDAY, JULY 14**

Jeff Hodge (VA)  
 Jerry, Sandra, Jeff Hodge (VA)  
 Bill Hogan (VA)  
 Joanna Holland (VA)  
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)  
 Anita Horton (VA)  
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (TN)  
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)  
 Joyce Hunt (TN)  
 Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)  
 Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)  
 Gene Jeffries (AR)  
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)  
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)  
 Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)

**MONDAY, JULY 15**

Isaiah 5-7 (Liechtenstein 37,313)

Millicent John (NY)  
 Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)  
 Gwen Johnson (AZ)  
 Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)  
 Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN)  
 James Jones (FL)  
 Paul Jones (KY)  
 Theodore/Sherry Jones (MD)  
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)  
 Mohan Katta (IL)

**TUESDAY, JULY 16**

Isaiah 8-12 (Lithuania 3.5M)

Suzie Kauffmann (NC)  
 Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)  
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church  
 (KY) Darren Hisel, Pastor  
 Harriet Kennedy (VA)  
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church  
 (KY) Darren Hisel, Pastor

Louis & Jane Kiger (VA)  
 Ken & Bonnie Kirby (PA)  
 Robert/Andrea Klepper (TN)  
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 17**

**Isaiah 13-16 (Lithuania 3.5M)**  
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)  
 Korean Branch:

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

### **THURSDAY, JULY 18**

**Isaiah 17-20 (Macau 587,914)**  
 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)

### **FRIDAY, JULY 19**

**Isaiah 21-23 (Macedonia 2.1M)**  
 Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)  
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)  
 Beau Ware Masonry (VA)  
 Deborah Mathias (NY)  
 Bob & Heidi Maatney (VA)  
 Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)  
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)  
 R. O. & June McHaney (VA)  
 Nancy McPherson (ME)  
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)  
 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (TN)

### **SATURDAY, JULY 20**

**Isaiah 24-27 (Madagascar 23.2M)**  
 Betsy Miedema (MI)  
 Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)  
 Ted & Natalie Monroe (KY)  
 Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)  
 Ron & Wilma Moore (NC)  
 Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)

### **SUNDAY, JULY 21**

Drever/ Roberta Morton (VA)  
 Elaine Moser (MN)  
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)  
 NE Baptist College (VT)  
 Mark Ballard, President  
 Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI)  
 Pete Dorn, Pastor  
 Zack & Jackie Olcott (VA)

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

### **MONDAY, JULY 22**

**Isaiah 28-30 (Malaysia 30.1M)**  
 Elbert & Barbara Powell (VA)  
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)  
 Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)  
 Marjorie Randall (TX)  
 Dave Ricker (ME)  
 Joyce Riley (KY)

### **TUESDAY, JULY 23**

**Isaiah 31-35 (Maldives 393,595)**  
 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)  
 James & Shelly Rode (FL)  
 Fred & Wanda Rolater (TN)  
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 24**

**Isaiah 36-39 (Mali 16.5M)**  
 St. Paul Baptist Church (IN)  
 Dr. C. L. Adams, Pastor  
 John Saint (PA)  
 Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO)  
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)  
 Fank & Alta Schollaert (PA)  
 Mark/Paula Schollaert (PA)  
 Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)  
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)  
 Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)  
 Shenandoah Valley Bap Ch(VA)  
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)  
 Lola Simpson (NY)

### **THURSDAY, JULY 25**

**Isaiah 40-43 (Malta 412,655)**  
 Mary Skiles (KS)  
 Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)  
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)  
 Helen Sourlis (MD)  
 Randy/Cheryl Stauter (MN)  
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

### **FRIDAY, JULY 26**

**Isaiah 44-48 (Marshall Isl 70,983)**  
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)  
 Charles Stinson (VA)  
 Johnny & Rosie Street (TX)  
 William Suttles (NC)  
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

### **SATURDAY, JULY 27**

**Isaiah 49-51 (Mauritania 3.5M)**  
 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)  
 Paula Tipton (TN)  
 William & Katie Toney (NC)

### **SUNDAY, JULY 28**

Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)  
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)  
 Diane Troutman (KY)  
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)  
 Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)  
 Malcom Troutman (KY)  
 Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)  
 Frances Turpin (VA)  
 Sara Underwood (TN)  
 Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)  
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)  
 Jane Verkaik (MI)  
 George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)

