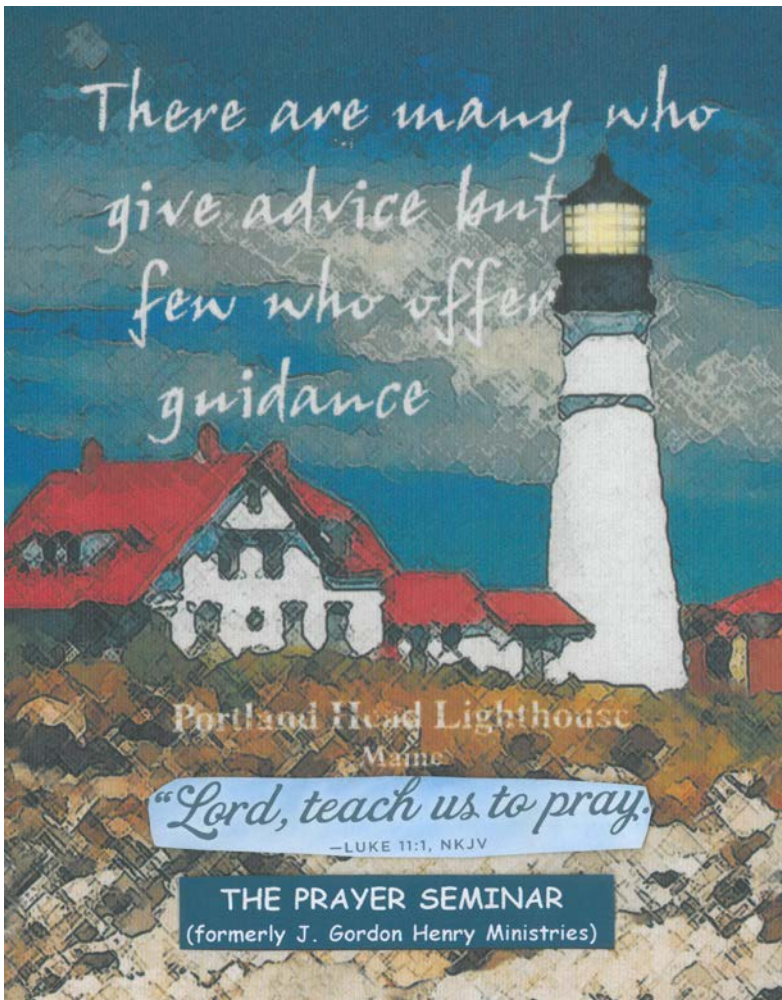


REFLECTOR

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**OUR MISSION UNCHANGED
ESTABLISHING LIGHTHOUSES OF PRAYER**

Thanksgiving as an Element of Prayer

One could say thanksgiving is gratitude to God for the benefits we receive from Him. The Scripture says, "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise" (Psalm 100:4). Paul couples prayer with thanksgiving. During the past fifty years, a study of prayer has been a major part of my life and ministry. Could we say that Paul is saying that we should wrap our prayers with thanksgiving? I think so. We need to go no farther than the Bible itself to see the importance God places on thanks, thanksgiving, thankful.

If you are one who marks your Bible or makes notes in the margin, as I do, you might want to underline, circle, or draw an arrow toward words that designate giving thanks. Giving thanks is a grateful acknowledge of the blessings He has bestowed upon us. The songwriter admonishes us, "Count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done." Another way to express and come to the essence of this is "if you are thankful, you will be thankful!"

By using a concordance, you can review quickly references that use thank, thankful, thanks, thanksgiving. One suggestion is to take time to go through the Psalms and underline these words. Be sure to think (meditate, mutter, muse, talk to yourself) when you review these Scriptures. The latter could get you started thinking about the importance of giving thanks. God desires that we come to Him with a thankful heart.

Session Five in the Prayer Seminar Workbook (hard copy available through our office and soon to be available for downloading on the internet) deals with your personal prayer life. I call this session, "A-C-T-S: Personal Praying." We cover five elements of prayer using this A-C-T-S

Anchored to the Solid Rock

It is very essential that every house have a good foundation. Foundations are designed to transmit the weight of the superstructure to that portion of the earth's surface on which it is to rest. This surface may be called the foundation bed. The object of foundations is to transmit the entire load to the foundation bed at a safe pressure and with uniform settlement. Massive rocks provide the best foundation beds. Sand foundations need protection against running water and are not durable.

Jesus told a parable about two builders. The wise man built his house upon a rock. The foolish man built his house upon the sand. Of course, the house that was founded upon the rock withstood the storms and floods. The house that was built upon the shifting sand soon collapsed.

This parable teaches that the only sure foundation for our live is the Rock, the Lord Jesus Christ. The songwriter put his testimony to music. He wrote, "On Christ, the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand."

