

# REFLECTOR

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**"If the foundations are destroyed what can the righteous do?"  
Psalm 11:3**

## **Babylon is fallen, is fallen!**

Babylon represents a world system aligned against God Almighty. Babylon in the New Testament is a symbol of sinful humanity and its capacity for self-delusion, ambition, sinful pride, and demonized depravity. It thus represents world culture in rebellion against God. What an ominous pronouncement will one day be made. **"Babylon is fallen, is fallen ...."** The world will be astonished. Read about it in **Revelation 18**.

From a Biblical and historical perspective, in many ways we can say **America is fallen, is fallen**. Many of the **Reflector** readers have seen this fall with their own eyes. We grieve for America, once known as the "land of the free and the home of brave." One of my heroes, the late **Dr. Robert G. Lee**, the illustrious pastor of the **Bellevue Baptist Church** in Memphis, Tennessee and the senior statesman of Southern Baptist preachers in his day, warned

us of what was coming. He said that "the land of the free" was fast turning into the "land of the spree" and the "home of the brave" was turning into "the land of the rave." In many ways and in many quarters what he visualized has become a reality. Startling, but true!

Under the guise of diversity and political correction, a war has been launched against Christianity emanating from the highest halls of government. It was subtle at first

because its father was Satan himself. Remember his approach to Eve in the Garden of Eden? Several decades ago, I wrote an article describing the termites working. At that time, our offices were in a wooden structure nestled in a beautiful, shaded, park-like setting at 2114 Arrow Court, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The grounds were well kept. A large American flag was proudly flying out front. A very large fish pool featuring a waterfall and filled with koi and gold fish attracted us all. A natural stone walkway wended its way from the office entry to our patio. For the grandchildren, a basketball goal was firmly fixed on a large concrete slab. An old-time swing was positioned with a beautiful rock wall in the background. By the way, the swing is now on our south lawn here in Lynchburg. Our pastor at Southeast Baptist Church, the late **Don Edwards**, said that anytime he needed a quiet moment he headed for that swing in the Henrys' backyard!

We never knew that the termites were working not only in the office building, but in the library building situated a few feet from the fish pool. We declared war on the termites and won the battle before extensive damage was done. With the help of a monthly visit from the exterminators, we kept the area termite-free. When I shared this incident with the **Reflector** readers, I warned them that the termites were settling in all around us to destroy the foundation of our nation. At a certain point, the war moved into the open.

You and I are living with the results. Secular humanists began openly to spend an alarming amount

of effort, energy, and money to destroy biblical beliefs and values in America. How successful have they been? In America, today, believing in Jesus Christ is increasingly seen as something that only a villain would do. We are the enemy. The entertainment, media, education, and government elites feel free to openly mock and disparage Christianity. Wherever Christian beliefs and values are found, progressive humanists want to scrub them away. America's Christian heritage is under assault. Christians are the enemies! The attack has undermined the very spiritual fabric of the nation.

In such a divisive era, it is easy to become discouraged, grow weary and to be tempted to "throw in the towel." Perhaps it would be good to get back to the basics and establish our feet solidly on the Rock of Ages. God did not give us Ten Suggestions. He gave His Ten Commandments. These are absolutes, not relative statements. These are the truths that will stand when the world is on fire (and one day it will be!). **Choices can be made, but God will have the last word.** Abortion is a choice (legalized by the Supreme Court, the highest court in the land, in *Roe v Wade*), God sees abortion as murder and an abomination with serious consequences. Cohabitation, forsaking traditional marriage, is a choice. But God will have the last word. Marriage is between a man and a woman. Man may choose an alternative lifestyle, but God will have the last word. Homosexuality is an abomination. The spiritual darkness deepens. Christians are the salt and the light. Prayer is the force that will push against the

darkness because the sovereign God has ordained it so. We can fight back against these forces that hate God and our Christian heritage. Let's grieve for our nation, but let's pray for our nation. "Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar; let them [pray], 'Spare Your people, O LORD, and do not give Your heritage to reproach, That the nations should rule over them'" (**Joel 2:17**). Let's pray. It is time! Let's pray that God's name will be hallowed, that His kingdom will come and that His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

