

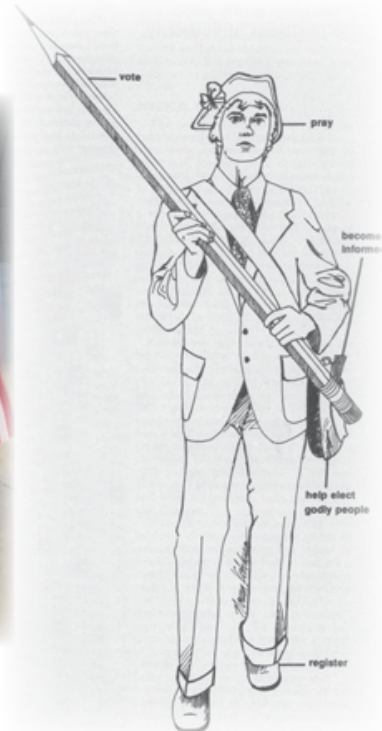
# REFLECTOR

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FREEDOM FIGHTERS

2020



A FUTURE  
ELLIE (ELIZABETH JAMES HENRY),  
OUR GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER,  
WILL BE THREE ON SEPTEMBER 22.  
SHE IS LEARNING THE BIBLE  
AND HAS MASTERED THE  
STORY OF JONAH. WE MUST  
PROTECT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM  
IN AMERICA!

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THESIS: Our unique system of government, in order to be effective, requires citizen participation. Further, we as Christian citizens must get involved immediately if we desire to see God's continued blessings upon our beloved nation.

## Revive Us Again

**Charles Finney** (8/29/1792-8/16/1875), one of America's ardent evangelists in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, recognized the necessity and power in prayer. Highly educated and respected in his community, he was dedicated to the profession of law until he met Jesus Christ. Then "I had no longer any desire to practice law . . . no labor, I thought, could be so sweet, and no employment so exalted, as that of holding up Christ."

Actually, my interest in this great man of God began during my undergraduate years studying at **Berea College (KY)**. When **John G. Fee** established Berea in 1855, it was for all persons regardless of race or gender. **Oberlin College** in Ohio was a model for Berea. Oberlin was the first American college to accept women and blacks as students in addition to white men. From its early years, its faculty and students were active in the abolitionist movement. They participated together with people of the town in biracial efforts to help fugitive slaves on the [Underground Railroad](#), as well as to resist the [Fugitive Slave Act](#). Many slaves escaped to Ohio across the Ohio River from Kentucky, making the state a critical point for their passage to freedom. Many know the history of Berea College and its commitment to serve students from 240 Appalachian counties. Perhaps I will talk more about Berea College, but want to introduce you to Charles Finney, known as the Father of Modern Revivalism.

In 1835, the wealthy silk merchant and benefactor **Arthur Tappan** (1786-1865) offered financial backing to the newly founded Oberlin Collegiate Institute (as Oberlin College was known before 1850), and he invited Finney, on the recommendation of abolitionist **Theodore Dwight Weld** (1803-95), to establish its theological department. After much wrangling, Finney accepted, on

## IT'S BEEN A GREAT JOURNEY!

THE JOURNEY BEGINS  
1935 September 30

**JAMES GORDON HENRY**  
WHITE PINE SCHOOL  
WHITE PINE, TENNESSEE

Second Grade 1942-43



Fourth Grade 1944-45



Sixth Grade 1946-47



the conditions that he be allowed to continue to preach in New York, that the school admit blacks, and that free speech be guaranteed at Oberlin. After more than a decade, he was selected as its second president, serving from 1851 to 1866. (He had already served as acting President in 1849.) Incidentally, the chairman of my doctoral committee at the University of Kentucky, **Dr. Richard Miller**, became the Oberlin president. **Dr. Paul Street**, renowned director of the University of Kentucky Press, replaced him on the committee and ably guided me through the doctoral program completed in 1970.

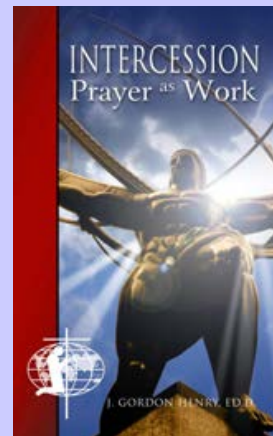
To most people the name **Charles Finney** is not immediately associated with outstanding American evangelists such as **Billy Sunday** or **Dwight L. Moody**. Yet Finney's messages influenced thousands in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century America, and as a result he has become known as one of our nation's most prolific evangelists.

During his ministry, one of Finney's most significant emphases dealt with the necessity of prayer as it related to spiritual revival. Spiritual revival in our country is the heart cry of many evangelical Christians at this time in American history.

In accepting the nomination of his party as the candidate for President, **Joe Biden** proclaimed that the soul of America is at stake in the 2020 presidential election. When the vice presidential candidate was announced, she said that we must fight for our values.