Is your house built upon the solid Rock, or is it still on sinking sand? Christ died on Calvary that you might have ETERNAL life. Jesus said that he [including you and me] who comes to Him, He will in no wise cast out. Choice, not change, determines eternal destiny either in Heaven or in Hell.

as an acronym (a memory device). Five out of four letters? Yes. (1) **A-doration** (praise and worship looking toward Heaven and focusing on God); (2) **C-onfession** (agreeing with God when the Holy Spirit makes us conscious of a sin in our lives conviction is the word and saying the same thing about our sin that God says. Careful! There is a danger here, Wrapping all your sins in a bundle and holding the bundle up to God saying "Forgive me of all my sins, dear Lord" which does not fall within the parameters of what the word "confess" means. What is the sin you were convicted about? When you deal with a specific sin name the sin, although God already knows what it is, you will see **1 John 1:9** fulfilled); (3) **T-hanksgiving** for what God has done and who He is which is the subject of this study; (4) **S-eeking for self**, petition praying; and (5) **S-eeking for others**, intercession.

When I approach "thanksgiving (page 27)," I always say, "I should not have to teach this, because everyone should be thankful and grateful for blessings." Then I quickly continue, "But I guess I have to teach this. Remember what Jesus said in **Luke 17:17**? Let's read: 'Were there not ten cleansed [speaking of the lepers]? Where are the nine?' **EXTENT OF INGRATITUDE**. Is this implying that nine out of ten do not think to be thankful?" Ingratitude is one of the most serious shortcomings. He pours out blessings, we fail to say "THANKS."

1. THE BIBLE AND THANKSGIVING.

Then out of the plethora of available Scriptures, I have chosen three for my students to recite in unison and write in their workbooks:

Psalm 103:2-5: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits ..."; **Psalm 118:1:** "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good."; **Lamentations 3:22-23:** " ... His mercies are new every morning ..."

In the middle of the page, the spotlight is turned on **JESUS GAVE THANKS** before feeding five thousand (**Matthew 14:19**); before raising Lazarus from the dead (**John 11:41-42**). **PAUL GAVE THANKS** "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift" (**Romans 9:25**). Then one of the many boxes in the prayer seminar workbook:

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

v. 15 "Be thankful"

v. 17 "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." **Remember prayer is coming to the Father through the Son in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

2. BE SPECIFIC.

To be thankful in EVERYTHING may lead us to be thankful for nothing. "Count ...name one by one." Then I list sixteen examples:

- a. My creation
- b. B. Privilege of being alive in God's beautiful world
- c. Forgiveness of sin
- d. New Life in Christ
- e. God's constant presence
- f. God's patience
- g. Health and strength: Mental, Physical, Emotional
- h. Abounding material gifts
- i. Privilege of prayer and answers
- j. Victories in life through God's power
- k. God's leadership

- l. God's discipline
- m. Home (strength, security, and love)
- n. Blessed fellowship of a local church
- o. Christian friends
- p. Glorious hope of everlasting life in heaven.
- q.

3. IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS

1 Thessalonians 5:18 _____

"I have a headache, but praise the Lord I still have a head to ache."

I close the study on Thanksgiving, the third of the five elements of prayer with another box.

A VERY PRACTICAL IDEA IS TO THANK GOD FOR ONE OF HIS BENEFITS IN THE VARIOUS AREAS OF LIFE AND TELL HIM WHY YOU ARE THANKFUL.

1. PHYSICAL (e.g., Eyesight)
2. MATERIAL (e.g., Shoes)
3. SPIRITUAL (e.g., A heart for God)
4. PEOPLE (e.g., A family member)

This is one way to keep the thanksgiving element in your praying alive and well. Thanksgiving does not change God, it changes you. You will be ready to face your day with joy.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

P.S. Here are some Scripture references that I jotted down in preparation for this study; You might want to write them down, turn to them in your Bible, and then briefly encapsulate the thought in your notebook. Each is precious.

1 Chronicles 16:14; Ezra 3:11; Psalm 50:14; Psalm 92:1; Psalm 95:2; Psalm 100:4; Psalm 107:1; Psalm 136:1; Matthew 11:25; Romans 1:21; Romans 14:6; Philippians 4:6; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; 1 Timothy 1:12; Revelation 11:17.

**A WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT
IN YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE.**



Stand with Persecuted Christians
THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Do you have the world on your heart yet?
 Around the world, believers are persecuted for professing their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Some have been brutally beaten, seen homes/churches burned. Some martyred.



Graduation Day, June 1957
 Jim Henry, Bachelor of Arts
 Berea College, Kentucky

In the early 1950's, the **Saturday Evening Post** characterized Berea College (Kentucky) as the school where nobody loafes featuring the Labor Program where every student had to work. In my senior year, I was invited to work as the teacher-in-charge of the Foundation School's boys' dorm, quite an honor, indeed. The senior day photo above was taken in my dorm apartment. The Foundation School was a residential high school for students from the mountain counties served by Berea College. I cherish the myriad and varied opportunities proffered during my student days at Berea College 1953-57.