### A Prime Exhibit

One of my favorite writers is **Carollyn Peerman**. Her articles appear in a variety of publications. Recently, she submitted an article entitled, "So Who wants to Get Married?" to an editor of a women's magazine in Asheville, North Carolina. The editor responded by asking her to eliminate words that refer to marriage as between a man and a woman. Her rationale was that she wants the article to be acceptable to a woman married to a woman. The following is an excerpt from the article:

What I know: "Men love women, women love children and children love their hamsters," wrote author Alice Thomas Ellis. So who wants to get married? Any takers? Although marriage is never perfect, people continue to get married because it is the best plan yet for meeting our most profound longings. In spite of all the assaults against it, marriage between a man and a woman is here to stay.

"Married life brings to the surface your worst attributes: irritability and impatience, defensiveness and self-justification, insensitivity and manipulateness, and above all, selfishness," noted Bennett. Not me, of course. Yes, you. Marriage life doesn't create these traits in you, it simply exposes them. The pressures in marriage bring out what is in you.

"Marriage is like twirling a baton, turning a handspring or eating with chopsticks; it looks easy until you try it," said Helen Rowland in 1909. For an incurable romantic like me, it is hard to accept the thoughts of Margaret Mead: "Monogamous heterosexual love is probably one of the most difficult, complete and demanding human relationships." Although marriage isn't easy, a long lasting marriage and the companionship it brings is a great treasure.

Marriage between a man and a woman has been around a long time and it is not going to leave. Established by God, there is no better institution for meeting your deepest needs: the need for real emotional and physical intimacy; the need for a sense of self-worth; a greater possibility of both husband and wife fulfilling their goals; and the creation of a child to live on after you.

So how do you keep the music playing? For one thing, as you pass days as well as nights together, don't lay aside good breeding. Good manners matter. Speak highly of your partner. Your partner will become what you encourage him or her to

be. Do share things that you like to do together. Plan special times that give pleasure. Putting your husband first in a happy relationship is the best gift you can give your children. In a fulfilling marriage there is both freedom and security so that individuals can grow without feeling diminished.

In response to the editor, Carolyn explained that she would not allow changing her article to accommodate those who have stepped outside marriage as defined in the Scriptures. Although she submits articles to secular publications, her ideas are in harmony with God's truth. Sue and I are blessed to be in a Sunday school class with this woman of God. This experience is a prime exhibit of how far our society has digressed from God's way and we will surely reap what we are sowing. **We must pray**, but we must be willing to take a stand.

Don't pray when you feel like it.  
Have an appointment with the Lord  
and keep it. A man is powerful on  
his knees.

— Corrie Ten Boom (1892-1983)

Dutch watchmaker and Christian  
who, along with her father and  
other family members, helped  
many Jews escape the Nazi  
holocaust during Word War II.

**ROPEHOLDERS  
NEEDED TOUCHING  
LIVES FOR ETERNITY  
IN MANY  
NATIONS THROUGH  
ESTABLISHING  
LIGHTHOUSES  
OF PRAYER  
(PRAYING & GIVING)**

### **Once Again, "OOPS!"**

In the **January 2018 Reflector**, there were some errors that need to be corrected for posterity. To a casual reader, these would not be significant; to me, however, they are. Although we "proof" the copy and do not see them, the first thing that we DO see when the printing is done, is what we missed. I apologize. **Abraham Lincoln** is reported to have said that when a man admits he is wrong that he is saying that he is a smarter man today than he was yesterday. Hopefully, that has a ring of truth in it.