Whether they intended to do so or not, both spoke the truth. However, their platform is 180 degrees different than the views

of Conservative Christians. Don't be deceived. We need a spiritual awakening that will bring America back to the foundation laid by our founding fathers. According to Finney, prayer is the primary catalyst to any revival of God's Spirit. The history of past revivals substantiates Finney's claim.



In my book, **Intercession: Prayer as Work**, I have a rather complete history of spiritual awakenings in America and in the world. In this issue of the **Reflector**, I want to share the great spiritual awakening of 1857-1858 and the one that followed in the early 1900's. I want to go to Charles Finney's book, **Lectures on Revivals** and share his ten essential characteristics of prevailing prayer.

## **Great Spiritual Awakening 1857-1858, Early 1900's**

The great spiritual awakening of 1857-58 had its beginnings in New York City with a six-man prayer meeting initiated by layman **Jeremiah Lamphier**. Within eight months it was conservatively estimated that 10,000 businessmen were meeting daily for prayer in New York City.

The contagious spirit of intercessory prayer and spiritual renewal in New York also affected Philadelphia. By March, 1858, it



was reported that churches in the downtown area were so crowded with people praying that large secular auditoriums were made available to accommodate the multitudes who also desired to pray.

Soon hundreds of thousands of people in **Boston, Washington D.C., and Chicago** turned to prayer, and the land was electric with the power of the Holy Spirit. The movement spread up the **Hudson River Valley**, across the **Alleghenies** and across the land. According to **Dr. J. Edwin Orr**, leading authority on revival, all subsequent movements were measured against this outstanding event because it was such a remarkable turning of a whole nation toward God. **Do it again, Lord, in the third decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is our heart's cry.** Remember, God is able! God is willing! God is waiting for us to call upon Him.

In the early 1900's, Americans again experienced a national spiritual awakening. Originating in Philadelphia, revival spread through the **New England states** and then to **the South**. In **Atlanta, Georgia**, newspapers reported that nearly 1,000 businessmen were uniting in prayer. About that same time, according to Dr. Orr, it was recorded that stores, factories and offices in Atlanta closed in the middle of the day for prayer. The Supreme Court of Georgia adjourned; even saloons and places of amusement closed their doors to enable patrons to attend the united prayer meetings.

In **Louisville, Kentucky**, the press reported fifty-eight of the leading business firms in the city closed at noon for prayer meetings and that conversions were numbering 4,000.

The awakening moved from the South to the **Northwest**, then to **the West**, and by the end of 1905, **revival engulfed the United States** and then across the world. This revival, typical of those in America's past, was characterized by prayer, ardent evangelism and concern for those who did not know Christ. **Do it again, Lord, in the third decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is our cry.** Remember, God is able! God is willing! God is waiting for us to call upon Him.

On the basis of history, it is evident that prayer is a significant part of spiritual revival. As Finney wrote almost 200 years ago, There are **two kinds of means** requisite to promote a revival: the one to influence men, the other to influence God. The **truth** is employed to influence men, and **prayer** to move God.

## Essential Characteristics of Prevailing Prayer

According to Charles Finney, prayer that moves God is called prevailing or effectual prayer. In his book, **Lectures on Revivals**, Charles Finney, describes the essential characteristics of prevailing prayer.

### 1. **Pray for a definite object.**

A man must have some definite object before his mind. He cannot pray effectually for a variety of objects at once. All the instances of effectual prayer recorded in the Bible were of this kind.

### 2. **Pray in accordance with the revealed will of God.**

There are three ways in which God's will is revealed to men for their guidance in prayer: (1) By

express promises or predictions in the Bible, that He will give or do certain things. (2) Sometimes God reveals His will by Providence (3) Sometimes by His Spirit. When God's people are at a loss what to pray for, agreeable to His will, His Spirit often instructs them.

**3. Pray with submission to the will of God.**

What I mean by submission in prayer is acquiescence to the revealed will of God.

**4. Prayer must be offered from right motives.**

Prayer should not be selfish, but dictated by a supreme regard for the glory of God.

**5. Prayer must be by the intercession of the Spirit.**

You can never expect to offer prayer according to the Spirit.

**6. If you mean to pray effectually, it must be persevering prayer.**

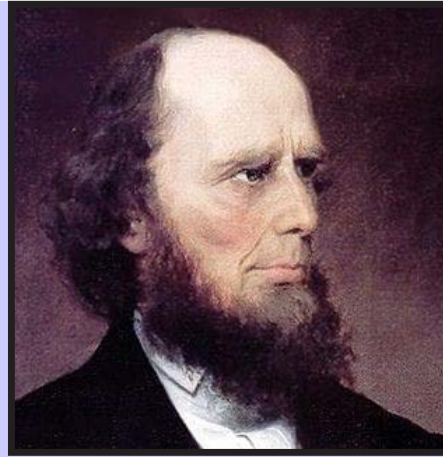
Prayer is not effectual unless it is offered with intense desire for the blessing and offered up with great agony of desire (Psalms 119:53: 'Burning indignation has seized me because of the wicked, who forsake Thy law').