### **MONDAY, JULY 29**

**Isaiah 52-57 (Mauritius 1.3M)**  
 Mary Ann Voss (DE)  
 Horace & Becky Ward (NC)  
 Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)  
 Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)  
 Joyce Warpoole (TN)  
 Rodger Watts (WI)

### **TUESDAY, JULY 30**

**Isaiah 58-62 (Mexico 120.2M)**  
 Frank & Nell Weer (KY)  
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)  
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)  
 Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**

**Isaiah 63-66 (Micronesia 105,681)**  
 Jeff Williamson (FL)  
 Ken & Carol Willis (VA)  
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)  
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)  
 Eva Winebarger (VA)  
 Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)  
 Jonathan & Selena Wood (PA)  
 Layden Wood (VA)  
 Greg & Lori Worley (GA)  
 David & Lili Wykle (VA)  
 Yeshua Ministries (TN)  
 Dr. Frank Bell, President  
 Fred & Susan Zeller (VA)



## DAILY INTERCESSION

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Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)  
Bobby Compton (VA)  
Ron Gavette [Kay] (VA)  
Joy Harper (VA)  
Bruce Kirby [Wanda] (KY)  
Edra Landers [Phil] (OK)  
Aija Ozolins [John] (Latvia)  
Bobby Smith [Cindy] (VA)  
Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)  
Betty Sommers [Walt] (VA)  
Sara Underwood (TN)

### JULY ITINERARY

7 Victory Baptist Church, Roanoke VA  
19 JGHM Board, Murfreesboro TN  
20 Prayer Seminar, Eagleville TN

**Believers Are Revived when  
they become prayer warriors.**  
**WHY NOT SCHEDULE A  
PRAYER SEMINAR IN  
YOUR CHURCH? SEND  
THREE POSSIBLE DATES.**

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Andrew & Celestine Sakari (Kenya)  
Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)  
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Roberto & Joana Waisman (Brazil)  
Othnel Wakili (Nigeria)  
Silas & Comfort Yashim (Nigeria)

## MINISTRY UPDATE

Winding down a very active ministry is not easy! Although steps are progressing to the time that the baton will be passed to new leadership, Sue and I hope to remain actively engaged in ministry. There is a possibility that we can keep the **Reflector**, which is now in its 65<sup>th</sup> year of publication, going. We have a website in place that will enable us to work from home touching lives around the world. As **Dr. Harris Verkaik** reminded us when he was no longer able to do public speaking, it is possible to have a new ministry. For him that was prayer and ministering to those who came to him. We can only imagine his continued active involvement with his new quarters in Heaven as his launching point.

Our new paradigm of **Ropeholder Doorkeepers** is working beautifully. **Adam Nathanson** is developing a team to work with him. We aim for December 31, 2019 as the date to place the responsibility for the prayer seminars in his hand. He is becoming acquainted with the present ministry in other nations. The reality is that we are coming to the point when it is wise to reduce a travel ministry. BUT **winding down is not easy!**

### THANKS! ROPEHOLDER DOORKEEPERS!

**The need for \$9,000 to cover  
Martin's van was shared with  
Ropeholder Doorkeepers.  
THE FUNDS HAVE BEEN  
TRANSMITTED. THE VAN IS  
NOW BEING USED! THANK**

In 1987, there were two international prayer seminar events. The first was Nigeria (January 19-February 6) and the second was India (November 9-25). Both were memorable and fruitful. To report to the Doorkeepers after the Nigeria seminars (Imo State, Ibo Tribe), a small pictorial booklet was prepared with a Nigerian coin anchoring the cover page. Since one photo is reported to be worth 1,000 words, a replica of the booklet follows. You will see why many Doorkeepers and friends became excited about prayer seminars in other nations.

## NIGERIA MEMORIES

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## THE SIN OF PRAYERLESSNESS

In the June issue, Reflector readers were provided a study from the Prayer Seminar on The Sin of Prayerlessness (Session Six of the Prayer Seminar Workbook). Prayerlessness doesn't mean that a believer never prays, it means he is not praying as he should be praying. Prayerlessness was defined as that state in which one prays less than he ought, less than the Father desires, and less than one himself knows that he should. Actually we should be praying about everything. After we become a Christian, we should order our lives around prayer and the Word, no more and no less.