Start with the masthead on page one. **Correct "VOL. 63, No. 1" to VOL. 64, No. 1."** Then go to page seven to the **PRAYER CALENDAR**. **Correct line two "JANUARY 2018."** Finally, move to page nine to the second column and **Correct "REFLECTOR ENTERS 63<sup>rd</sup> YEAR" to "REFLECTOR ENTERS 64<sup>th</sup> YEAR."** As the one who writes and types the copy for each **Reflector** the lesson that I seemed to have forgotten is a basic one: **TEMPLATES** are great to follow, but be sure and update them as a first step.

## Verse for the Year

Ralph Waldo Emerson's writings influenced me greatly during my early years. One of his sayings has stuck with me down through the years: "Every man I meet is my master in some thing, and in that I learn of him." The temptation is to listen only to those who are highly educated or those who hold high positions. Emerson pointed out that in life it is possible to learn lessons from those who have no or little education and are assigned to menial tasks. When **Dick Henry** assessed the value of my doctor's degree, he said that it would be a good thing opening doors for me to be able to share with highly educated men and women in high positions as long as I did not forget how to share with a person without any education. I have tried to listen to both **Emerson** and **Dick Henry**, my Dad.

One of my daily activities, usually from 4 a.m. until 7 a.m., is to spend considerable time in the Word of God. I have long thought of the Scriptures as "the water of the Word." Just as water is a basic essential in the physical realm, so is the water of the Word in the spiritual. Actually, a believer is cleansed by the "washing of the water of the Word."

Before 1977, I was only in the Bible for a message to preach, not for my spiritual food. I seldom read "devotionally" because I had places to go and people to see. After I came under deep conviction in 1976 that, in spite of serving as a pastor of a growing church and providing leadership in a Christian college, I did not know God very well, the Holy Spirit led me to understand that it was because I was not benefiting from a daily time in the Word. In 1977, I took a new Bible determined to read systematically and listen to the voice of God. My life changed. Out of the forty study Bibles I have used (with notes written in the margin; words, phrases, and paragraphs that spoke to my heart underlined), thirty-one are still in

## MY WRITTEN PRAYER 1 January 2018

Lord, I want to know You better. This is my desire as I begin a new year. Father God (ABBA), Lord Jesus Christ, Blessed Holy Spirit--revealed in Your Book. For the past years, my goal each January 1 has been to begin each day listening to Your voice through Your Word.

I have learned by experience that my prayer time is enhanced by tarrying in the Word before talking to You.

I want to know You better. So I tarry in Your Word--unhurried lingerings. Thank you for revealing Yourself in the Word and for explaining that "the people who know their God shall be strong and do exploits" (Daniel 11:32). As you reveal Yourself, I will listen to Your voice and ponder any thought appropriate to that moment of time.

Before I worship and ask, I want to hear You. I am eager to talk to You in prayer using words and feelings to draw near to you knowing You care for me.

Teach me to pray, Lord, and to know You better. This is my desire for 2018. I am asking in the Name of Jesus and through Him.

Amen

**James Gordon Henry**



my possession. The other nine have been given to family members. Soon it will be time to pass along a Bible to the seven great-grandchildren that are now in the Henry clan.

**Dr. Charles W. Anderson (1912-1991)**, founder-president of Northeastern Bible College and pastor of the **Brookdale Baptist Church** in Bloomfield, New Jersey, was quite helpful to me when I assumed the role as the second president of Northeastern. A few days ago, I recounted ways that he assisted me. One was to introduce one of his mentors, **Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse (1895-1960)**, pastor of the **Tenth Presbyterian Church** in Philadelphia and two life-long friends, **Dr. Bob Cook (1912-1991)** and **Lehman Strauss (1911-1997)**. Being a Southerner with pretty much a "secular background" and greatly influenced by the "Southern Baptist" tradition that called for a pretty insulated position, I was not acquainted with this great man of God. As I studied **"That Man Barnhouse,"** a biography written by his wife, Margaret, I was intrigued with his practice of choosing a **"Verse for the Year"** and have often reviewed and pondered the verses he selected.