**7. If you mean to pray effectually, you must pray a great deal.**

It was said of the apostle James, that after he was dead it was found his knees were calloused like a camel's knees by praying so much...

**8. If you intend prayer to be effectual, it must be offered in the name of Christ.**

You cannot come to God in your own name. But you can come in a name that is always acceptable. If you should go to the bank with



**Charles Grandison Finney**

a draft or note, endorsed by **John Jacob Astor**, that would be giving you his name, and you know you could get the money from the bank just as well as he could himself. Now Jesus Christ gives you the use of His name..

**9. You cannot prevail in prayer without renouncing all sins.**

**10. You must pray in faith.**

You must expect to obtain the things you ask for. You need not look for an answer to prayer, if you pray without any expectation of obtaining it.

The reference to **John Jacob Astor** dates Finney's previous illustration, but the truths he sets forth are relevant and essential to effectual prayer today. At some point, I plan to share the prayer movement led by **Armin Gesswein** that empowered the Los Angeles Crusade that launched **Billy Graham's** amazing evangelistic ministry in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

Yours in Calvary Love,

*J. Gordon Henry*

**"I will instruct you and  
teach you the way you  
should go; I will guide you  
with My eye."  
Psalm 32:8**

After David repented and confessed his triple sins to God, He was forgiven. God then spoke promising that He would do three things for him. (1) **Instruct** means "enable you to behave yourself wisely; (2) **teach** is pointing out with my finger the way you should go; and (3) **guide you with My eye** is the most intimate and special one on the list.

One of my favorite messages, used in my traveling ministry, is entitled "The Blessedness of Forgiveness" and deals with David's triple sins and the after effects. The sermon is based on two companion psalms, written by David, 51 and 32.

Twelve of my favorite sermons (which will one day become a book entitled Favorite Sermons) can be read on our website.

Go to [gordonhenryministries.org](http://gordonhenryministries.org). Click on the "features" and then scroll through the sermons. You can read the Reflectors beginning with 2006.

One of three goals of JGHM after September 30 is to upgrade the website.

Many churches schedule an all-day Saturday prayer seminar. During the Sunday school hour I teach the evangelism clinic to adults and young people and preach at 11 a.m. Let Adam know when you want to schedule him.

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## NOTES from my BIBLE

**Note 5026.** "A revival is nothing else than a new beginning of obedience to God."

**Note 5027.** "Unless I had the spirit of prayer, I could do nothing."

**Note 5028.** "There can be no revival when Mr. Amen and Mr. Wet-Eyes are not found in the audience."

**Note 5029.** "The moral law of God is the only law of individuals and nations, and nothing can be rightful government but such is established and administered with a view to its support."

**Note 5030.** "No government is lawful or innocent that does not recognize the moral law as the only universal law, and God as the Supreme Lawgiver and Judge, to whom nations in their national

**Notes from Charles G. Finney**

## DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

**1 Thessalonians 1:2**

**July 22--August 21, 2020**

<b>Regular</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>\$5,070</b>
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**SOWING...THEN COMES HARVEST!**





**PRAYER CALENDAR****SEPTEMBER 2020**

I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

Hosea 1-3 (Argentina 44.3M)

Mae Adams (NC)

Robert &amp; Susanne Adams (TN)

H. L. &amp; Janie Allen (SC)

David &amp; Eunjoo Andersen (VA)

Marvin/Donna Anderson (VA)

Tommy &amp; Pat Apple (NC)

Eldon &amp; Gayle Armstrong (SC)

Leonor Avila (MD)

Mike &amp; Joyce Baker (VA)

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

Hosea 4-6 (Australia 23.2M)

Linda Beattie (PA)

Tim Bash-GCCC (NJ)

Emily Baskin (TN)

Tommy Bell (TN)

Wayne &amp; Barbara Belt (TN)

Ron &amp; Teri Bernardi (IL)

Beulah Baptist Church (VA)

Dr. Dennis Hollandsworth

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

Hosea 7-8 (Bahamas 329.988)

Beverly Blankenship (TN)

Loretta Bolen (VA)

William/Debbie Bowden (NC)

Kathleen Boyce (PA)

Curtis &amp; Carol Bradbury (NJ)

Jean Bradshaw (VA)

Kim Bradshaw (VA)

Lurlene Braud (VA)

Michael Breed (WI)

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

Hosea 9-11 (Botswana 22M)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

Judy Britt (GA)

Dorothy Brooks (VA)

Henry &amp; Ruby Brown (AZ)

Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don &amp; Gayle Buchanan (KY)

Sunday &amp; Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Anne Campbell (VA)

Don &amp; Lucy Campbell (VA)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

Hosea 12-14 (Brazil 207.4M)

Robin &amp; Teresa Carlson (NJ)

Robert &amp; Anita Carroll (VA)

Vernia Coleman (MD)

Mary Columbus (VA)

Kathie Connolly (VA)

Larry &amp; Sue Cooper (DE)