Further, we noted that prayerlessness is a sin, not an area of neglect. Sadly, prayerlessness is a sin against who God is because each element of prayer reveals some aspect of God's essence, His character, and His attributes. It is a sin against the Person of God, the Provision of God, the Purpose and Plan of God, the Pleasure of God, the Power of God, and the Promises of God.

During this study, we want to continue to discuss how it is possible for a believer to be prayerless as a part of his lifestyle. During that study we primarily looked at **PRAYERLESSNESS as a sin**. In this study, we will deal with **PRAYERLESSNESS as a stronghold**. A believer will be able to understand what it takes to become a person of prayer when he understands who he is as a person.

### HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT A BORN-AGAIN PERSON BE PRAYERLESS? PRAYERLESSNESS-A STRONGHOLD

Key verse: "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." **2 Corinthians 10:4-5**

**STRONGHOLD.** A stronghold is a system of thought or an area of bondage within the mind or body that encourages the devil to attack. In military language, it would refer to any area where the military is entrenched—a "fortress." It is an area over which the Christian does not have control. Repeating an incident of behavior enough times produces a habit. When a habit is formed the person proceeds without thinking because whatever it is has become a part of his lifestyle. The same is true of a stronghold.

For many years, we featured Dr. Charles Stanley's **HANDLE WITH PRAYER** (Wheaton: Victor Books, 1982) on the prayer seminar book table and encouraged our participants to add this volume to their libraries. According to a JGHM report entitled **Materials Used: Thirty-Two Year Summary**



(1986-2018), JGHM distributed 3,955 copies and Dr. Stanley extended his personal gratitude.

A stronghold is an area of sin that has become part of our lifestyle. It may be a harmful habit (drugs, fornication, smoking) or it may be an attitude (rejection, loneliness, worry, doubt) . . . Satan pumps us full of lies which secure these strongholds. They may sound like this, "There's really nothing wrong with this music — I don't listen to the words anyway." Or, "I just drink a little when I get nervous." And haven't we all said, "The police won't pull me over for going 60 mph, so it's OK?"

Our responsibility as Christians is to tear down these strongholds through Spirit-filled prayers. How? There is only one weapon — the sword of the Spirit. We must fight these lies with God's Word. We must fight specific lies with specific truths. (p 118)

Look carefully at **2 Corinthians 10:4-5**. Three words in this passage reveal that strongholds are developed in our minds. I have my students in a prayer seminar to circle the three words in their workbooks, viz., imagination, knowledge, and thought. So, where in a person are strongholds? Strongholds develop in our minds.

In the mid-1960s, God gave me "a best friend." His name was **Hugh Bryan Mylam**. He and his wife, **Carter**, lived in Ringgold, a small village near the North Carolina border in southside Virginia. Initially, it was a long distance friendship since we lived

in Berea, Kentucky, 400 miles west. When we relocated to Lynchburg, Virginia in April 1972, we were sixty-eight miles apart! Hugh Bryan's delight was talking about the Bible. Sometimes we talked for hours, went to bed to sleep, only to resume the conversation when we awakened. There were times when he espoused, "You are wrong about that" and then proceeded to quote the relevant Scriptures to prove his contention.

When I casually commented that I wish we had a queen-size bed, it was not long until Hugh Bryan presented us with a king-size bed with side tables, and a huge bureau that he crafted from walnut (trees on his farm). We have been blessed from his craftsmanship for forty-four years! You should see the beautiful, large roll-top desk he made for us!

One day Hugh Bryan informed us that he and Carter were coming to Lynchburg to spend the weekend with us. We were thrilled! He continued, "You know I'm teaching the senior adults in our church and you know how the seniors are. You teach them one thing and they want to know two. Teach them two things and they want to know three." At that point they were asking two questions: (1) What is the difference in the Bible between spirit, soul and heart? (2) What happens to believers when they die?

My preparation for the upcoming discussion was to ask our seminary dean and two seminary faculty members the questions. After

listening to their answers, I was unclear about the first question. When I explained my dilemma to Hugh Bryan, I stated that we would need to resort to the next best thing. He quickly asked, "And what is the next best thing?" When I told him that we would need to go to the Bible for ourselves. His retort was simple: "Don't you think that is what we should have done anyway?" Actually, I did!

