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God hath joined together ...

Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven. Psalm 119:89

A TRIBUTE TO DEAN EDDIE DOBSON

Standing orders

A believer would do well to review the exhortations Paul gave to the saints in Thessalonica as recorded in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 The first four verses focus on the leaders with verse 14 telling them how to deal with problem brothers. For me personally, the daily chapel services in the early years of Liberty University (first Lynchburg Baptist College, then Liberty Baptist College, and now Liberty University) were points of spiritual renewal and challenge. Dr. Elmer Towns was our leader during my first year at Liberty and he often spoke of chapel services keeping the fires burning. Often the message was delivered by **Dr. Jerry** Falwell, Liberty's founder. He had a vision of training young champions for Christ. His messages from the early years were scriptural, spiritual and sensible easy to understand and to emulate in daily living.

Harold Willmington came to develop a non-degree program to prepare men and women, people whom Dwight L. Moody referred to as "gap men." His messages were pure Scripture. Ken Chapman was one of the Institute's teachers whose messages epitomized old-time preaching with truths that we all needed. I could speak of Ed Hindson, Woodrow Kroll, Robert Hughes (first dean of the seminary) and others. I took notes and filled many pages with powerful truths. In essence, these messages constitute my "seminary education "

Then there was a young man from Northern Ireland who joined



Eddie and Lorna Dobson

us as the soccer coach. He later became the Vice President for Students Affairs. His integrity never wavered as basic policies and procedures were developed that provided a sure foundation for the new college in Lynchburg. His name was Eddie Dobson. He and his beautiful wife, Lorna, added immensely to the learning and living environment in those early years of Liberty. His chapel messages were memorable. To me, he was always "Dean Dobson." One day his text was 1 Thessalonians 5:14, which he required us to memorize as he spoke. Then he exhorted both leaders and students to put into practice in our everyday relationships the four points: (1) warn those who are unruly (those who do not keep in step and refuse to lift their part of the load); (2) Comfort the fainthearted (KJV) "feeble-minded" which Dean Dobson delightfully explained! but telling us to show sympathy, love, and consideration for one another); (3) Uphold the weak (help those who are spiritually, morally, or physically weak); and (4) Be patient with all (show the grace of longsuffering

when others tend to irritate and provoke). Several times during my pastorate at **Pleasant View Baptist Church** in Lynchburg, we invited **Dean Dobson** to speak and he was always a favorite. Not only was he there on special occasions, he led several "youth revivals" producing much fruit in many lives.

Paul then speaks to Christians in general (1 Thessalonians 5:15-22) and presents exhortations that I have built into the content of the prayer seminar. Three of them are STANDING ORDERS (1) "Rejoice always" (v 16). This is the shortest verse in the Greek New Testament, even if "Jesus wept" is the shortest in English. Joy can be the constant experience of the Christian, even in the most adverse circumstances, because Christ is the source and subject of his joy, and Christ is in control of the circumstances; (2) "Pray without ceasing" (v 17). Prayer should be the constant attitude of the Christian not that he abandons his regular duties and gives himself wholly to prayer. He prays at certain regular times; he also prays extemporaneously as need arises; and he enjoys continual communion with the Lord by prayer; (3) "Giving thanks for everything" (v 18). Giving thanks to God should be the Christian's native emotion. Since **Romans 8:28** is true, then we can praise the Lord at all times, in all circumstances, and for everything since God knows what He is doing even when we do not!

These standing orders represent the "will of God in Christ Jesus" for us. The words "in Christ Jesus" remind us that He taught us these things during His earthly ministry and He was the living embodiment of what He taught. By teaching and example, He revealed to us God's will concerning joy, prayer and thanksgiving. Do you see why these are incorporated in the prayer seminar?

Numerous times when a prayer seminar took me to the Grand Rapids area, time was set aside for a breakfast meeting with **Dean Dobson**. The fellowship was special as we took journeys down memory lane. He often said that "what Liberty becomes, God used us to establish a firm foundation." Then he attributed his earning a doctor's degree from the University of Virginia "because of your encouragement and persistence."