Foster/Ravenna Covington (VA)

Barry &amp; Melanie Cox (VA)

Terry &amp; Sonja Craig (TN)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

Robert &amp; Charlotte Crout (SC)

Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

Barbara Custalow (VA)

Tina Darden (MD)

Bobby &amp; Deborah Davis (VA)

John Davis (VA)

Harold &amp; Tama Decker (NY)

Robert &amp; Janice DeLong (VA)

Carolyn Dodd (VA)

Jo Ann Dudley (VA)

Micheal &amp; Diane Eagle (VA)

Kathryn Eaton (ME)

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

Joel 1-3 (Burundi 11.5M)

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Jeff &amp; Leann Englert (KY)

Don &amp; Mary Enoch (FL)

Duane Eriean (WI)

Larry &amp; Cara Fields (VA)

John &amp; Susan Finnessy (MD)

James &amp; Ruth Flanagan (GA)

Nancy Fowser (NJ)

Claire/MaryAnn Fredstrom (NE)

Freedom Through Faith (MD)

Robert Triboboeu

Ronald &amp; Brenda Fristoe (VA)

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

Amos 1-2 (Canada 35.6M)

Emilee &amp; Emma Fulcher (VA)

John &amp; Kim Gaines (DE)

Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Ron &amp; Kay Gavette (VA)

Gloucester Co. Community Ch

(NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor

Ron &amp; Carol Godwin (VA)

Ronald &amp; Maryann Gold (ND)

Chad &amp; Wendy Goodner (OK)

Steve &amp; Sue Gordon (VA)

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

Amos 3-5 (Chile 17.8M)

Sam/Michele Graisbury (NJ)

Dale &amp; Mary Gray (IL)

Odether Gray (GA)

Linda Gregory (UT)

Mike Hall (IN)

Bruce &amp; Vivian Harris (TN)

Sadie Harris (VA)

Hazel Hartless (VA)

Mary Pat Hendrick (VA)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

Amos 6-7 (China 1.4B)

Jim Hengoe (CT)

Gina Henry (VA)

Jack Henry (TN)

J. Gordon &amp; Sue Henry (VA)

James &amp; Kathryn Henry (MS)

Mark Henry (TN)

Melody Henry (VA)

Roger &amp; Sara Henry (OH)

Sean &amp; Bethany Henry (VA)

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

Amos 8-9 (Colombia 47.7M)

Steve &amp; Donna Hensel (MN)

Ed &amp; Donna Hindson (VA)

Frank &amp; Pat Hitchings (ME)

Jeff Hodge (VA)

Jerry &amp; Sandra Hodge (VA)

Bill Hogan (VA)

Joanna Holland (VA)

John &amp; Glenda Holland (VA)

Anita Horton (VA)

Mike &amp; Sonya Hosick (TN)

Coy Hunsucker (NC)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

Obadiah (D.R.Congo 83.3M)

Joyce Hunt (TN)

Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)

Jide &amp; Bunmi Iware (MD)

Gene Jeffries (AR)

Debbie Jenifer (MD)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul &amp; Suzanne Jennings (TN)

Jonathan &amp; Julie Jobe (SC)

Millicent John (NY)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

Dan &amp; Jayne Johnson (KY)

Ben &amp; Gwen Jones (MD)

Gwen Johnson (AZ)

Iris Johnson (MD)

Jim &amp; Penny Johnson (KY)

Rick &amp; Betsy Johnson (TN)

Vicky Johnson (MD)

James Jones (FL)

Paul Jones (KY)

Theodore/Sherry Jones (MD)

W I &amp; Eloise Jones (SC)

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

Jonah (Costa Rica 4.9M)


**PRAY FOR US**

Mohan Katta (IL)  
 Suzie Kauffmann (NC)  
 Kerby Knob Baptist Ch (KY)  
 Daren Hisel, Pastor  
 Louis & Jane Kiger (VA)  
 Larry & Janet King (NC)  
 Ken & Bonnie Kirby (PA)  
 Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)  
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (ID)  
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**  
*Micah 3-5 (Dominican Rep 10.7M)*  
 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 Lewis (MD)  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPT 16**  
*Micah 6-7 (Ecuador 16.3)*  
 Liberty University (VA)  
 Jerry Prevo, Acting 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, SEPT 17**  
*Nahum (England 66.6M)*  
 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)  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**  
*Habakkuk (Fiji 920.938)*  
 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)  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**  
*Zephaniah 1-3 (France 67.1M)*  
 Doris Moos (NJ)  
 Elaine Moser (MN)  
 Drever/Robertta Morton (VA)  
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)  
 Betty Nichols (WA)

