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"Holding Forth the Word of Life"

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GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BEGINS



Back row: Clay, Carrol, Marshall, Joe, Willie
Second row: Kelly, Jayne, Nell, Malcom

March 2—4 was a special time in the lives of the Henrys. Not only was there an opportunity to share a prayer seminar, an evangelism clinic, and a message in Pleasant Hope General Baptist Church, Calhoun KY (Sue's home church), her family gathered together in the church fellowship hall on Sunday to begin the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, which is April 18. There could be no sweeter beginning of such a celebration than being surrounded by Sue's two sisters and seven brothers, their spouses, along with scores of relatives. A niece, Stephanie Wright, prepared a beautiful twenty-three minute video that takes the Henrys from their elementary school years to their present world-wide ministry.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it."

Psalm 127:1a



April 18, 1957 Calvary Baptist Church, Somerset, Kentucky H. B. Harris, Officiating

Perspectives

Subject: What to Do When Trouble Comes

Text: Acts 27:14: "*But not long after, there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.*"

Introduction

You should know Acts 27 to understand what to do when trouble comes. Trouble comes to all people. The fact that we are saved and members of the family of God does not mean that trouble will never come our way. It is wonderful when THE SOUTH WIND BLOWS SOFTLY (v 13) warm, gentle and welcomed. But there are other winds, too, some of which are "*contrary winds*" (v 4). Such is the "*tempestuous wind*" mentioned in v 14.

The background. When Paul was arrested in the temple in Jerusalem, he appealed to Caesar, which was his right as a Roman citizen. For two years, Paul was held in custody in Caesarea, a large city on the shores of the Mediterranean in Israel. After learning the charges against him brought by the Jewish religious leaders, King Agrippa stated to the Roman Governor Festus: "*This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar*" (Acts 26:32).

Soon after arrangements were made to transport Paul, the prisoner, to Rome, he was handed over to a Roman centurion, Julius, to guard him and get him to Rome. He was kind to Paul and allowed him to visit friends in Sidon so they might provide for his needs before they set out on their journey by sea (27:3). The year was 59 A.D. The month was October, a very marginal time to travel. Actually, sailing was doubtful even in September due to overcast weather that prevented them from following the stars in their navigation. By November it was impossible to travel.

When Paul realized the plans to leave the safe harbor at Fair Havens, he warned them it was a questionable decision. However, the captain and the ship owner did not want to winter there. The decision was made to set out on the trip.

At first the winds and the weather were favorable—a south wind blew softly and sailing was fine. Then a contrary wind, called Euroclydon, swept down from Crete's great mountain range (more than 7,000 feet high) with enough force to drive ships into the open sea toward North Africa.

Luke's accuracy in describing the details of the voyage is one of the best descriptions of ancient seafaring we have. The storm came in gigantic proportion and continued fourteen days during which they saw neither sun nor stars. The violent battering from the storm culminated in their losing control of their vessel as they were driven along. The ship was caught up into the storm. Measures were taken to strengthen the ship including passing ropes under the ship to hold it together. Finally, Luke said, "*we gave up all hope of being saved*" (v 20). TROUBLE HAD COME.

Contrary winds will come. There is no way to know when or whence trouble may come. It may come in the church or in the home, or in your own life as an individual before the day is over. It may come in the form of death to someone dearly loved, or it may come when health is lost, a telephone call/a visit, or dreams that do not come true. Job said "*Yet trouble came*" (Job 3:26); "*yet man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward*" (5:7); "*man that is born of woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth as a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not*" (14:1-2). Paul said "*We are TROUBLED on every side, yet not distressed*" (2 Corinthians 4:8).

The Scriptures plainly teach that every child of God will be called upon to suffer for the cause of Christ. "*For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake*" (Philippians 1:29). Paul expressed a deep longing to "*know Him in the fellowship of His suffering*" (Philippians 3:10).

REMEMBER—TROUBLE WILL COME AND YOU NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR IT. Now, what shall we do when trouble comes? Shall we be defeated by it, or shall we overcome it by the power and grace of Christ and make it

a stepping stone to loftier spiritual heights? God's word, in this portion, teaches five practical things to do when trouble comes.