Ed and Lorna Dobson will remain close to my heart, along with his parents who hosted a prayer seminar in their church in North Argyll, New York. One special blessing to Ed and Lorna was their two sons and their daughter AND THEIR GRANDCHILDREN! We can stand beside them on his behalf through prayer support.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

TRIBUTE-DEAN DOBSON "A man of God who fought a good fight and finished his course" Sunrise: December 30, 1949 Sunset: December 26, 2015

Faithful through a fifteen-year struggle with Lou Gehrig's Disease but never gave up. The battle is now over and the victory is won! LESSON; CHERISH LIFE. "It 'ain't' over until its over"--Dean Dobson's Testimony

The Liberty Years

My tribute to one of the early leaders of Liberty University (then Liberty Baptist College), **Eddie Dobson** (12/30/1949-12/26/2015), is on pages 2-3. His tremendous ministries as pastor of the Calvary Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and author are well known. To me, he was a good man, a tremendous speaker, and a close friend as well as a respectable colleague at LBC.

As I reviewed the Liberty Years (1972-1980) in my life, I ran across a newspaper article from The News, Lynchburg's morning newspaper, dated April 4, 1976. For posterity, I choose to share this article with thanksgiving to God for the opportunity to share in laying the foundation for this great institution (which is now the largest Christian university in the world), and then beg and implore you to put Liberty University and its leader, Jerry Falwell, Jr. near the top of your Daily Prayer List.



NEW VICE PRESIDENT Dr. J. G. Henry, seated center, is congratulated on his promotion to vice president for academic affairs at Liberty Baptist College. Appointment was made by LBC President Dr. A. Pierre Guillerman, seated left, and LBC Chancellor Dr. Jerry Falwell, seated right. Standing left to right are Lynchburg Christian Schools vice presidents Dr. Harold Willmington, Dr. Robert L. Hughes, and Dr. C. Sumner Wemp.

LBC picks academic affairs vice president

The dean of academic affairs at Liberty Baptist College has been named vice president in charge of academic affairs at the college.

Dr. James G. Henry's promotion to a vice president is effective immediately. Henry has been a member of the LBC since May of 1972.

A native of White Pine, Tennessee, he also has been chairman of the Division of Education and Psychology at the college. He will continue to hold the academic rank of professor of education.

Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin, president

of the college, said, "Dean Henry has played a vital role in the development of our college in the academic area. We feel with the continued growth of Liberty Baptist College as a four-year liberal arts institution, Dean Henry's position is an important one as we strive toward accreditation.

Liberty Baptist College, founded in 1971, currently has an enrollment of 1,200 with 700 men and 500 women students.

Henry's appointment was made by Guillerman and Dr. Jerry Falwell, LBC chancellor, during special ceremonies. Others participating in the ceremonies were Dr. Harold Willmington, dean of the Thomas Road Bible Institute; Dr. Robert L. Hughes, dean of Liberty Baptist Seminary and Dr. C. Sumner Wemp, director of Spiritual Life and chairman of the LBC Division of Religion.

Before joining the LBC staff in 1972, Henry was director of Model Laboratory School, a department in the College of Education at Eastern Kentucky University. He had formerly taught at Averett College in Danville, and serves as principal of the Berea (KY) City Schools.

While at Eastern Kentucky, he was nominated by the university as an Outstanding Educator of America in 1972 and served on the faculty senate and was a member of the nominating committee of that group.

He has been active in professional education organizations having served terms as president of both the Berea Education Association and the Eastern Kentucky University Education Association. He was chairman of the nominating committee for the Department of Higher Education in Kentucky for two years.

He is currently serving his third

As I prepared the tribute to my friend, Dean Dobson, I reviewed Selah '77, the LBC yearbook, I was blessed beyond words looking at pictures and recalling events. I had forgotten that that yearbook was dedicated to me commerating the evaluation visit from the Southern Association Evaluation team that led to accreditation. Dr. Falwell asked me not to leave and then invited me to return anytime in the future, "Name your position." Had I not left, there would have been no Northeastern Bible College presidency and there would be no prayer seminar ministry. My love for LU is great, but my love for the prayer seminar ministry is greater! God knows best! God leads His dear children along. JGH

term as treasurer of the Virginia Higher Education Association. He is a member of the National Education Association, the Virginia Education Association, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the Association of Teacher Educators, the Virginia Association of Teacher Educators, the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, the National Association of Laboratory Schools and the Virginia Association of Teacher Educators.

He is also a member of a number of scholastic honor societies and is active in the American Conference of Academic Deans and the Eastern Association of Academic Deans.