NE Baptist College (VT)  
 Mark Ballard, President  
 Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI)  
 Peter Dorn, Pastor  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**  
 Zach & Jackie Olcott (VA)  
 Ann Palumbo (PA)  
 Cliff & Mary Pavalonis (VA)  
 Pecks Baptist Church (VA)  
 Bryan Sheehan, Pastor  
 Sandy Pederson (MN)  
 Jack & Carolyn Peerman (VA)  
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)  
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**  
*Haggai (Germany 80.6M)*  
 Greg & Christine Powell (VA)  
 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)  
 Bo & Betty Robinson (MS)  
 Isabel Robotham (NY)  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**  
*Zechariah 1-2 (Greece 10.8M)*  
 James & Shelly Rode (FL)  
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)  
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)  
 St. Paul Baptist Church (IN)  
 Dr. C. L. Adams, Pastor  
 John Saint (PA)  
 Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO)  
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)  
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPT 23**  
*Zechariah 3-4 (India 1.3b)*  
 SPhil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)  
 Sam & Jill Scott (VA)  
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)  
 Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)  
 Shenandoah Valley Bapt Ch (VA)  
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)  
 Lola Simpson (NY)  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**  
*Zechariah 5-6 (Indonesia 260.6M)*  
 Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)  
 John & Helen Sourlis (MD)  
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)  
 Carol Snow Stewart (CT)  
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)  
 Charles Stinson (VA)  
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX)  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
*Zechariah 7-8 (Ireland 5M)*

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, SEPTEMBER 26**  
*Zechariah 5-6 (Indonesia 260.6M)*  
 Paula Tipton (TN)  
 William & Katie Toney (NC)  
 Virginia Trask (VA)  
 Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)  
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)  
 Diane Troutman (KY)  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**  
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)  
 Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)  
 Malcom Troutman (KY)  
 Marshall Troutman (KY)  
 Frances Turpin (VA)  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**  
*Zechariah 9-11 (Israel 8.3M)*  
 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)  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**  
*Zechariah 12-14 (Italy 8.3M)*  
 Joyce Warpoole (TN)  
 Rodger Watts (WI)  
 Frank & Nell Weer (KY)  
 Nancy Wetzel (KY)  
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)  
 Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)  
 Ken & Carol Willis (VA)  
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)  
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPT 30**  
*Malachi (Jamaica 3M)*  
 Eva Winebarger (VA)  
 Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)  
 Jon & Selena Wood (PA)  
 Layden Wood (VA)  
 David & Lili Wykle (VA)  
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Adam has been busy planning; traveling (Minnesota, Maryland, Pennsylvania); meeting with pastors/leaders (individually and in groups); preaching and teaching (zoom and in person; mobilizing a team. He is laying a firm foundation for the prayer seminar ministry. God is opening doors in an exciting way. Several seminars are scheduled. Pastors in Gorham, Maine have scheduled a seminar for October 8. From there, a seminar is scheduled in Rockland for October 10.

We are both thrilled with the new name for this aspect of his ministry: "The Prayer Seminar." He will use the JGHM logo.

**"I WANT MY CHURCH TO BE  
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SCHEDULE A PRAYER SEMINAR!**

**A DAY IN GOD'S COURTS**

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## Duties of a Christian Citizen



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As we contemplate our forthcoming national election on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we as Christians are faced with the greatest challenge and opportunity in the history of our country. The stakes are high because the lines have been drawn, seemingly set in concrete, for the soul of our nation. All that we hold dear in terms of faith and freedom are in grave jeopardy.

Over the years I have approached the issue urging believers to push against the spiritual darkness through prayer. It is said that in the last national election that twenty-five million evangelical Christians did not vote. We need to be reminded that we must put legs to our prayers. While prayer is the main thing, there are practical corollaries fundamental to being a good steward of the government which God has entrusted to us. Last month, I noted that this is important information that requires serious concentration so don't be tempted to speed read without action. The five duties are pray, register, become informed, help elect godly people and vote. Voting in America has consequences.

### PRAY

Your first duty as a Christian citizen is to pray. For the four and one-half decades beginning in 1976, the matter of prayer has consumed much of my waking hours. To carry out God's mandate for me, I have traveled around the world teaching the primacy of prayer in God's plan. To encapsulate my message, prayer is the work that must come before all other work. God has ordained prayer as the tool to get His work accomplished. Among the most effective resources Christians have to rescue and strengthen our nation is the power of prayer. As we pray in faith, believing God, we can have confidence that He will work through our nation's leaders and citizens to bring about changes for His glory and our good. If you desire to begin making a significant contribution to America:

- **PRAY** that God will truly possess your own life, and give you the Holy Spirit's power to lead others to receive Christ as Savior and Lord.
- **PRAY** for the millions of people in our country who don't know Christ as Lord and Savior. Ask God to send a great spiritual awakening to America.
- **PRAY** that Christians will dedicate themselves to God for spiritual living and active service with the family, church, and nation.
- **PRAY** daily that God will change or remove from positions of public leadership officials who are godless carnal, and disobedient to Him, so that righteous rule will be restored, and America will turn from her wicked ways. Godless rule is contagious. As King Solomon said, A wicked ruler will have wicked aides on his staff (**Proverbs 29:12**).

- **PRAY** daily that men and women of God will be elected to public office at all levels of leadership local, state, and national so that our land will be healed and our people will rejoice in righteous rule. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord (**Psalm 33:12**).