1. Spend time alone with God. Acts 27:21
"But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them ..."

Notice this expression. Where had Paul been? Little doubt as to where Paul was during this terrific storm. He was down in the hole of the ship alone with God, in prayer for divine deliverance. This was certainly the practice of great men and women of God in Bible times.

Oh, that we would wait, alone with God, at the throne of Grace, in the time of trouble until God's answer comes! One of the greatest promises to be found in God's word is **Isaiah 40:31** *"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint."*

The Scripture is clear. *"Be still and know that I am God"* (**Psalm 46:10**). Again, we are told *"Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you"* (**James 4:8**).

WHEN TROUBLE COMES, we must wait upon the Lord, or we shall faint and fall. We shall fail. When the storm arose and the tempestuous winds blew—WHEN TROUBLE CAME—Paul got alone and sought the face of God and came out with an answer from Heaven. Where can I go, but to the Lord? It is then that we come with no mask or hidden motive.

There are many Christians today who have surrendered to problems that could be conquered by getting alone with God. Someone has said believers should praise God for anything that brings us to our knees—to keep us depending on the Lord.

2. Reckon upon God's presence. Verse 23
"For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve."

How often in His word, the Lord tells us that He will always be with us! How much it must have meant to Paul during this great storm, when the angel of the Lord appeared to Him in the night, and told him not to be afraid. When TROUBLE COMES, if the child of God will

only remember that the Lord is with him and that he can reckon on His presence, he will be sustained. *"And He said, My presence shall go with thee; and I will give thee rest"* (**Exodus 33:14**). *"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me"* (**Psalms 23:4**). *"For He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee"* (**Hebrews 13:5**).

Just as the "fourth man" walked into the fiery furnace with the three Hebrew children, so will Jesus walk with us when trouble comes. A God who would be with Jeremiah in a miry pit, Daniel in a lion's den, and Paul upon the angry bosom of a storm tossed sea will be with His children today when trouble comes.

3. Believe the promises. Verse 25. *"I believe God that it shall be even as it was told unto me."*

Paul had learned to believe the promises of God when all outward circumstances seemed to indicate that their fulfillment was impossible. Paul's confidence and assurance came from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Paul knew Jesus and lived in close fellowship with the Lord.

Paul's source of personal power is available to every Christian. If we know Jesus, and live close to Him, we, too, will have that calm assurance that translates into personal power.

Most of the great promises of the word of God were given to saints in times of great distress, or in depths of sorrow or in the fires of hot persecution. There are over 7,000 promises laid out by God in His Word. These are promises to be claimed and many of them will be valid when trouble comes and we are overwhelmed. Since most believers, today, are not in the Word of God, they have no idea of the fullness of God's promises that is theirs to claim.

4. Count your blessings. Verse 35. Paul *"gave thanks to God in the presence of them all."*

He found something to give praise for even in the hour of trouble. The early believers cultivated the attitude of gratitude. After they

were imprisoned and beaten—they rejoiced that “they were counted worthy to suffer for His name” (Acts 5:41). There was no melancholy or depression. They did not display a persecution complex. They just rejoiced and counted their blessings and were thankful and persecution seemed as nothing.

Thanksgiving does not change God. He will never be any greater than he already is. Thanksgiving changes us.

5. We must get rid of excess baggage. Verse 38 *“They lightened the ship and cast the cargo into the sea getting rid of excess baggage.”*

It is not correct to say that all trouble comes as a corrective measure from God, but it would be right to say that in a time of testing we should search our hearts. We will often find much excess baggage that needs to be removed from our lives. Satan has gained ground because we have given him a place to stand. We live as carnal Christians—with self in control, not the Holy Spirit—and are tossed to and fro by the tempestuous sea upon which we journey.

David prayed in **Psalms 139:23-24** *“Search me O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”*

The thoughtful Christian needs to determine by a deep spiritual heart-searching and self-examination whether trouble is corrective. God loves us too much to let us continue a course that takes us farther and farther away from what He wants us to be.

The word of God teaches that we are to **EXAMINE OURSELVES**. **1 Corinthians 11:30** is plain: *“For this cause many are weak and sickly among you and many sleep.”* Many have become carnal Christians and their appetites for God have slackened. We have given Satan a place to stand. Sometimes the loss of health is God’s punishment and His explanation as to why the storm came. Some are taken prematurely to Heaven because they will not yield to the will of God for their lives.