For the past forty years, I have selected a **verse for the year** to guide me through that year and have written it in the front of my study Bible (I make it a practice to chose a new study Bible each year). In fact, I have already selected verses for 2019 and 2020, which will bring me to my 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 30, 2020. For 2018, my verse is **1 Corinthians 4:2**: "Moreover it is required in stewards that one be

found faithful." The background is provided in the preceding verse "Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God (v 1). Knowing that God entrusted me to be a steward of His Word sixty-five years ago, you can easily understand my desire to finish the course well. FOR 2019, my verse will be **Colossians 1:18** ("That in all things He might have the preeminence") and for 2020, **Psalms 109:4** ("I will give myself to prayer.")

Obedience. Love. Truth. These are the tests of true spirituality. Are they present in your life today? Are you continuing to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (**2 Peter 3:18**)? If the answer is a sincere "yes," keep it up! If the answer is "no," you can make a u-turn. It might begin with a mind-set change to get into the Word of God to hear His voice for the day before you. The Holy Spirit is ready to superintend that effort. In eternity, you will be glad that you did.

Yours in Calvary love,

*J. Gordon Henry*

## OUR HISTORY

"It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection and favors." George Washington, 1789

**OUR NATIONAL MOTTO**  
"IN GOD WE TRUST"

## Verses for the Year

**Dr. J. Gordon Henry  
Lynchburg, Virginia**

**1980.** "He must increase, but I must decrease" (**John 3:30**).

**1981.** "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves, to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life" (**2 Corinthians 3:5-6**).

**1982.** "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye" (**Psalms 32:8**).

**1983.** "But the people who know their God shall be strong and do exploits" (**Daniel 11:32**).

**1984.** "'But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,'" says the LORD" (**Jeremiah 9:24**).

**1985.** "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come." (**Revelation 4:8**).

**1986.** "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it springs the issues of life" (**Proverbs 4:23**).

**1987.** "Make me understand the way of Your precepts; so shall I meditate on Your wonderful works" (**Psalms 119:27**).

**1988.** "Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law" (**Psalms 119:18**). "O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise" (**Psalms 51:15**).

**1989.** "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (**Romans 10:17**).

**1990.** "Bind [the commandments] continually upon your heart, and tie them around your neck. When you roam, they will lead you; when you sleep, they will keep you; and when you awake, they will speak to you. For the commandment is a lamp and the law a light; reproofs of instruction are the way of life" (**Proverbs 6:21-23**).

**1991.** "Abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming" (**1 John 2:28**).

**1992.** "For me to live is for Christ [to live all over again]" (**Philippians 1:21**).

**1993.** "Search me O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my thoughts; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting" (**Psalms 139:23-24**).

**1994.** "And God is able to make all grace abound to [me] so that in all things at all times, having all that [I] need, [I] will abound in every good work" (**1 Corinthians 9:8**).

**1995.** "I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart" (**Psalms 40:8**).

**1996.** "That God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ" (**1 Peter 4:11**).

**1997.** "Morning by morning, He awakens me and opens my understanding to His will" (**Isaiah 50:4**).

**1998.** "Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place" (**2 Corinthians 2:14**).

**1999.** "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord" (**Psalms 27:14**).

**2000.** Let the Lord be magnified" (Psalm 35:27).

**2001.** "Not unto us, O, Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy holy name give glory" (Psalm 115:1).

**2002.** "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' I said, 'Here am I, Lord. Send me'" (Isaiah 6:8).

**2003.** "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do, do all with love" (1 Corinthians 16:13).

**2004.** "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word" (Acts 6:4).

**2005.** "Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths; Lead me in Your truth, and teach me. For You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the days long" (Psalm 25:4-5).

**2006.** "Set your mind on things above, not on things of the earth" (Colossians 3:2).

**2007.** "Evening and morning and at noon, will I pray and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice" (Psalm 55:17).

**2008.** "Believe in the Lord your God and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper" (2 Chronicles 20:20).