God will not ignore the prayers of those who trust in Him. He clearly admonishes Christians who are concerned about the welfare of their nation: If My people called by My name will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face [search for Me], and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven, forgive their sins and heal their land (**2 Chronicles 7:14**). We must pray if we desire to see God's continual blessings and protection upon our country.

Through prayer, we can also seek the leadership of qualified people who honor God. It is His plan that righteous people or those who trust Him lead our country. For the wicked shall not rule the godly, lest the godly be forced to do wrong (**Psalm 125:3**).

## REGISTER TO VOTE

The second duty of citizenship is to register to vote. In order to serve God as a citizen, you must become a regularly participating voter. You cannot vote until you have registered your name and address and other required information with the proper authorities.

Millions of God's people are not registered to vote. How can we as Christian citizens expect God to restore righteous leadership through us unless we are willing to take a few minutes to register? Only when you have registered to vote will you be in a position to help assure the election of godly officials. If you are not familiar with registration procedures, call your local town, city, or county office for information. The good influence of godly citizens causes a city (state or nation) to prosper (**Proverbs 11:11**).

## BECOME INFORMED

Your third duty as a Christian citizen is to become informed. Just as an untrained soldier is at the mercy of his enemy, the uninformed Christian is incapable of prevailing against the forces of evil in the world of politics. In order to serve God effectively as a citizen of our country, you must know how to act for His glory within the framework of existing political processes.

As you read your Bible daily, be alert to any passage the Holy Spirit alerts you. It may be a passage citing God's righteousness, His justice, His pleasure

in holy living, His disdain for idolatry, violence, and such. God has spoken of living a quiet, peaceful life. As you develop this mindset, you will be amazed at how relevant the Bible is in regard to our culture and society. You will soon become acquainted with what God calls abominations in His sight. As a guide, you might want to list the abominations and use them in your pursuit of becoming an informed voter.

Listen and ponder any information that comes your way realizing that we are inundated with fake news.

Have conversation with Christian friends. Sue and I are blessed to sit under a pastor who declares the whole counsel of God with application to all aspects of life, including Christian citizenship. Don't let anything hinder your progress toward becoming a well-informed citizen. Delay can be fatal to America.

As I write this, one of the two major political parties in America is nominating their candidates for President and Vice-President. Each party has what is called their platform—delineating their core beliefs.



Take time to read the platforms. Are their statements whose implementation will parallel Scripture positively or negatively? Listen to any statements from leaders of the parties.

### HELP ELECT GODLY PEOPLE

Your fourth duty as a Christian citizen is to help elect godly people. The Bible tells us, With good men in authority, the people rejoice, but with the wicked in power, they groan (**Proverbs 29:2B**). The most effective way to restore righteous rule and rejoicing in America is to elect godly people to positions of authority. This can be done by praying, informed Christians by people like you.

The Word of God gives directions for evaluating the people who are running for public office. Notice: I apply the laws of God . . . Find some capable, godly, honest men who hate bribes, and . . . let these men be responsible to serve the people with justice at all times (**Exodus 18:16b,21-22**). From this passage of Scripture, there are six qualifications that stand out: (1) godliness; (2) integrity; (3) industriousness; (4) biblical guidance; (5) justice; (6) demonstrated capability (or competence in managing business or professional affairs). These God-given standards should be applied carefully and prayerfully in selecting your candidate.

When you have decided on the most qualified candidates, take action to help them be elected. The key to victory for your candidate is the local political precinct. Secure the official precinct maps covering the district in which your candidate is running for office. When possible become a precinct captain and encourage other Christians to take responsibility. Through the precinct, the foot work will be organized for your area. God's people can and must occupy the precincts with an active role in selecting godly candidates, introducing them to the citizens in your precinct, and working toward their election. Make your candidate known by word of mouth and distributing literature. Remember you and I are the salt of the earth. It is important that the salt get out of the salt shaker!

Your very presence as a Christian citizen can make a tremendous difference. Be a blessing to others and your own life will be richly blessed.

### VOTE

Your fifth duty as a Christian citizen is to vote. Only when you cast your vote do you fulfill your Christian responsibility in government. Exercise the citizen influence that God has given you through the unique system of self-government. If you fail to vote conscientiously for godly rule, evil will increase in our nation. It is often said that decisions in America are made by a majority of the people. This is not so. Decisions are made by a majority of those who vote.

Remember when deciding for whom you should vote, let the Word of God be your guide. Also, make a sincere effort to obtain reliable information about all issues and candidates before casting your vote. If no qualified Christian candidate is available, vote for the person whose principles and platform most nearly agree with your own Christian position based on the Bible. As Christians we must be faithful to fulfill our responsibility of participating in our government.