Trouble gets our attention and brings us back. We often depend on our own skills and abilities when life seems easy—when the south

wind blows softly—but we turn to God when we feel unable to help ourselves. Circumstances come along that teach us to rely on God, not self. Depending on God is a realization of our own powerlessness and our need for His constant touch in our lives.

God is our source of power, and we receive His help by keeping in touch with Him. With this attitude of dependence, problems will drive us to God rather than away from Him. Let’s learn to rely on God daily. Unload all excess baggage which is against the will of God.

Conclusion

Believers have the resources to face trouble with grace. When all hope is gone (Acts 27:20), have faith in God (vv 22-25). Don’t give up the ship (vv 30-31), and take care of yourself (vv 33-36).

May God help us to do it!

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

Perfect Psalm: Psalm 23

The 23rd psalm has been a source of comfort to myriads of people in life and in death. Consider the following outline, and outline the psalm to become a source of life and comfort to you, regardless of your circumstances and surroundings.

Perfect salvation: “The Lord is my Shepherd.”

Perfect satisfaction: “I shall not want.”

Perfect rest: “He makes me lie in green pastures.”

Perfect refreshment: “He leads me beside still waters.”

Perfect restoration: “He restores my soul.”

Perfect guidance: “He leads me in paths of righteousness.”

Perfect protection: “I will fear no evil.”

Perfect company: “You are with me.”

Psalm 23 is a good place to settle your thoughts when trouble comes.

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

A very learned man once said to a little child who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ: "My little girl, you don't know whom you believe in. There are many who have said that they were Christ. In which of these do you believe?"

"I know which one I believe in," quickly replied the child. "I believe in the One who was raised from the dead!"

He, the one despised, rejected (Isaiah 53:3)
Evermore, triumphant, liveth! (Revelation 1:18)

Into hearts, He comes as Savior (Rev 3:20)
Sin He conquers; life He giveth! (John 3:36).

Robed in garments bright with splendor (Rev 3:5)
In the midst He stands and speaketh (John 20:19)
See the Son of God eternal (John 3:16)
Ever praise to Him be given (Revelation 5:12)
Now, may we with Christ be risen! (Col 3:1)

To whom the Lord appears

"The Lord has risen indeed, and hath appeared unto Simon" (**Luke 24:34**), and "to as many as receive Him" (**John 1:12**), and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (**Hebrews 9:28**).

Our mandate

"**COME, SEE** the place where the Lord lay, and **GO** quickly and **TELL** His disciples that He is risen from the dead" (**Matthew 28:6-7**).

Hope, peace, joy

Christ is alive! The early Christians proclaimed that truth. They believed that the same power that raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will work in and through us to rescue us from our doubts, our darkness, our failure, and even our death.

As we look at the world today, we cannot help but be disturbed by what is happening. But the resurrection of Christ tells us as His followers that we need not press the panic button. It is true that we are concerned and

burdened, and it is certain we need to pray, but we do not cry in terror as others do.

The day before John Huss, a 15th century martyr condemned for his faith in Christ, was to be burned at the stake, he wrote, "I write this in prison and in chains, expecting tomorrow to receive the sentence of death—full of hope in God that I shall not swerve from the truth."

Is this hope and peace and joy yours? Can you face death with a smile, with full confidence that you are going into the presence of Christ?

Believe and confess

You can have this hope if you are willing to turn from sin and trust Christ. You can do it now, "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (**Romans 10:9**). Call on Him to save you. Put your trust in Him. Then confess Him before others. When you do, your name will be written in the Lamb's Book of Life, the Holy Spirit will come to live in you, and when you die you will have a home in Heaven.

He lives on high

He arose from death and all its sorrow,
To dwell in that land of joy and love.
He is coming back some glad tomorrow,
And He'll take all His children home above

Condolences

Word has been received of the Homegoing of **Doorkeeper Virginia N. Williams**, Fayetteville NC, on January 20. We express our sympathy to her husband, **Edward**, who shared: "We were married October 25, 1958, and established a Christian home for our three sons, who have established Christian homes for their families." We sorrow, but not as those who have no hope (**1 Thess. 4:13**) knowing that Virginia is now "present with the Lord" (**2 Corinthians 5:8**) awaiting a glad reunion day.