A PERSONAL WORD

The December issue of the Reflector will bring to close sixty-seven years for the REFLECTOR.

This responsibility, which represents many, many hours of study and work has been a tremendous blessing, one of the greatest blessings in my life and a molder of the use of my time. The December issue will be the last using the twenty-page booklet format such as the one you hold in your hands. So, I want each reader to know that I am thankful to you for allowing me to share myself with you. For several years, we had over 13,000 on our mailing list.

A friend recently wrote: "I'm also grateful for knowing you and Sue. Sue as a hospital co-worker and friend and you as a dear friend and teacher. I'm also very grateful that you have kept the Reflector going. I look forward to it every month knowing there will be something in it to keep me challenged and refreshed." Another one wrote: "Thank you for answering God's call on your life. Because you were faithful, lives have been changed around the world."

Personally, I will particularly miss the Reflector Prayer Calendar. Calling out names and states in prayer has been an ongoing thrill to my heart, knowing you are there and many of you are praying for Sue and me as well as the prayer seminar ministry. I am considering reverting to the single $8\frac{1}{2} \times 14$ inches format (front and back), the original format in 1954 and keep the Reflector going at least one more year, the Lord willing.

Soon the prayer seminar will be available on YouTube thanks to Dr. Bruce Sofia and his people at Gloucester County Community Church, Washington Township, New Jersey. I will keep you posted.

"He saved others; Himself He cannot save

This is one of the instances of which there are a number, when the enemies of our Lord, in hatred or in mockery, said things about Him which were profoundly true. That may be said to be the whole truth concerning His dying. In order to save others, He could not save Himself. His inability was not, as His enemies suggested, the inability of weakness. It was the inability of eternal strength. It was not that He was unable to save Himself; but rather He was able not to save Himself. Therefore He is able to save to the uttermost all who come unto God through Him.

While the great fact is supreme, and in all highest sense lonely in the Person of the Son of God, the principle has perpetual application in the case of those who share His life, and are called into fellowship with Him in the work of saving men. We have no power to save others save as we have power not to save ourselves. The claims and desires of the self-life are very insistent. They may be perfectly proper within the limits of personality. It is only when we have the ability to deny them, in our determination to serve others, that we are approaching the region of saving strength. This is the real Christian secret. When at Caesarea Philippi, Peter said to his Master, Spare Thyself, he was uttering the words of worldly wisdom he was minding the things of God, actuated by the heavenly wisdom, could not spare or save Himself, because He desired to save other.

G. Campbell Morgan



Note 5096. God hears our prayers and answers our needs;.

Note 5097. Thanksgiving does not change God, it changes you and me.

Note 5098. Thanksgiving is responding to God's goodness.

Note 5099. When you are a little down and struggling is a good time to try thanksgiving.

Note 6000. It is wise to make a daily commitment to include thanksgiving in your thoughts and prayers.

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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

September 25-October 21, 2021

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PRAYER CALENDAR

November 2021

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Acts 1-4 (Thailand 68.4M)

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)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Acts 5-7 (Trinidad 1.2M)

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Beverly Blankenship (TN)
Loretta Bolen (VA)
Robert/Hilda Bondurant (NC)
William/Debbie Bowden (NC)
Kathleen Boyce (PA)
Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
Kim Bradshaw (VA)
Lurlene Braud (VA)
Michael Breed (WI)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Acts 8-9 (Tobago)

Nancy Bretz (PA)
Judy Britt (GA)
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)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Acts 10-12 (Uganda 39.6M)

Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)
David Carroll (VA)
Robert & Anita Carroll (VA)
Vernia Coleman (MD)
Mary Columbus (VA)
Kathie Connolly (VA)
Philip & Jennifer Cooke (VA)

Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)
Foster/Ravena Covington (VA)
Barry & Melanie Cox (VA)
Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Acts 13-15 (Ukraine 44M)

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Acts 16-18 (Uruguay 3.4M)

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)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Acts 19-20 (United States 327M)

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Acts 21-23 (Venezuela 31.3M)

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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 Henry (VA)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Acts 24-26 (Zambia 20M)

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)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Acts 27-28(Pakistan 204.9M)

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Romans 1-3 (Pakistan 204.9M)

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)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Romans 4-5 (Panama 3.8M)

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
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Romans 6-8 (Paraguay 7M)
Harriet Kennedy (VA)
Louis & Jane Kiger (VA)

PRAY

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Romans 9-11 (Peru 31M)

Korean Branch:

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Romans 12-16 (Nigeria 190.6M)