**BE READY.  
SCHEDULE A PRAYER  
SEMINAR FOR 2021**



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**He is waiting for your call.**

## September 2020 is final Letter-Writing Month

September is my month—the month of my physical birth (September 30, 1935), my spiritual birth (September 24, 1948), the month that I began my work as a pastor (September 1953), the month that I conducted the first prayer seminar outside my own pastorates (Madison Baptist Church, Madison NJ September 5-8, 1980) and the month we moved into our on-site office building in our back yard in Murfreesboro, Tennessee (1986)

September is a month for self-examination as well as celebration. My life as an educator and as a minister has been satisfying and fulfilling. That is the past.

A few days ago, I asked God a question: "What can a person who is living in his 85th year of life do to make a greater impact for the Your Kingdom on earth?" I waited with pen and notebook ready for His answer. "Stay **FULLY ENGAGED** and use the spheres of influence that I have created for you." I wrote with a feeling of exhilaration with a thankful heart.

### Martin's Van

Martin Shikuku is a remarkable servant of the Lord Jesus Christ who lives in **West Kenya** in the beautiful **Rift Valley** in **Eldoret**. The Sovereign God whom we serve "ordained" that we should become bonded in ministry. "Sovereign" means the "One Who has final say;" "ordained" means "laid out ahead of time." Martin was my student in a course on prayer that I taught at **Brackenhurst**, the Baptist retreat near **Nairobi**, in April 2006.

As our relationship developed, it was abundantly clear that **Martin** intended to implement fully what he had learned in the course. Nothing short of acknowledging that God

has done a great work through this Baptist pastor, his family, and his congregation would be proper. Based on the fruit he is gathering from his labors, the **JGHM Board** decided to focus on his ministry in **East/Central Africa** as a wise use of the funds entrusted to us by the **Ropeholder/Doorkeepers**. Your investment is paying big dividends.



In 2006, Martin did not have transportation other than walking, taxi, or bus. He had never been in a plane. **JGHM** was able to provide a small sedan that greatly enhanced his ministry. We later upgraded to a van. Last year, Martin made it known that his van needed to be replaced. Using that van as a trade-in and \$9,000 given by the **Doorkeepers** in response to an appeal, Martin purchased a Toyota van for \$22,851.76. We have now been able to pay the final \$4,000. Praise the Lord! Again, **Doorkeepers** have made a tremendous difference in **East/Central Africa** (**Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo**). Thank you, **Doorkeepers**. More later!

**IF NOT YOU, WHO?  
IF NOT HERE, WHERE?  
IF NOT NOW, WHEN?**

## Dear Prayer Seminar family,

It's time to say "thanks." In early 1983, the Holy Spirit began to touch my spirit related to developing a prayer seminar ministry. I remember the conversation Sue and I had when a decision was made that a prayer ministry must take priority in our lives. We "counted the cost." We considered the implications for our relationship and family knowing that I would be away from home and she would have to "man the fort." We have both given our best. God has blessed beyond words.

First, we give thanks to our Heavenly Father who issued the call to step out entrusting us with this powerful responsibility--"Teach My people about the power and purpose of prayer." Second, we are thankful to the Board of Directors who have been unfailing in their unconditional love and support. **Dr. F. Murray Mathis** has served as chairman of the board since May 1984. Loretta left us on April 2nd, **Jean Beasley** left on August 2nd to join her husband, **Joe**. Both have served as members of the Board of Directors. Third, we thank the many men and women who have been Doorkeepers providing prayer and financial support to enable us to operate as a faith ministry, never "charging" for anything related to the prayer seminars and operating on contributions.



DR. MATHIS

### JGHM BOARD MEETING (APRIL 9, 2002)

Dinner Meeting at home of Robert & Susanne Adams, Murfreesboro TN  
 L-R First Row: Sue Bell (8/4/1940-12/10/2010), Dr. Henry, Sue Henry, Joyce Warpoole, Archie King (8/17/1923-5/12/2009); Second Row: Robert Adams, Dr. Tony Long, Jean Beasley (12/9/1941-8/4/2020), Joe Beasley (12/3/1938-10/14/2006); Third Row: Susanne Adams, Rebekah Summar  
 Photographer: Murray Mathis, Board Chairman

### **Add to 1992 Board:**

**Beverly Blankenship, W.D. & Jackie Thomason, Paula Tipton**

### **A CLARIFICATION**

Our commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ, our commander-in-chief, is to end the race well. Your prayers help make that a reality. God has guided us step by step. The Five-Year plan that ends September 30 has kept us on track. Adam Nathanson is now the leader. The official name FOR ADAM'S WORK IS SIMPLY "THE PRAYER SEMINAR."

As long as we maintain the Reflector ministry, the website, and the international support, we will continue JGHM as an official entity.

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**"HOME AT LAST"**  
**In Loving Memory**  
**"absent from the body,**  
**present with the Lord"**  
**(2 Corinthians 5:8**



**Doorkeeper/ Board**  
**Member**

**Jean Beasley (Mrs. Joe)**  
**1942-8/2/2020**

Both Joe and Jean were faithful Doorkeepers. Both served on our Board of Directors. My first thought upon learning of Jean's death was now they are together.