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DOORKEEPER PRAYER CALENDAR

JANUARY 2007

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b



SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)
Burnace Abrams (OH)
Joseph W. Adams (OH)
Mae Adams (NC)
Marie Adams (VA)
Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
Rosalee Adams (VA)
Norma Ailes (FL)
Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

MONDAY, APRIL 2

1 KINGS 1-4 (Venezuela 25.7M)
Leonor Avila (MD)
Lon & Denise Anderkin (FL)
Milcie Arnold (VA)
Solomon & Kriskna Arrington (MD)
Kenneth Banks (NC)
Carolyn Barkley (NY)
Steven & Marie Basilici (NC)
Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)
John & Joan Bateman (PA)

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

1 KINGS 5-8 (Venezuela 25.7M)
Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)
Jean Beasley (TN)
Tommy & Sue Bell (TN)
Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)
Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
Bethesda Ministries
Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)
Dorothy Spickard Biddle (TN)
Stephen & Joyce Bishop (VA)
Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

1 KINGS 9-11 (Venezuela 25.7M)
Bob & Jewel Bouchard (KY)

William & Debbie Bowden (MD)
Gordon & Chloe Ann Bowyer (VA)
Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
Emilee & Kimberlee Bradshaw (VA)
Nancy Bretz (PA)
Von M. Bridges (TX)
Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
Shirley Brown (VA)

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

1 KINGS 12-16 (Venezuela 25.7M)
Jack & Arretta Bruce (KY)
Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)
Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
Janice Bugg (TN)
Alvin & Berthena Bullard (FL)
Ruby Burger (TN)
Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
Lew & Mary Campbell (ID)
Joreatha Capers (FL)

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

1 KINGS 17-19 (Venezuela 25.7M)
Ron & Julia Carlin (AL)
Allen & Betty Carter (MD)
David & Martha Cecil (VA)
Merry J Chandler (MD)
Margarie Coffee (VA)
Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)
Ted & Terry Cooper (SC)
Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)
Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

1 KINGS 20-22 (Venezuela 25.7M)
Joel & Paula Criz (HI)
Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
Bill & Beverly Curtis (PA)
Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)
Ida J. Davis (GA)
John & Margaret Davis (VA)
Mark & Charmaine Davis (VA)
Lelia Dean (FL)
Robert & Virginia DeBoer (NE)
Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
Nick & Wilma DeGroot (IL)

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Delmarva Evangelistic Church (MD)
Ruth Chamberlain, Pastor
Ken & Zommie Dietrich (WA)
Mary J. Dugans (LA)
Walt Edwards (NC)
Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)
Lynn Elkins (TN)
Evalena Enoch (VA)
Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)
Lynne Farrow (NJ)

MONDAY, APRIL 9

2 KINGS 1-3 (Venezuela 25.7M)
June Fisher (TN)
Josephine Fitzgerald (AL)
Claire & Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

Raymond & Estelle Gabbard (KY)
Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)
Carole B. Garvin (PA)
Frank & Doris Geiger (HI)
Robert & Sara George (GA)

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

2 KINGS 4-8 (Venezuela 25.7M)
Frances Glass (AL)
Gloucester Co. Community Church
Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)
Ronald & Maryann Gold (CO)
Odether Gray (GA)
Eddie & Georgianna Green (NC)
Terry & Linda Gregory (NJ)
Tim & Merry Gregory (VA)
Sue Hamm (KY)
Jim & Joyce Hengoe (FL/CT)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

2 KINGS 9-12 (Venezuela 25.7M)
Doug Henry (TN)
J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
Jacqueline Henry (VA)
Mark Henry (TN)
Melody Henry (VA)
Roger Henry (OH)
Susan & Jamey Henry (TN)
Joanna Holland (VA)
John & Glenda Holland (VA)
Jayson & Marylynn Hooker (VA)

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

2 KINGS 13-17 (Venezuela 25.7M)
Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)
Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
Sam & Linda Hough (VA)
Lamar & Cindy Sue Houser (MD)
Bonnie Houston (TN)
Coy Hunsucker (NC)
Joyce Hunt (TN)
Wilbert & Almarretta Hupp (PA)
Ed Hurlow (IN)
H. J. & Paula Hutchins (MS)