On that Saturday afternoon 1975 in my study in Lynchburg, we found a verse that led us toward understanding the answer to his first question. The verse was from Paul in **1 Thessalonians 5:23**. This verse explains how God made us. We are a **trichotomy**, not a **dichotomy**. The "whole" person is spirit, soul, and body. Basically, Hugh Bryan's question was "Who is a person?" My teaching area was human development and my academic preparation included psychology, anthropology, sociology. From this moment on, I revised my approach to add a spiritual aspect in a much clearer manner. During the time when I began to see the need to know God better, I read widely many books on the subject. I began to understand the place of prayer. Each church is to be known as a praying church. My deep desire was to understand the spiritual side of man as I taught human development to my students at Lynchburg Baptist College (now Liberty University).

After exploring several approaches Hugh Bryan could use to explain to his seniors, we came up

with the idea of using three circles as a teaching paradigm to illustrate. The new teaching paradigm was depicted by using three circles joined together. The big circle represents the body. A circle inside that circle represents the soul ("person" made up of mind, emotion and will), and a smaller circle inside the second circle represents the spirit of man (where the control seat is located). You can see the paradigm in the Prayer Seminar Workbook (p 19). From that day forward, I have used this model and it communicates.

Scriptures we chose to use were **Genesis 3**, **John 3**, and **Romans 5:12-21**. You remember that God told Adam that he would die the day he ate the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden. Did he die? He did not die physically. He did not die as a person. But he did die. His spirit died to God leaving only self on the throne. In John 3, Jesus had a conversation with Nicodemus. What kind of a new birth did Jesus tell Nicodemus that was necessary to be in a right relationship to God? A physical birth was impossible since a grown person cannot enter the second time into his mother's womb. Jesus was speaking of a spiritual birth.

Because of Adam's sin, the spirit of man died to God. Every person born since Adam has been born dead to God. When a person receives Christ as Savior, his spirit is quickened (made alive) by the Holy Spirit. We call that "born again!" One thing that I learned in the early years of the prayer seminar

ministry, especially teaching in other nations, few Christians understand what happened to them the moment that they trusted Christ as Savior. Consequently, they have no assurance and many think they need to be saved more than once. A list is now included in the **Prayer Seminar Workbook**: (1) The person's name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life; (2) The Holy Spirit comes to live in the person; (3) the Holy Spirit places him into the Body of Christ (spiritual baptism); (4) the Holy Spirit gives one or more spiritual (charisma) gifts to be used to build up the Body of Christ; and (5) the person is placed on the road to Heaven, his eternal home.

To understand strongholds, here is important information. Mind, emotions, will, and body are not born again. A struggle begins and continues since Satan's aim is to nullify the influence of a believer. The explanation Paul gives in **Romans 7** sharpens our understanding of the struggle. He explained that when he would do good that evil was with him. "That which I want to do, I don't do. What I do not want to do, I do." But we must never quit reading. He thanks God that he does not have to be defeated. There is victory that comes when we surrender and yield to the Holy Spirit. Most Christians are carnal. A carnal Christian is a Christian where self is in control, not the Holy Spirit.

If a Christian is defeated it will be in the mind. What is in the mind determines one's behavior.

The mind is not born again. We have a sin nature when we are born. From that moment onward, through learning and experiencing, we begin to fill our minds with good things, bad things, and many things that are neither good nor bad. Satan begins to pollute the mind in order to defeat us. He does not let up! Actually, many ungodly things in my mind were learned AFTER I became a Christian. The mind must be protected and renewed (**Romans 12:2**). This is where the Word of God comes into the picture. When we put God's Word into our minds it will be there when temptations come knocking. The Holy Spirit brings the Word alive and nullifies any influence of the bad things that are in our minds. The strongholds are broken up and have no power to defeat us. For further understanding, there is pertinent information on Page 20 of the **Prayer Seminar Workbook**.

Someone said that the Holy Spirit uses the six-hour prayer seminar to "whet" appetites for further study. Many have said that the prayer seminar is worth more than two-week revival meetings. From the crucible of experience, I know what happens when we begin to study together the many facets of developing a meaningful, sustained prayer life. Should you organize a prayer seminar in your area? **Adam Nathanson** and his team will be eager to share with you. I continue to conduct a limited number of prayer seminars personally.