**Doorkeeper/Special Friend**  
**Pastor Clint Brooks**  
**9/15/1930-8/20/2020**  
**Lynchburg, Virginia**

Clint and Dorothy came into our lives when they placed their membership in Pleasant View Baptist Church in 1975. After that, I was above all else, "Clint's pastor!" After a twenty-one year military career (including both Korea and Vietnam and two tours at the Pentagon) God called him into the ministry. He served as pastor of seven churches in Virginia. As a realtor, he is responsible for settling us into a near perfect home setting up on a ridge above a small lake in Lynchburg.

Actually, I could write a book about Clint majoring on the impact he made on my life and ministry. Above all, he was

an outstanding preacher, one of the great pulpитеers whom I have known. He communicated in thirty-minute messages in such a way that his hearers went away saying what a mighty God is our Heavenly Father. He shared his messages with me and I have dozens upon dozens of cassettes. As I listen, my response is "what a great Savior and Lord!"

Years ago, Clint asked me to preach his funeral. The time came on Sunday, August 23, when Mona, our daughter, and I took care of this business! We began by singing, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." The main feature was one of Clint's masterpieces, a sermon entitled "Getting the Fire Down."

Pray for Dorothy and the Brooks family. She and Clint were married for over seventy-one years.

**A SERIOUS 2020  
 MATTER**

**President Ronald Reagan**, 40th president of the United States, declared in a 1962 speech, "But freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction." His next words are too forgotten. "We didn't pass [freedom] on to our children in the bloodstream. The only way they can inherit the freedom we have now is if we fight for it, defend it and then hand it to them with the well thought lessons of how they in their lifetime must do the same. And if you and I don't do this, then you and I may well spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it once was like in America when men were free."

During his presidency, **President Reagan**, stated. "The time has come to turn to God and reassert our trust in Him for the healing of America . . . Our country is in need of and ready for a spiritual renewal." Do you agree?

# EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT

Friday, August 21, 2020

The Day After the 2020 Democratic Convention

**"The die is cast"**

Definition. A course of action has been finalized. This expression comes from a Latin phrase thought to have been said by Julius Caesar when he crossed the Rubicon River and became embroiled in civil war in 49 BCE.

## THE BIG STORY

Joe Biden. In accepting the Democrat nomination for the presidency of the United States, Joe Biden cast the 2020 election a fight for the soul of the nation. [So it is!] He went on to say, This is a life-changing election. This will determine what America is going to look like for a long, long time. [Agreed.] I give you my word: if you entrust me with the presidency, I will draw on the best of us, not the worst. I will be an ally of the light, not the darkness. [This is the issue facing America. It is time to face the facts, not someone's personal perspective.] He closed his speech with a rallying cry to end a chapter of American darkness. [Check out the Biblical teaching on light and darkness in 1 John 1.]

The Facts. There is only one Book that has the facts that will stand forever. That book is the Bible. The Bible is the voice of God. The Bible alone has the answers. As you assess what is said, keep in mind, God hates ABOMINATIONS and names them.

**Psalm 119:160:** "Thy Word is true from the beginning; and every one of Thy righteous judgments endures forever." Dr. Henry Morris, in his notes for the **New Defender's Study Bible** (now called the **Henry Morris Study Bible**) sums up where we are at this point in history, "Despite all of the vicious attacks of the ancient pagans and modern humanists, it will continue to endure; the Bible stands." The psalmist says: "Forever, O LORD, Thy Word is settled in Heaven" (**Psalm**

**119:89**). Isaiah, the prophet, declared "The grass withers, the flower fades; but the Word of our God shall stand forever" (**Isaiah 40:8**). Jesus said, Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away" (**Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33**).

## MOMENTS THAT MATTERED

Pete Buttigieg, Tammy Baldwin. Praised America's progress on LGBTQ issues. It is crucial to check out Biblical teachings on these issues. [Don't be misled by remarks that sound good, but are contrary to the Scriptures.]

Kamala Harris. "There is no vaccine for racism . . . the country is at an inflection point.

Examine your heart as a Christian. Yield your thoughts to the Holy Spirit. If there is one ounce of racism in your heart, confess to God and open yourself to love overflowing.

**Barack Obama**. The former president warned the future of American democracy is at stake. [THAT IS TRUE]. **CHECK YOUR BIBLE. CHECK YOUR HISTORY. LET THE HOLY SPIRIT FIX IN YOUR MIND AND HEART GOD'S DIAGNOSIS AND REMEDY. PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!** Then take a Stand! Beware of fake news and **don't be deceived** when something that is contrary to God's Word sounds good.

**SUE AND I THANK GOD FOR OUR FAITHFUL BOARD MEMBERS AND DOORKEEPERS WHO HAVE BEEN USED BY GOD TO PROVIDE THE GUIDANCE, PRAYER AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT NEEDED TO TOUCH LIVES AROUND THE WORLD THROUGH JGHM SINCE 1980. THANK YOU. IT'S BEEN A GREAT JOURNEY.**

"The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge (Ruth 2:12).