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

2 KINGS 18-21 (Venezuela 25.7M)
Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)
Louis & April Jenkins (DC)
Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
Jonathan & Julie Jobe (NC)
Peter & Millicent John (NY)
Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
Tara Johnson (KY)
Wilbur & Gwendolyn Johnson (AZ)

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

2 KINGS 22-25 (Venezuela 25.7M)
James Jones (FL)
Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)
W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
Howard & Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
Joyce Kelley (OR)

Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)

Bruce Kirby, Pastor

Alice Kern (NJ)

Archie & Mary King (TN)

Kenneth & Bonnie Kirby (PA)

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)

Sherry Klutz (WA)

Quentin & Mary Knauer (OH)

Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)

Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)

Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk

Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)

Phil & Loetta Landers (OK)

MONDAY, APRIL 16

1 Chronicles 1-9 (Bhutan 2.3M)

Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)

Stephen Latong (Nigeria)

Bob Lawrence (MD)

Kevin & Kay Layne (NC)

Kehaunani L. S. Lee (HI)

Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)

Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)

Kevin & Stacy Logsdon (KY)

Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

1 Chronicles 10-16 (Bolivia 9M)

Kenneth & Debra Magee (SC)

Manship Chapel (DE)

Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)

Larry & Sue Mason (VA)

Dan & Meribeth Martin (VA)

Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)

Bill & Mirlle Matheny (VA)

Deborah Mathias (NY)

Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)

Bill & Shirley Maybin (SC)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

1 Chronicles 17-21 (Bosnia 4.5M)

Sid & Jane McLaughlin (AL)

Jim & Lin McLean (TN)

Leonard & Martha Meador (VA)

Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)

Memorial Christian Church (VA)

Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)

Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)

Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)

Mike & Cherylann Miller (CO)

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

1 Chronicles 22-27 (Botswana 1.6M)

Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)

Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)

Katherine Morgan (VA)

Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)

Rebekah Norman (TN)

Craton & Helen Noyes (KY)

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

1 Chronicles 28-29 (Brazil

188M)

Tom & Ann Palumbo (NJ)

Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)

Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

Luther & Leslie Poelnitz (MD)

Ben Poplin (VA)

Ayers & Nina Porter (TN)

Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)

Brandon/Jeanne/Maggie Pribble (VA)

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

2 Chronicles 1-5 (Br Virgin Is 23,098)

Phyllis Reed (NH)

Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)

Cynthia Roach (VA)

Windi & Caleb Roach (OK)

David & Cathie Roche (IA)

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

John & Sandra Roberts (FL)

Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)

Bob & Shirley Rose (MI)

John Saint (PA)

Don & Marie Satterwhite (MD)

Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA)

Dwayne Schmaltz (WI)

Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)

Frank & Alta Scholläert (PA)

MONDAY, APRIL 23

2 Chronicles 6-9 (Bulgaria 7.4M)

Philip & Wendy Schrank (WI)

John & Peggy Seibert (AL)

Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)

Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA)

Eric Farel, Pastor

Nellie F. Shepard (CT)

Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)

Mary Skiles (KS)

Doris Snyder (FL/OH)

John & Helen Sourlis (MD)

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

2 Chronicles 10-12 (Burkina 13.9M)

LeRoy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)

Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)

Marion J. Stansell (TX)

Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

Gordon & Carol Stewart (AZ)

Gary/Leta Fern Stillwagon (GA)

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA/FL)

Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

2 Chronicles 13-16 (Burundi 8.1M)

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)

William Stroman, Pastor

Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)

Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)

Stephanie Taylor (GA)

Mona Henry Thomas (VA)

Mildred V. Thompson (GA)

Paula Tipton (TN)

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

2 Chronicles 17-20 (Cambodia 13.9M)

William & Katie Toney (NC)

Virginia Trask (VA)

Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)

Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)

Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)

Malcom Troutman (KY)

Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)

Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)

Sara Underwood (TN)

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

2 Chronicles 21-25 (Cameroon 17.3M)

Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)

Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)

George & Jeanette Vernarchik (NY)

Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)

Tommy Waddell (TN)

Horace & Becky Ward (NC)

Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)

Beau Ware (VA)

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

2 Chronicles 26-28 Canada 33.1M()

Kay Warmerdam (TX)

Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)

Alan & Shirley Whitmore (TN)

Allan & Judy Whitmore (VA)

George & Virginia Whitner (FL)

Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)