Understanding, **prayerlessness** is a sin is the starting point to victory.

It happens because Satan has been given a place to stand in your mind until it is a stronghold. You and I don't have to be defeated. The stronghold can be broken up by the Word of God. It is then that you will be on your road to becoming a prayer warrior. Prayer is the work that must come before all other work for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Calvary love,

*J. Gordon Henry*

The following is quoted from Dr. Frank Minirth's book, **CHRISTIAN PSYCHIATRY**, pages 63-70 (Old Tappan, NJ: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1977):

Man consists of a body, soul, and spirit. In 1 Thess. 5:23 (NAS), the following is recorded: "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." This is a very significant verse, for it refers to three distinct and separate parts of man. The distinction is not unlike that heard in secular areas where man in totality is referred to as spirit, soul and body. The reference is to the spiritual aspect of man, the psychological aspect of man, and finally the physical aspect. In the above verse, each part is considered

separately and thus, each has different functions; yet they must complement each other to make the whole. The whole of man is again described in a very early portion of Scripture. In Genesis 2:7 (NAS), the following is recorded: "Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground [Hebrew word for body is basar], and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life [Hebrew word *nwahmah*, meaning the human spirit, is used here] and man became a living being [can also be translated "soul"—Hebrew word for soul here is *nephesh*]." Thus, God combined body plus spirit to form the soul.

The word soul is most often used as a synonym for the person—the self. The innermost aspect of man which is the supernatural part of man given by God at birth is the spirit. The spirit is the organ for communication with God. Note John 4:23. Another important function of the spirit is perception and insight.





## In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babel!  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save;  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied -  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

One of my favorite contemporary hymns is **In Christ Alone**, written in 2001 by **Stuart Townend** and **Keith Getty**, a Nashville, Tennessee resident. An article from the Religious News Service (RNS) began with "Fans of a beloved contemporary Christian

hymn won't get any satisfaction in a new church hymnal. The committee putting together a new hymnal for the Presbyterian Church (USA) dropped the popular hymn "In Christ Alone" because the song's authors refused to change a phrase about the wrath of God. The original lyrics say that "on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied." The Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song wanted to substitute the words, "the love of God was magnified." Some critics felt that the proposed change was sparked by liberals wanting to take God's wrath out of the hymnal.

Timothy George, dean of Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Ala., said he worries that the committee dropped the song because the idea of God's wrath has become unpopular. "I don't see this as an isolated case," he said in a phone interview. "It fits into a wider pattern of downplaying parts of Christian doctrine that are offensive." Mike Harland, the director of LifeWay Worship, the music department of the Nashville-based publisher affiliated with the Southern Baptists pointed out that the words in a hymnal matter. "The faith of current generations and future generations is shaped by what we say and what we sing," he said. "That's why you stress over every word."

(based on the RNS article written by Bob Smietana who writes for USA Today and the Tennessean in Nashville, Tenn.)

Political correctness often creeps in very subtle tones. **Carollyn Peerman** has written a very timely article that reminds us of a danger facing believers—failing to discern

the prevailing danger of current efforts to lay aside our convictions and beliefs under the guise of "inclusiveness," a popular way that Carollyn notes "has broad appeal."

### Are Born-Again Christians Inclusive or Exclusive?

Carollyn Peerman  
Lynchburg, Virginia

"I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by Me," said Jesus to His disciples in **John 14:6**. Jesus Christ Himself made it perfectly clear that the only way to God the Father was through Him. It is exclusive. There is only one way for now and forever.

This exclusive way to God through the LORD Jesus Christ is not popular. It is a narrow way and few there be that find it. Most men reject it. The popular way has broad appeal. With the popular way you can do what you want when you want. It is inclusive and the way of the crowd.

By making Jesus Christ the LORD of your life, you become conformed to His image. You are indwelt with His Holy Spirit. You manifest faith, hope, charity, long suffering, meekness, temperance, kindness, humility, and mercy.

Jesus said, "Men ought always to pray and not faint" (Luke 18:1). He expects His children to **ORDER THEIR** ordertheir lives around prayer. Use three levels of intensity: "Ask ... Seek ... Knock" (Matthew 7:7).