Henry received a BA degree from Berea College, a MA from Eastern Kentucky University, and a doctorate from the University of Kentucky. He also has studied at Duke University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Henry is a graduate of the Berea College School of Nursing and is employed by Virginia Baptist Hospital where she is head nurse in the Intensive Care Unit.

Dr. Henry in his office reviewing teaching notes for his human development class.

R.A.Torrey

1856-1928

Reuben Archer Torrey was an American evangelist, pastor, educator, and writer. Held evangelistic meetings around the world with song leader Charlie Alexander. Called by D.L. Moody to head the Bible Institute of the Chicago Evangelization Society (now Moody Bible Institute); Dean of Bible Institute of Los Angeles (now Biola University); pastorates included Chicago Avenue Church (now Moody Memorial Church) and Church of the Open Door, Los Angeles.

Besides his obvious gifts in all these areas, he was also a man of prayer, a student of the Bible, and an outstanding personal soul-winner. It is said that he daily read the Bible in four languages, having a good working knowledge of Greek and Hebrew. Some students of church history feel he did more to promote personal evangelism than any other one man since the days of the apostles. His prayer life has seldom been equaled in the annals of Christendom.

Reuben A. Torrey wrote some forty books and his practical writings on the Holy Spirit, prayer, salvation, soul-winning, and evangelism are still favorites of many Christians.

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IN THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH SHALL ABIDE UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY. I WILL SAY OF THE LORD, HE IS MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS: MY GOD; IN HIM WILL I TRUST.

HE THAT DWELLETH

NOTES from my BIBLE

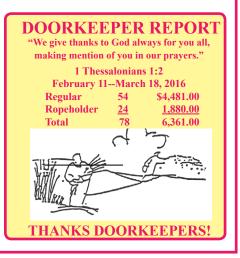
Note 3026. If we let the words of Christ abide in us, they will stir our hearts to prayer.

Note 3027. Triumphal prayer is almost impossible where there is neglect in the study of God's Word.

Note 3028. All that God is and all that God has is at the disposal of prayer. Prayer can do anything that God can do, and as God can do anything, prayer is omnipotent.

Note 3029. When we are too busy to pray, we are too busy to have power. We will have a great deal of activity, but will accomplish little; many services, but few conversions; much machinery but few results.

Note 3030. Oh, men and women pray through; pray through. Do not just begin to pray and throw up your hands and quit; but pray and pray and pray until God bends the heavens and comes down.



PRAYER CALENDAR

April 2016 "I will give myself to prayer..." Psalm 109:4b

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

1 Kings 1-4 (Cameroon 23.1M) Mae Adams (NC) Marie Adams (VA) Robert & Susanne Adams (TN) Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA) Norma Ailes (NJ) Allie Allen (LA) H. L. & Janie Allen (SC) David/Eunjoo Andersen (VA)

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

1 Kings 5-8 (Canada 35M) Tommy & Pat Apple (NC) Eldon/Gayle Armstrong (CS) Leonor Avila (MD) Bill & Karen Baker (OK) Mike & Joyce Baker (VA) Marilyn Barry (VA) Tim Bash-GCCC (NJ) Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Jean Beasley (TN) Tommy Bell (TN) Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN) Johnny/Juanita Bernard (FL) Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL) Beverly Blankenship (TN) Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

MONDAY, APRIL 4

1 Kings 9-11 (Cape Verde 538,535) Everett/Deborah Boston (MD) William/Debbie Bowden (MD) David & Marna Boyd (OR) Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ) Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA) Emilee & Kim Bradshaw (VA) Nancy Bretz (PA) Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

1 Kings 12-16 (Cayman Is 54,914) Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ) Arretta Bruce (TN) Joe & Martha Bruno (CO) Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE) Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY) George & Janet Buck (NJ)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

1 Kings 17-19 (Cen Af Rep 5/3M) Janice Bugg (TN/Chin) Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL) Don & Lucy Campbell (VA) Mary Campbell (ID) Cliff & Laura Cannon (FL) Joeretha Capers (FL) Robert & Anne Carroll (VA) THURSDAY, APRIL 7