Edward & Virginia Williams (NC)

Julie L. Wilson (PA)

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

2 Chronicles 29-32

Mulamba Placide Kituta (Congo)

Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (S Africa)

Adam/Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)

Andrew J.Sakari (Kenya)

Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)

Cliff & Marcie Vincent (Zambia)

MONDAY, APRIL 30

2 Chronicles 33-36 (Cape Verde 420,979)

Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)

Dot Winfield (MD)

Amos Wipf (GA)

The Word Church (NJ)

Buz Offenbacher, Pastor

Greg & Lori Worley (GA)

Todd & Stephanie Wright (KY)

Lili Wykle (VA)

Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)

Robin & Deborah Yohee (PA)



**TO SCHEDULE A PRAYER
SEMINAR, SEND THREE
POSSIBLE DATES.**

“I know . . . “

by William C. McDonald

“I know your ... tribulation, and poverty” (Revelation 2:9)

Seven times in his letters to the churches of Asia, the Lord Jesus says, “I know” and usually these words are used in a favorable sense. “I know your works ... your labor ... your patience ... your tribulation ... your poverty ... and charity ... and faith.” In those words “I know” there is tremendous comfort and encouragement for God’s people.

Lehman Strauss points out that when Jesus said “I know,” He did not use the work *ginoske*, which frequently means to know in the sense of realizing through progress in knowledge. He used the word *oida*, which suggests fullness of knowledge, to know perfectly, not merely from observation, but from experience.

Though suffering saints are unknown and hated by the world, they are known to the Lord and loved by Him. Christ knows the persecution and poverty of His own; He knows how the world looks upon them. Many a tired, tried, and troubled saint has been strengthened and encouraged by those two monosyllables, “I know.” Those two words uttered by our Savior touch our troubles with the smile of God, and make this world’s suffering “not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” (**Romans 8:18**).

They are words of sympathy. Our Great High Priest knows what we are going through because He has been through it Himself. He is the Man of Sorrows and is acquainted with grief. He has suffered, being tempted.

They are words of sharing. As the Head of the body, He shares the trials and persecutions of the members. “In every part that rends the heart, the Man of Sorrows has a part.” He not only knows intellectually what we are going through; He knows it as a matter of present experience. He feels it.

They are words of promised help. As our Paraclete, He comes alongside to bear our burdens and wipe away our falling tears. He is

there to bind up our wounds and to drive back our foes.

Finally, they are words of assured rewards. He knows everything we do and suffer because of our identification with Him. He keeps a careful record of every act of love, obedience, and patience. One day soon He will surely repay.

If you are passing through a valley of sorrow or suffering just now, hear the Savior saying to you, “I know.” You are not alone. He is with you in the valley, will bring you through, and will lead you safely to your destination.

A believer’s present help

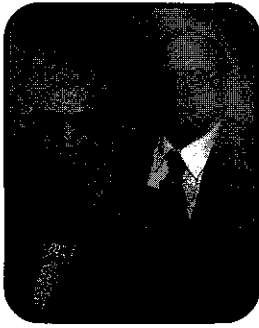
“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea, though the waters thereof roar, and be troubled, thou the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.” **Psalms 46:1-3**

Long ago, David observed, “There is but a step between me and death” (**1 Samuel 20:3**). One of my favorite pictures is of two children crossing a foot-log over treacherous waters in a very tenuous way. In the background, watching over them is a guardian angel. It is comforting and encouraging to remember that God’s presence is sure in a believer’s life.

Note some of the blessings believers have from God’s presence. He is **above us** to guard us: “Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD He is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath; there is none else” (**Deuteronomy 4:39**). God is **underneath us** to support us: “The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms” (**Deuteronomy 33:27**). Then He is **behind us** as a rear guard: “for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rearguard” (**Isaiah 52:12**). He is **before us** to clear the way: “I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron” (**Isaiah 45:2**).

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**DOORKEEPERS
JOHN AND
MARGARET
DAVIS
KNOW WHAT
IT IS TO FACE
TROUBLE
FIRST-HAND.**



I lost my sight

by Margaret Davis

For forty years or more I walked the earth
with sighted eyes,
Seldom bothering to look into the skies.
I missed some smiles and some frowns;
I even found a few coins lying on the ground.