### Martin's Van

During the first few years that Martin Shikuku and I worked together, his mode of transportation was by foot, by bus, or by taxi. He had never experienced air travel. When he told me that his dream was to be able to drive me to our venues when I returned to East/Central Africa nations, I didn't know if he could drive so I filed his dream away. Then came a day when we were able to purchase a vehicle, a small sedan. Amazingly, God allowed us to upgrade to a van, which he has literally worn out!

Now, thanks gifts from forty-five **Ropeholder Doorkeepers**, **Martin has a van that is likely to meet his needs for some years.** We asked for 100 to stand with us in this venture of faith. God knew, however, that forty-five would meet the need, with some left over for future needs.

Thanks for the financial and/or prayer support. God is good! God is Jehovah-Jireh! Let's praise Him afresh and anew!

God is using Martin to touch many lives in East/Central Africa through his church and through the prayer seminar ministry.

## Grandson to Nana

In 1994, our grandson, William Edward Ware III (Beau)) sent his grandmother (Nana) a handwritten copy of Ralph Waldo Emerson's poem that entitled "For Father".

We Thank Thee

For flowers that bloom about our feet,  
Father, we thank Thee.

For tender grass so fresh, so sweet,  
Father, we thank Thee.

For the song of bird and hum of bee,  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky,  
Father, we thank Thee.

For pleasant shade of branches high,  
Father, we thank Thee.

For fragrant air and cooling breeze,  
For beauty of the blooming trees,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For this new morning with its light,  
Father, we thank Thee.

For rest and shelter of the night,  
Father, we thank Thee

For health and food, for love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.



**Beau in New York City  
on a family excursion  
that included Ashley,  
Willow,  
Stone and Maggie**

Discovering this document was a reminder that we need to pray for our family. Our nuclear family is now four generations—Sue (Nana) and me, three children (Mona, Mark & Melody), six grandchildren: Emilee Bradshaw Fulcher, Kimberlee Bradshaw, James Henry, Wendy Henry Goodner, Beau Ware, and Jeanne Ware, seven great-grandchildren: (Caleb and Lillian; Maggie; Willow and Stone; Emma; and Ellie). In the **Prayer Seminar Workbook**, two pages are devote to **intercessory praying**, pages eight and twenty-nine. **Intercession** is one of the five elements of prayer, namely **A-doration**, **C-onfession**, **T-hanksgiving**, **S-eeking for self (Petition)**, **S-eeking for Others (Intercession)**. Across the world, we have testimonies from participants in prayer seminars indicating that one of the major lessons learned during a prayer seminar is to learn the elements and use them as a practical way to organize their daily prayer time. While this order might not always be appropriate, it is true that using the **A-C-T-S** acronym is clearly helpful.

For those who have a copy of the **Prayer Seminar Workbook**, this would

be an excellent time to review the two pages cited dealing with intercession. Page eight deals with prayer as work challenging churches to become praying churches. This only becomes a reality when individual believers are willing to exercise discipline and make prayer a daily priority. Prayer is the work that must come before all other work. Page twenty-nine deals with how to organize intercessory praying.

**Intercessory praying is defined as focusing the power of God on a person or on a situation.** No prayer list, no prayer life is a main focus. A practical suggestion is given on how to organize the prayer list using daily and the days of the week as headers. On the daily list, pray for your family, your pastor and his family, and the Peace of Jerusalem. During our morning devotions, Sue and I pray for each member of our nuclear family with specific requests that come from our Bible reading that day and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. For example, we recently prayed that each would have a heart for God that day.



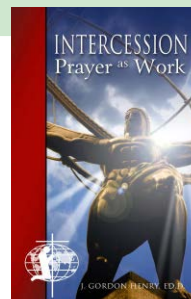
**Willow Ware**



**Stone Ware**

We have photos of our family positioned at key points both in our living quarters and in the JGHM Offices (the lower level of our house). The latest arrivals are photos of Beau's children, William Edward Ware IV (Stone) and Willow. We cannot keep from thinking about a family member when we see photos that remind us that our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren need prayer too.

My book, **Intercession: Prayer as Work**, was written to augment (flesh out) the basic material taught in the prayer seminar. Now would be a good time to revisit the workbook if you have a copy or procure one from JGHM and read it to strengthen your intercession for your family and others.



**EVERYTHING BY PRAYER**