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

1 Cor 1-5 (Nigeria 190.6M)

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

SATURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

1 Cor 6-10 (Nigeria 190.6M)

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

1 Cor 11-14 (Romania 21.5M)

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

1 Cor 15-16 (Russia 142.3M)

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

2 Cor 1-5 (Nigeria 190.6M)

James & Shelly Rode (FL)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
 Wanda Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
 John Saint (PA)
 Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

2 Cor 6-9 (Nigeria 190.6M)

Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
 Helen Sourlis (MD)
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)
 Reba Stinnett (FL)
 Charles Stinson (VA)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

2 Cor 10-13 (Nigeria 190.6M)

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)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Galatians (Scotland 5.3M)

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)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Ephesians (Nigeria 190.6M)

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)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Philippians (Nigeria 190.6M)

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)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Colossians (Nigeria 190.6M)

Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
 Eva Winebarger (VA)
 Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
 Jon & Selena Wood (PA)
 Layden Wood (VA)
 Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
 Lili Wykle (VA)
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 Dr. Frank Bell, Pres.
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PRAY and Believe

DAILY INTERCESSION:

**J. GORDON & SUE HENRY
ADAM & DIANNA NATHANSON**

THE PRAYER SEMINAR

(Formerly J. Gordon Henry Ministries)

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD (Psalm 136:1)

1. For Adam and Dianna's safe return to Venezuela and for renewed visas to do so.
2. For the Nathansons' reception in their Venezuela missionary field after a long absence.
3. For the strength and endurance of the members of the two churches the Nathansons founded in Venezuela.
4. For the ZOOM prayer seminars for Gideons in Argentina with Digmar (Cuba) preparing the power points.

LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN UNTO GOD (Philippians 4:7)

1. For the Nathansons' safe return to Baltimore.
2. For open doors and many invitations for prayer seminars in the USA.
3. For the many Lighthouses of Prayer JGHM has established in Venezuela and for the many souls saved.
4. For a new van for use in the United States for Adam. 2004 Honda Odyssey was purchased seven years ago with 114,000 miles. Now odometer reads 235,000 miles.

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Ben & Judy Armacost (Europe)
Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (USA)
Sunday & Martha Congo (Nigeria)
James & Elizabeth Dean (Pakistan)
Digmar & Lisbey Garcia (Cuba)
Shem & Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)
Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)
Enock & Patience Mulomba (Botswana)
Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
Joseph & Esther Tan (Singapore)
Roberto & Joana Waismam (Brazil)
Silas & Comfort Yashim (Nigeria)

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Murray Mathis (TN)
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Aija Ozolins [John] (Latvia)
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Equip the under-resourced Church in Africa

Father, please empower the Church in Africa to face each challenge that is before them with faith. Please protect them as they grow in number and in spirit.



Equip the under-resourced Church in Europe

Father, bless the churches of Europe with a renewed faith in the power of the Gospel, and equip the Church in each nation to effectively communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Equip the under-resourced Church in Asia

Lord of all creation, please provide Your Word to the great number of people in Asia. Make Your name great among the nations so they all may know that Jesus is Lord.



Equip the under-resourced Church in Latin America

Righteous Father, please help the Latin American Church to be stronger than every power working against it. May they have passion for Your name and love for one another.



Equip the under-resourced Church in the Middle East

Just and merciful Father, please make Christians in the Middle East know who they really are in Christ. Please make it possible for them to reach others in the Middle East with Your saving grace.



THE PRAYER SEMINAR

(formerly J. Gordon Henry Ministries)

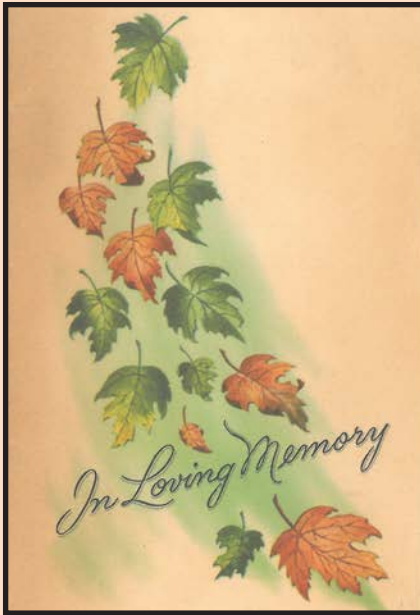
On January 1, 2020, Adam Nathanson assumed responsibility for the mechanics of the prayer seminar as far as scheduling and teaching under his status as a missionary. JGHM has provided resources, such as prayer seminar workbooks and support funds to enable Adam to travel both in America and to other nations. In spite of the restraints imposed by the worldwide COVID-19 Pandemic, he has the prayer seminar ministry up and running at a level that is amazing.