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1 Kings 20-22 (Chad 11.4M) Gus/Janice Christofield (VA) Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA) Vernia Coleman (MD) Mary Columbus (VA) Larry & Sue Cooper (DE) Terry & Sonja Craig (TN) Jerry & Joan Crain (SC) Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC) Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC) Bsrbara Custalow (VA)

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

2 Kings 1-3 (Chile 17.4M) John Davis (VA) Harold & Tama Decker (NY) Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY) Mary J. Dugans (LA)

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

2 Kings 4-8 (China 1.4b) Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA) Lynn Elkins (TN) Jeff & Leann Englert (KY) Don & Mary Enoch (FL)

Gene & Shirley Farley (CA) Larry & Cara Fields (VA) James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE) Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA) James Fugate (CA) Estelle Gabbard (KY) Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA) Pauline Garrett (NJ) Frank Geiger (HI) Sara George (GA)

MONDAY, APRIL 11

2 Kings 9-12 (Christmas Is 1,530) Gloucester Co. Community Ch (NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor Margarie Gobart (FL) Ron & Carol Godwin (VA) Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND) Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK) Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ) Velma Graven (KY) Dale & Mary Gray (IL) Odether Gray (GA)

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

2 Kings 13-17 (Cocos Is 596) Linda Gregory (UT) Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN) Sadie Harris (VA) Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA) Jim Hengoed (CT) Gina Henry (VA) J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA) <u>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13</u>

2 Chron 1-6 (Colombia 46.2M)

Jacqueline Henry (VA) Jack Henry (TN) James & Kathryn Henry (MS) Mark Henry (TN) Melody Henry (VA) Roger & Sara Henry (OH) Sean Henry (VA) Steve & Donna Hensel (MN) Frank & Pat Hitchings (VA) Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA) Joanna Holland (VA) John & Glenda Holland (VA) Anita Horton (VA) Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA) Coy Hunsucker (NC) Joyce Hunt (TN)

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

1 Chron 1-9 (Comoros 766,865) Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA) Ed Hurlow (IN) Gerald/Tanny Jackson (WA) Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR) Vernelle Jenkins (MD) Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN) Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

1 Chron 10-16 (DR Congo 77.4M) Millicent John (NY) Bob & Rhonda Johnson (WA) Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY) Gwen Johnson (AZ) Jim & Penny Johnson (KY) Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN) Ben & Gwen Jones (MD) Dave & Debbie Jones (VA) James Jones (FL) Paul Jones (KY) W I & Eloise Jones (SC) Mohan Katta (LL)

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

1 Chron 17–21 (Costa Rica 4.8M) Howard/Suzie Kauffmann (GA) Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA) Kerby Knob Baptist Ch (KY) Daren Hisel, Pastor Larry & Janet King (NC) Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN) Quintin & Mary Knauer (OH) Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI) Korean Branch: Dr. Shin Kwang Suk Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA) Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE) Steven & Dawn Lambert (NC) Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ) Phil & Edra Landers (OK) Charles/Cynthia Larson (MI) Bob Lawrence (MD) Del & Mary Leach (VA) Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)

MONDAY, APRIL 18

1 Chron 22-27 (IvoryCoast 22.8M)

Liberty University (VA) Jerry Falwell Jr., President Mike & Earlene Lips (MS) Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI) Ray & Bobbie Long (WV) Don & Betty Lowry (SC) Rachel Mann (NC) Manship Chapel (DE) Bruce & Vickie Tribbett Wilma Marcum (KY)

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

1 Chron 28-29 (Croatia 4.5M) Reg & Gloria Martin (OH) Larry & Sue Mason (VA) Deborah Mathias (NY) Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN) Dan & Fay McConville (VA) R. O. & June McHaney (VA) Don & Barbara Meduna (CO) Memorial Christian Ch (VA)

Virgil & Sue Knipp, Pastors Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

2 Chron 1-6 (Cuba 11M) Betsy Miedema (MI) Gwen Miller (VA) Maarjorie Miller (VA) Roger & Nancy Minney (VA) Ted & Natalie Monroe (KY) Bill & Sharon Moody (VA) French & Laura Moore (VA) Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC) Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