I felt guilty to partake of HIS cup.
Then He put me on my back so I'd look up.
Lying in the darkness night after night,
Feeling so low and lonely,
Thinking of myself only,
Wondering if I had gotten my share of things
that were fair.
Feeling like a little whipped puppy,
I knew God had put me on my back so I
would look up.

My friends and family were so kind and true,
When they were around, I wasn't even blue.
I didn't darken a church door for five years
or more,
Those feelings inside I could not ignore,
For with Him and friends I wanted to sup.
He put me on my back so I would look up.

Now as I pray diligently night and day,
I am more at ease and can cope more with
my disease.
Unworthy, I now partake of HIS cup.
He surely had to put me on my back before I
would look up,
And I really almost gave up.

Spring memories

by Margaret Davis

One can smell the freshness of the earth;
Mother nature is about to give birth
To all the bulbs and seeds.
Thank You God for the flowers and trees.

The periwinkle, with its violet blue lights,
On a bed of mossy green,
A lovelier picture I've never seen.
Yellow forsythia is blooming everywhere.
Thank You Father for your loving care.

The birds are singing, the children swinging;
Off somewhere a dinner bell is ringing.
Crocus, daffodils, tulips peek out of the soil,
Such fragrance and beauty makes it worth the
toil.
I'm not too proud to wash Jesus' feet with the
finest oil.

There goes a toe-headed lad with his pole;
He's running toward his favorite fishing hole;
He dug red worms for his bait,
For fishes to bite, I hope he can wait.
Almighty God, thanks for the pearly gates.

I hear a little girl say, "Mother, may I go
barefoot today?"
Mother says, "No, not until the first of May."
Mrs. Robin Redbreast is building her nest,
For her babies she wants the best.

Here comes an April shower in all its glory;
Of God's Son, I love to tell the story.
Lilac bushes with all their blossoming hues,
Thank You, Master, for the Gospel, the Good
News.

Oh, look! Here comes the morning sun,
Showing its brilliant face.
Jesus, thank You for love, mercy and grace.
Who says God is dead?
By His creation, word and power, our souls
are richly fed.

Prayer Seminar follow-up

In the February **Reflector**, we included information that can be used to tell others about the availability of the prayer seminar ministry—"A prayer seminar can help." A very helpful article written by Shirley Maybin (SC) was included in the March issue providing practical ideas on how to promote a seminar.

To maximize the benefits of a seminar, there must be definitive follow-up. Our long-time friend, **Mark Schollaert**, pastor, First Baptist Church, Monongaleha PA, recently sponsored a prayer seminar. He has shared a number of ways First Baptist is following up.

Sunday morning pre-service prayer. Church officers and others are gathering at the steps of the platform five minutes before the morning service for prayer. This has brought a special anointing and expectation for the service. Anyone can join the group for special prayer. The church loved it!

Prayer during service. Five members are meeting in a designated area to pray during the Sunday morning service.

Friday morning prayer meeting. An early Friday morning prayer meeting (5:30-6:30) has been established. As you taught on our tendency to pray only prayers of convenience, I remembered the many days of fasting, all-night prayer vigils, and morning prayer times we had in Brazil and Chile. I was convicted about how little inconvenience praying we are doing. I hope to have our first all-night prayer vigil in April.

Testimonies. Two people gave testimonies during the church service about how their lives were changed by the prayer seminar and what God has led them to implement. The testimonies were very refreshing as one shared how he had been getting up earlier to spend time in the Word and prayer. The other one testified at the transformation that had taken place in his life based on the teaching on the Holy Spirit's involvement in his prayer time. It was awesome to hear the testimonies.

Congratulations in order



Doorkeepers Ayers and Nina Porter, Morristown TN, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on February 21. In his role as White Oak Baptist Church moderator, Ayers signed my preaching license in 1953 and has been a close friend. Ayers and Nina have been a wonderful model for others portraying what it means for a couple to love each other with deep devotion and commitment. They have been letting their lights shine for the Lord Jesus Christ in their marriage and we congratulate them for achieving seven decades.

Living life for God's glory

by Larry Patterson

Life is a journey. I will live it *trustingly*—"though I walk through the valley of the shadow ... I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me" (**Psalm 23:4**).

Life is a task. I will live it *obediently*—"we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight" (**1 John 3:22**).