The intention has been to transfer JGHM to Adam's stewardship. Our goal is to effect a seamless transfer with as few impediments as possible. A major step is a name change for JGHM as a legal entity operating under the original charter from the State of Tennessee and its status as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. We are now THE PRAYER SEMINAR instead of J. GORDON HENRY MINISTRIES, a new name for doing business, but our mission is unchanged. Official transactions will continue to be made from Lynchburg, Virginia under Dr. Henry's management.

As circumstances allow, we will shift the entire ministry to Adam's care and guidance. At that point, there will be a new board and a new physical address. Hopefully, THE PRAYER SEMINAR can continue to operate as a faith ministry depending on God's provision through Ropeholder Doorkeepers.

Although we are prepared to shift the oversight to Adam immediately when circumstances dictate, no date certain has been established. Many of you joined us in prayer for a successor; God answered our prayers. Now pray that a seamless transfer can soon be completed. We will keep you informed through the Reflector, mail, and/or the revitalized website. More later!

**DO YOU HAVE THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD
ON YOUR HEART?**



DOORKEEPERS

JOYCE KOOPMAN (Mrs. Irwin)

3/22/1934-5/20/2021

IRWIN KOOPMAN

11/6/1936-5/21/2021

Zeeland, Michigan

CRAIG H. LAMPE, PhD

1/20/1944-8/5/2021

Litchfield Park, Arizona

Widow: Molly

JOHN DAVIS

1/20/1944-10/17/2021

Lynchburg, Virginia

Two of my choice friends and faithful **Doorkeepers**, Irwin and Joyce Koopman, entered their eternal home just hours apart. Joyce left on Tuesday, May 20, and Irwin followed on Wednesday, May 21. They had been married sixty-eight years. Both were faithful believers who were deeply concerned with Truth as revealed in God's Word. They talked the walk and walked the talk as genuine followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. He distributed **Bible Pathway**, a guide for reading through the Bible in a year, founded by our dear friends **John Hash** and his wife **Letha**. The genius of this publication is that Dr. Hash used the Word to explain the Word; thus it is an invaluable tool for Bible study. Many prisons and other venues received a supply each month. He used **Bible Pathway** as a tool to evangelize and disciple believers. This couple joined Sue and me on the first tour group we led to Israel in 1983 and joined us on another touch a few years later. I keep in close contact sharing his heart.

For the past forty-nine years, **Craig and Molly Lampe** have been in our lives. Craig was the very first colleague to greet me upon my arrival at Lynchburg Baptist College; Molly was an administrator at Virginia Baptist Hospital where Sue became a nurse. We have kept touch over the years. Both outstanding Christians, each excelled in his field and their contributions are significant. Craig was one of the leading authorities in the world on the history of the Bible. They have been faithful **Doorkeepers** for the prayer seminar ministry. Often the Lord has brought them to my mind impressing upon me that this couple was there for Sue and me as we were for them.

John and Margaret Davis were first friends of Mona at the Memorial Christian Church, where she served as Minister of Music. Upon our arrival in Lynchburg in April 2002, we discovered they, too, had a Middle Tennessee connection. Her story of losing her eyesight has appeared in past Reflectors and some of her poetry has blessed our readers. Their love for each other was striking. Knowing that they are now together in that great crowd of witnesses brings a level of solace to my heart. Both enjoyed being a part of the prayer seminar ministry as **Doorkeepers**.

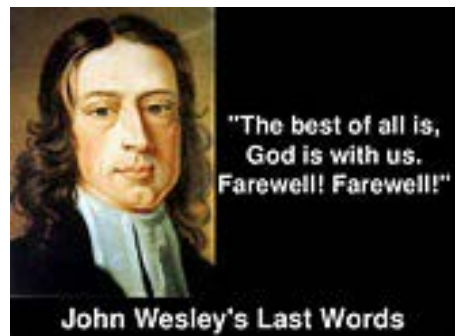
"To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord"
(2 Corinthians 5:8b).

WALKING WITH GOD"PLEASING GOD"

One of my favorite Old Testament verses is **Genesis 5:24**. One of my heroes has long been **Enoch**. Would you like to hear his biography? Here it is: "And **Enoch** walked with God and was not; for God took him." It's not long, but could it be better? In the New Testament's Hall of Fame, **Enoch** appears again: By faith, **Enoch** was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found because God had taken him; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God" (**Hebrews 11:5**)."

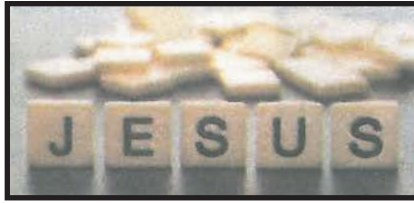
A little girl, hearing of **Enoch** in her Sunday school class, went home to repeat the story. Her version went something like this, "Mommie, today the teacher told us about a man who every day went out to walk with God. One day they walked and walked and walked till it was almost dark. And when this man started to turn back, the Lord said to him, '**Enoch**, you've walked with Me so long, why don't you go home with me?' And Mommie, that man went right on home with God."