2 Chron 6-9 (Curacao 146,836) Elaine Moser (MN) Bob & Diane Nichols (VA) Chet & Betty Nichols (WA) Ann Palumbo (PA) Sheryl Parker (VA) Raleigh & Janet Parker (VA) Roger & Kay Pede (VA) Jim & Barb Peterson (MI) Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA) Mildred Pittman (NC) FRIDAY, APRIL 22 2 Chron 10-12 (Cyprus 1.2M) Barbara Powell (NY Barbara L. Powell (VA) Marshall & Lois Powell (KY) Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA) John Reed (NH) Dave Ricker (ME) Alice Riddick (NC) Joyce Riley (KY) Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA) Cynthia Roach (VA) John & Sandra Roberts (NC) Bo & Betty Robinson (MS) Isabell Robothom (NY) James & Shelly Rode (FL) Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

2 Chron 13-16 (Czech Rep 10.6M) Fred Rolater (TN) Bob & Marlene Rose (MI) Sandra Rumore (VA) John Saint (PA) Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO) Dwayne Schmaltz (WI) Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA) Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI) John & Peggy Seibert (AL) Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH) Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA) Gene Jones, Pastor Nellie F. Shepard (CT) Ray Shields (VA) Richard Shorter (NJ) Charlie & Liz Sill (VA)

MONDAY, APRIL 25)

2 Chron 17-20 (Denmark 5.6M) Bobby & Cindy Smith (TN) Mildred Smith (VA) Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA) Walt & Betty Sommers (VA) Helen Sourlis (MD) Leroy/Suk Hi Standifer (WA) Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

2 Chron 21-25 (Djibouti 73,449 Carol Snow Stewart (CT) Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA) Charles Stinson (VA) Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX) William Suttles (NC) Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

2 Chroni 26-28 (Domi Rep (10.3M) Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX) Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA) Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA) Stephanie Taylor (GA) Rose Tengstrand (VA) Mona Henry Thomas (VA) W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN) Montez Thompson (WI) William & Katie Toney (NC) Virginia Trask (VA)

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

2 Chron29-32 (Ecuador 15.6M) Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY) Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY) Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY) Joe & Benita Troutman (KY) Malcom Troutman (KY) Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY) Willie/Diane Troutman (KY) Frances Turpin (VA) Sara Underwood (TN) Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN) Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ) Harris/Jane Verkaik (MI/FL) George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

2 Chron 33-34 (Egypt 86.9M) Horace & Becky Ward (NC) Michael/Sandra Ward (IN) Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA) Kay Warmerdam (TX) Joyce Warpoole (TN) Rodger Watts (WI) Frank & Nell Weer (KY)

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

2 Chron 35-36 (El Salvador 6.1M) Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY) Kay Wice (GA) Paul & Diane Wieland (PA) Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA) Jeff Williamson (FL) Ken & Carol Willis (VA) Julie L. Wilson (PA) Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA) Eva Winebarger (VA) Amos & Celia Wipf (GA) Jonathan/Selena Wood (PA) Greg & Lori Worley (GA) David & Lili Wykle (VA) Fred & Susan Zeller (WV)



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Looking Ahead

April 18-23 Bountiful, Utah Prayer Seminars Contact: Linda Gregory (801) 335-7203 May 14 Area-wide Prayer Seminar Oconto Gospel Church Oconto, Wisconsin Contact: Barb Cook (920) 835-2330 May 15 Oconto Gospel Church Preaching two morning services

June 21-July 1 Prayer Seminars Santa Clara-Placetas CUBA

> IN LOVING MEMORY Ben Poplin 8-26-1929/2-24-2016 FAITHFUL FRIEND DOORKEEPER SINCE 1988 Newport News, Virginia "Absent from the body, present with the Lord" 2 Corinthians 5:8

DEEPEST CONDOLENCES are extended to DOORKEEPERS Mike & Sonja Hosick Lynchburg, Virginia in the death of their son, JACE AUSTIN HOSICK 6/27/1989-3/16/2016

A MEMORIAL GIFT HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM RODGER WATTS, ABRAMS, WISCONSIN IN MEMORY OF HIS WIFE, JEAN ANN WATTS 3/27/1933-8/21/2014

. . My beloved is mine and I am his . . ." Song of Solomon 2:16

April 18, 1957 A Marriage Ceremony Calvary Baptist Church Somerset, Kentucky



James Gordon Henry (White Pine, Tennessee) Agatha Sue Troutman (Livia, Kentucky)

Officiating Minister Best Man Maid of Honor Harris Bell Harris J. Reginald Martin Joyce Sheffield

GOD'S AGELESS PLAN: "From the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave behind his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and cleave closely to her permanently. And the two shall become one flesh, so that they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together [united], let not man separate nor divide."