Life is a mission. I will live it *helpfully*—"Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another" (**Ephesians 4:32**).

Life is a contest. I will live it *earnestly*—"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (**1 Corinthians 16:13**).

Life is a battle. I will live it *courageously*—"Be strong and of a good courage, be not afraid, for the Lord thy God is with thee" (**Joshua 1:9**).

Thank you Ayers and Nina for showing us how to live our lives for the Lord Jesus Christ—trustingly, obediently, helpfully, earnestly, and courageously.

A believer's present help

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God is at **our right hand** to protect us: "I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved" (**Psalms 16:8**). God **surrounds us** as a shield: "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about His people from henceforth even for ever" (**Psalms 125:2**) and **within us** as a Companion and Comforter: "And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgment, and do them" (**Ezekiel 36:27**).

Not only individual believers, but a ministry such as JGHM needs to trust the fact of God's protection and trust His promised presence with us. Prayer is but a facet of the dependence we have upon Him. God is before me; He will be my guide. God is behind me, no ill can betide. God is beside me, To comfort and cheer. God is around me, so why should I fear?

How wonderful to know that there is never a time or place when one of God's children is left alone to fend for himself. Everyday, let's pause to express gratitude and appreciation for His bountiful care.

I am ready!

The years are moving by swiftly. One of my goals is to share the prayer seminar as often and as widely as possible.

During the first quarter, there have been twelve prayer seminars in eight states (FL, HI, KY, ME, MN, NC, PA, SC) and seven evangelism clinics. I preached six sermons, led one mid-week service, and taped three telecasts to be shown in Hawaii. Miles traveled totaled 17,042 miles.

Paul said to the Romans: "I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also" (**Romans 1:16**). I can say that **I AM READY** to share prayer seminars. Continue to pray for open doors.

A series of seminars are scheduled for **Venezuela** April 1-15.



NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 1076. A small boy asked his parents, "I'm going to pray now. Do you need anything?"

Note 1077. The melody of prayer is best played with notes of praise, adoration, confession, and thanksgiving.

Note 1078. Prayer will either make a person stop sinning, or sin will make him stop praying.

Note 1079. You can expect God to intervene when you have taken time to intercede.

Note 1080. You can turn any care into prayer anywhere, anytime.

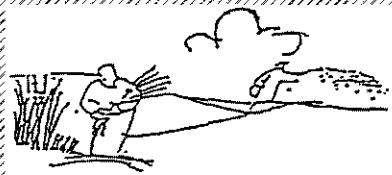
DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

February 20 - March 19, 2007

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VENEZUELA	63	6,077.10
TOTAL	112	\$9,890.10



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THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!**

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A special edition

One of the blessings that the Lord has provided over the past fifty-three years is to touch lives through the **Reflector**. Often someone lets us know that some thought that we shared helped them along life's journey.

Helpers of joy. When Paul wrote to the Corinthian believers, he said: "Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are **HELPERS OF YOUR JOY**; for by faith ye stand" (2 **Corinthians 1:24**). "Helpers of your joy"—if you read the verse too quickly, you can easily miss this central phrase. In fact, I had read it many times, but it was not until April 1986 that the Holy Spirit spoke to me a plain word. Through the printed and verbal ministries, we are to be **HELPERS OF JOY**.

When trouble comes. The theme of this edition is **what to do when trouble comes**. You may or may not need help today, but sooner or later you will. I encourage you to file it for easy retrieval in the future.

International Update—2007

Our 2007 international schedule begins in **Venezuela April 1-15**. Reports are that there is much excitement as pastors/people prepare themselves. The first week will be intensive with a seminar scheduled daily. I will need your prayers as never before.

The Holy Spirit touches hearts of God's children to make the international seminars possible through their prayer and financial support. The budget for Venezuela is \$5,000. As of March 19, sixty-three families have given \$6,402.10—amazing support, indeed. This means that we will have a good start toward the funds needed for **Ecuador-Peru May 30—June 15**.

Since we began the international ministry, which operates on faith, we have followed a simple approach—trust God and tell His people! This is the explanation of the success we have experienced. We are grateful for each partner He gives us.



Our Golden Wedding Anniversary
(which is April 18)
celebration began with Sue's
family in Kentucky March 4.