"Closer to My house, than your house! Come home with Me!" I like that thought. The story of the little girl comes close to telling the story, does it not? **Enoch** was a man who walked by faith." In the midst of an evil generation he had taken the Lord at His word, and it was evidenced in his walk. He had this testimony, that he pleased God." Day by day, moment by moment, walking with God, pleasing God." One thing for sure is that ours, also, is an evil generation. One of the **1,000 NOTES FROM BIBLE** says: Let us walk so close to God that we will leave no room for devil to come between."





Bald Eagle
The National Bird of the United States
Since 1782--Symboling Freedom,
Power and Majesty



THE ANSWER FOR AN UNSETTLED WORLD

Two Americas. Abortions. Same-sex marriages. Transgender (restrooms) Traditional marriage opposed. Illegal immigration. Open borders. Socialism. Defund the police. BLM/Antifa mayhem. Law and Order. Drugs. Judges/Supreme Court. National Defense and Security. Canceling culture. Critical Race Theory. Judicial legislating. Attack on Constitution. Cities burning. Murders on streets. Violence. Media (bias/perpetrating lies). Voter fraud. Election security. Big Tech's Anti-Free Speech Agenda. Bill of Rights discarded. Terrorism. and ON AND ON AND ON!

ALL, AND MORE, DESTROYING AMERICA!

OUR WORLD IS AN UNSETTLED PLACE MORE THAN EVER.

THE ANSWER FOR AN UNSETTLED WORLD IS JESUS.

UNPRECEDENTED TRANSITION=UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY.

ALL GREAT MOVEMENTS FOR GOD HAVE BEGUN WITH PRAYER.

THIS IS A GREAT HOUR FOR PRAYER WARRIORS.

DID YOU KNOW?

Some historians have noted the average age of the nations of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years. In 2021, America is 245. Could it be possible, our beloved nation is on a road that will lead to destruction? The scripture states that "nations that forget God will be turned into hell" Psalm 9:17; "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD" (Psalm 33:12).

Have you ever heard, "A house divided against itself cannot stand?" Who said this in the Bible? The Lord Jesus Christ (**Matthew 12:25**). Who said this in history? **President Abraham Lincoln**.

There is only one source for the Truth that brings hope, stability, and peace--and that source is Jesus Christ, "the same yesterday today and forever" (**Hebrews 13:8**).

Christians need to rally and become prolific witnesses to the love, life, and peace found by following Jesus as His disciples and becoming witnesses to everyone, everywhere. Start with your own family. Seek opportunities to explain the Gospel to as many as possible. Above all pray, pray, pray.

Jesus

PAID IT ALL!

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16)

Fishers of Men



Stone Ware (9 years old)
the Henry's great-grandson
THE FISHERMAN

Jesus knew how to relate to men and to use events and places to teach great truths. When He saw two brothers fishing in the sea of Galilee, He invited them to follow Him: "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." (**Matthew 4:19**). From the very beginning of my Christian journey in September 1949, a passion for souls burst forth. When I was saved in the tent revival in White Pine, Tennessee, I wept openly. I felt a burden lifted that I did not even know had been on my shoulders. Several others came to Christ that night (revival was in its

sixth week). When it came my time to share my heart with those attending the Saturday night revival meeting, I included in my brief statement, "Pray for my parents." It was a while later that I could readjust my prayer request to "Pray for my Dad to be saved" and "Pray for my Mom to rededicate her life to the Lord Jesus Christ." Through God's grace and mercy, both prayers were answered over time.

The very first week of my life in Christ, I determined to go to every door in White Pine inviting them to the revival meeting as well as families who lived east of the town where we lived. With a Bible in my hand and love in my heart for souls, I set out. It was not long that one of the athletes came to Christ. By the way, after I became a student at Berea College in Kentucky, word came that Junior Knight was killed in an automobile accident. I loved him and he loved me. One day we will greet each other in our eternal home.

After I became a pastor at the age of seventeen, the passion for souls became more intense. I did not have an automobile in the early years, but Jim Shelton had a truck. Early Sunday mornings he picked me up at my dorm and off we went to visit homes. Many came to Christ. Very soon, my passion became so intense that I felt my heart would break if people did not come to Christ and that was reflected in my invitations "Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men ..." and "For the love of Christ compels us ..." (**2 Corinthians 5:11,14**).