Mark 10:6-9 (Paraphrased)

August 31, 1974

A Marriage Ceremony	Officiating Minister	Dr. J. G. Henry
Pleasant View Baptist Church	Organist	Mona Henry
Lynchburg, Virginia	Soloist	David P. Randlett

William Frederick Moody (Lynchburg, Virginia) Sharon Kaye Smith (Lynchburg, Virginia

Using the wedding ceremony from the **Pastor's Manual** that Harris used in our wedding service, I have officiated at well over one hundred marriage ceremonies. For some time Sue and I have been in the process of "weeding" files preparing for days ahead. When I came to the "Weddings" folder, I discovered the marriage bulletin for Bill and Sharon's wedding and I sat there holding it and taking a trip down Memory Lane. During the planning sessions (pastoral counseling), it was obvious that

this was indeed a very special event for two young people very much in love with the Lord Jesus Christ and with each other. Using a number of primary sources from other weddings, they wrote **OUR PRAYER** to include in the service. Since it is not only appropriate for the beginning of a marriage but for the duration, I felt that our readers would want r a "keepsake" for their own Idea Folders and am using the front of their bulletin on the **Reflector**. Enjoy and consider its lessons for you, your spouse, and family.

Candle Ceremony

Bill and Sharon's marriage ceremony



The two outside candles have been lighted to represent our lives to this moment. They are two distinct lights, each capable of going their separate ways. To bring bliss and happiness to our home, there must be the merging of these two lights into one light. This is what the Lord meant when He said, "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall become one flesh" (Ephesians 5:31).

From now on our thoughts hall be for each other than our individuals selves. Our plans shall be mutual, our joys and sorrows shall be shared alike.

As we each take a candle and together light the center one, we will extinguish our own candles, thus letting the center candle represent the union of our lives into one flesh. As this one light cannot be divided, neither shall our lives be divided but a united testimony in a Christian home. May the radiance of this one light be a testimony of our unit in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Bill and Sharon



Spring has arrived at 1127 Lakeview Drive Read: Song of Solomon 2:11-12

The Mombasa Kenya Prayer Seminars JGHM EAST/CENTRAL AFRICA BRANCH Martin Shikuku, Director

In a very methodical manner, Martin has sketched out the path that he feels led to follow for the prayer seminars during 2016. Five seminars were scheduled for the **Mombasa** area February 16-22. In preparation for the 1,200+ miles journey, we bought a much-needed set of tires for the van and the van was made ready.

Host churches included Ukanda Baptist Church; First Baptist Church Kwale; Tiwi Baptist Church; Moroni Baptist Church; and Maximum Faith Baptist Church. Total attendance was 645 with 183 pastors attending. There were fifty-five professions of faith. Miles traveled totaled 1,261 miles. Each participant was provided with a Swahili prayer seminar workbook and a pen. A light meal was served in each venue.

In March two seminars were scheduled for Kisil. Following a prayer seminar in Eldoret in May, Martin plans to go into **South Sudan**. These will be the first prayer seminars in **South Sudan**. **Uganda and Rwanda** will be target in June with **Burundi and DR Republic of the Congo in August**.

In reporting on the Mombasa seminars, Martin characterized the people attending as "very good enthusiastic listeners, very much challenged." Appreciation was extended to the Ropeholders for their prayer and financial support.

Continue to pray for our work in other nations where Lighthouses of

I See Jesus

I don't look back. God knows the fruitless efforts. The wasted hours, the sinning, the regrets. I leave them all with Him who blots the record. And mercifully forgives, and then forgets. I don't look forward. God sees all the future. The road that, short or long, will lead me home, And He will face with me its every trial, And bear for me the burdens that may come. I don't look around me. Then fears assail me. So wild the tumult of earth's restless seas: So dark the world, so filled with woe and evil, So vain the hope of comfort or of ease. I don't look in, for then am I most wretched; Myself has naught on which to stay my trust; Nothing I can see save failures and short-comings, And weak endeavors crumbling into dust. But I look up-into the face of Jesus, For there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled. And there is joy, and love, and light for darkness, And perfect peace, and every hope fulfilled.

Anne Johnson Flint

2 Corinthians 4:6: "For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

Hebrews 12:2-3: "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls."

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