As pastor, at some point, I began to make every effort to

equip each member of the local church I served to become "fishers of men." There was one-on-one instruction and special teaching sessions. During my tenure as Liberty's Vice President for Academic Affairs, I was pastor for the Pleasant View Baptist Church, Lynchburg, for several years. The church was in Strawberry Baptist Association, one of the oldest Baptist associations in Kentucky. Sadly, the churches were seldom seeing people saved. We faithfully attended all meetings. Seeing the number being saved at Pleasant View, I was invited to become Director of Evangelism. After a short time of teaching, praying and gathering with pastors stressing evangelism, God began to stir hearts. When we had pastors' meetings, pastors could hardly wait their turn to tell what was happening. One of the leading pastors said to me one day, "Our churches are not dead, are they?" We asked **Jack Stanton, a leading Southern Baptist evangelist** to come to Bedford County and lead a crusade at the football stadium. Prior to the crusade, we had an evangelism rally at Bedford Baptist Church on a Sunday afternoon and over 800 from the Strawberry Association attended and the great **Dr. Lee Satterfield**, who was on the SBC committee that developed an outreach program using a small booklet, "How to Have a Meaningful Life" and an officer in the Baptist World Alliance, to speak. He was a dentist in nearby Altavista, Virginia, and never failed to share Christ with everyone who came to his office. It will be interesting, once we are all gather home to glory, to see

the fruit of those Strawberry Baptist Association years. "To God be the glory, great things He hath done"

The Prayer Chapel Immanuel Baptist Church Newport News, Virginia

Immanuel Baptist Church, 69 Saunders Road, Newport News, was clearly on fire for the Lord. The Holy Spirit's unction was felt and His presence was manifested service after service. This church was the home of the 24/7 prayer chapel ministry. A small building was built in a wooded area behind the auditorium worship center. Someone prayed in the chapel every hour around the clock. The harvest was remarkable. I personally baptized over 100 each of the final two years of my pastoral ministry before moving on to Northeastern Bible College. The people did more than talk about prayer, they prayed. Prayer meeting was a prayer meeting. The prayer seminar workbook was written at Immanuel and is now translated into many languages and is taught around the world.

The Church Growth Seminar Northeastern Bible College Essex Fells, New Jersey

It was at Northeastern Bible College that both the prayer seminar and the church growth seminar were developed and launched. Most of our readers are well acquainted with the prayer seminar ministry and have attended one or more prayer seminars. There are some on the mailing list that receive the prayer seminar in the Central Virginia area because they are

fellow members of the local church where we hold membership. Most of those have not had the opportunity to participate in a prayer seminar. For many years, we averaged over fifty prayer seminars a year. The passion of my life has been teaching about the purpose and power of prayer. Many Lighthouses of Prayer are scattered across the United States and in over sixty foreign nations. God has blessed the seminars and many have come to Christ. Many have been motivated to become fishers of men through the Church Growth Seminar.

Some years ago, Pastor Wayne Dyer and his congregation at Maine Street Baptist Church in Brunswick, Maine hosted a Church Growth Seminar. There is a Naval U.S. Air Base in that area and many military families attended the services. On Sunday, Pastor Wayne and I decided to go fishing. We prepared ourselves with a packet to leave with those we visited. We focused on folks who had attended the morning service at Maine Street Church.

No one was at home the first house on our list. We prayed over these people and left a note. Both Pastor Dyer and I agreed that the visit was successful because **success in witnessing is sharing the Gospel** (the Good News, the world's greatest story that the Lord Jesus Christ dying, shedding His precious blood on Calvary's cross, for our sins and the Father's validating His work by raising Him from the dead and restoring Him to His position of glory in Heaven seated by the right hand of the Father in Heaven's Throne Room) **and leaving the results up to God.**

The next visit was to a naval pilot, a graduate of the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland and his wife who

had been in the morning services. We were warmly welcomed. The husband has just returned home from a rather long deployment and the wife explained having him away from home was quite distressing to her. This gave me an opportunity to raise a question, "I suppose during this time that your faith means a lot to you." Her response was, "It really does!" This opened the door for me to ask the most helpful question related to being assured of a genuine salvation experience, **"Where were you when you trusted Jesus as your personal Savior?"** She then said, "Oh, I have always been a Christian. I can't remember when I did not love Jesus." While Wayne prayed, I continued the conversation with the husband. "And I suppose your faith means much to you when you two are separated from each other." He said, "Indeed, it makes all the difference." I responded: "Where were you when you trusted Jesus as your Savior." His countenance changed and He said, "I was in my dorm room at Annapolis." He then filled in details of a beautiful conversion story. Wayne took over the conversation and gently presented the Gospel in simplicity. When he asked her to pray with him and receive Christ as her personal Savior, the presence of the Lord filled that room. When we walked away, the couple was embracing with joy flowing.

We went out fishing for men! We were greatly blessed when we cast out the net and brought a soul to the Lord Jesus Christ. We had a great week at Maine Street Baptist Church as a large number of the members came to each session and learned principles of church growth.

THE PRAYER SEMINAR THE EVANGELISM CLINIC

God has opened many doors for both the prayer seminars and the Evangelism Clinic. Not only have many made commitments of renewal, many have come to Christ, including pastors, deacons, and church leaders. I often found that few had ever been taught how to share their faith with others. The clinic includes basic instruction and then an opportunity to pair up and practice" on each other. Then each couple was given names to visit so that each one could share Christ following the pattern from the Evangelism Clinic. The theme of an Evangelism Clinic is "Speaking in His name." The text that is used is from **Acts 3 and 4**. After studying the background provided in these chapters, the text from **Acts 4:19-20** is our theme: "But Peter and John answered and said to them, 'Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.'"

There are two approaches covered in the evangelism clinic: (1) Using your personal testimony to witness and (2) using a passage of Scripture to bring someone to Christ. Participants in the clinic learn how to develop their personal testimonies using Paul as their model from his testimony in Acts 22 and 26. He said four things: (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. When there is time, we actually let them prepare a draft and share with someone else in the seminar.



The passage of Scripture that we use is **Romans 10:8-13**. A demonstration of a home visitation is included in the clinic. When you are in a home, pray before you go. Ask to use their Bible if they have one. Most homes do. Actually pull the net in and when there is a conversion have the new convert tell someone else as soon as possible.

We have a witnessing one-hour CD that many have found helpful. You have been called: Become a Fisher of Men.



Stone Ware
the Henry's great-grandson
THE ATHLETE

ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST

Mona Henry Thomas

1. Come, Let's have an en-coun-ter! En - coun - ter Christ as Lord.
 2. If you'd have an en-coun-ter, Turn to Christ the Lord.
 3. Won't you have an en-coun-ter? En - coun - ter Christ the Lord.

Yield Him con-trol to guide & make whole. En-coun-ter Christ as Lord.
 Put self a - way Be yield - ed to - day. All to Christ the Lord.
 New life is here A gift, ne - ver fear! From Je-sus Christ the Lord.

ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST

For a number of years in my pastoral ministry (1953-1980), I was blessed to have our daughter, **Mona**, work with me in the music area as pianist, organist, or music director. She began playing for our church services at the age of eight. Some of our readers will remember our singing "I Need No Mansion Here Below" as a duet. In 1979, she wrote "Encounter With Christ" as a theme song for our revival meetings.

Read the words carefully and remember that God is ready for us to have an encounter with Him daily. "[You] draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (**James 4:8**). Wise is the believer who makes a daily appointment with Him and keeps the appointment. Begin your day with God. Don't wait until you have messed up your day and then have to bring the pieces for Him to put back together. Through the blood of Jesus you and I can have an encounter with the Father as He sits on His throne in Heaven with His Son seated at His right hand making intercession for us. While God's presence is everywhere, prayer is going into the Throne Room and begin with similar words like those always used by **Donald Grey Barnhouse**, editor of **Eternity** magazine and long-time pastor of Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia: "Through the Lord Jesus Christ we come unto Thee, our Father and our God, and in the Holy Spirit . . ."



EARLY LEADERS

L-R Dr. Harold Willmington (4/7/1932-10/15/2018),
 Dr. Jerry Falwell (8/11/1933-5/7/2007)
 Dr. Henry, Dr. Elmer Towns

A GREETING FROM DR. ELMER TOWNS

Tuesday, Oct 5, 2021, 11:39 a.m.

Good morning, Dr. Henry,

It's been almost fifty years since I hired you at Liberty [in the early Spring 1972]. Praise God for the outstanding contribution you made to get LU accredited. Then praise God for the outstanding work you did to get TRACS recognized by the US government and to get it up and running. I think they have almost 100 colleges as members. You've done many other wonderful things for God. Those two above items I mentioned are more than noteworthy ... they are outstanding. Give my greetings to Sue.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 Elmer L. Towns

Co Founder and Vice President,
 Liberty University

REPLY FROM DR. HENRY

Wednesday, Oct 20, 2021, 6:06 a.m.

Good morning, Dr. Towns,

As our mutual friend, the late Dr. Sumner Wemp, was prone to say: "Thank you, kind sir!" I consider it an honor in my career as an educator to assist both LU (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) and TRACS (U. S. Department of Education) to meet the accreditation/recognition standards. Actually, the most satisfying work of all has been the prayer seminar ministry (with the very first prayer seminar in 1980 during my tenure as president, Northeastern Bible College (NJ) that has been used of the Lord to mobilize believers to become Lighthouses of Prayer pushing against spiritual darkness around the world.

Thanks for sharing your contact information. Hopefully, we will have opportunity to spend some face-to-face time since few are left from those foundational years at Liberty. May God continue to be Jehovah-Jireh to you in the fullest sense of that wonderful name. Thanks, also, for sending copies of your many books over the years.

Yours in Calvary love,
 Dr. Henry and Sue