**2009.** "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).

**2010.** "And He Himself gave some to be ... teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-12).

**2011.** "I have treasured His words more than my necessary food" (Job 23:12).

**2012.** "For we have this treasure in earthen vessels the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us" (2 Corinthians 4:7).

**2013.** "Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and the Father" (1 John 2:24).

**2014.** "Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning. For in You do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift my soul to You" (Psalm 143:8).

**2015.** "Let all that you do be done in love" (2 Corinthians 16:14).

**2016.** "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended, but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and looking forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12-14).

**2017.** "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

**2018.** "Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:2).

**2019.** "That in all things He might have the preeminence" (Colossians 1:18).

**2020.** "I will give myself to prayer" (Psalm 109:4).

**Oh, how I love Thy Word! It is my meditation all the day." Psalm 119:97**



**PRAYER CALENDAR****February 2018***"I will give myself to prayer..."*

Psalm 109:4b

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1****LEVITICUS 1-3 (USA 324.6M)**

Mae Adams (NC)

Robert/Susanne Adams (TN)

Wayne &amp; Jennie Agee (VA)

Norma Ailes (NJ)

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

David/Eunjoo Andersen (VA)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2****LEVITICUS 4-7 (Turks Is 51,420)**

Tommy &amp; Pat Apple (NC)

Eldon/Gayle Armstrong (SC)

Leonor Avila (MD)

Bill &amp; Karen Baker (OK)

Mike &amp; Joyce Baker (VA)

Tim Bash - GCCC (NJ)

Stan &amp; Emily Baskin (TN)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3****LEVITICUS 8-10 (Tuvalu 10,959)**

Jean Beasley (TN)

Tommy Bell (TN)

Wayne &amp; Barbara Belt (TN)

Ron &amp; Teri Bernardi (IL)

Beulah Baptist Church (VA)

Dennis Hollandsworth, Pastor

Beverly Blankenship (TN)

Ed &amp; Loretta Bolen (VA)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

Everett/Deborah Boston (MD)

Wm/Debbie Bowden (NC)

David &amp; Marna Boyd (OR)

Curtis &amp; Carol Bradbury (NJ)

Ed &amp; Jean Bradshaw (VA)

Kim Bradshaw (VA)

Lurline Braud (VA)

Michal Breed (WI)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

Clint &amp; Dorothy Brooks (VA)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5****LEVITICUS 11-15 (Uganda 36M)**

Don &amp; Gayle Buchanan (KY)

Henry &amp; Ruby Brown (AZ)

Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)

George &amp; Janet Buck (NJ)

Janice Bugg (TN)

Sunday &amp; Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Eileen Camarena (NJ)

Don &amp; Lucy Campbell (VA)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6****LEV 16-20 (Ukraine 44.2M)**

Mary Campbell (ID)

Cliff &amp; Laura Cannon (FL)

Robin &amp; Teresa Carlson (NJ)

Robert &amp; Anita Carroll (VA)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7****LEV 21-23 (Un Arab Em 5.9M)**

Mary Columbus (VA)

Kathie Connolly (VA)

Larry &amp; Sue Cooper (DE)

Foster Covington (VA)

Barry &amp; Melanie Cox (VA)

Terry &amp; Sonja Craig (TN)

Jerry &amp; Joan Crain (SC)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8****LEV 24-27 (United Kingdom 64.4M)**

Robert/Charlotte Crout (SC)

Duffrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

Barbara Custalow (VA)

John Davis (VA)

Harold &amp; Tama Decker (NY)

Robert &amp; Janice DeLong (VA)

Katherine Eaton (ME)

Bessie Eggleston (MD)

Paul &amp; Joyce Eggleston (VA)

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Jeff &amp; Leeann Englert (KY)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9****NUM 1-4 (Uruguay 3.4M)**

Don &amp; Mary Enoch (FL)

Eric &amp; Mary Farel (VA)

Larry &amp; Cara Fields (VA)

John &amp; Susan Finnessy (MD)

First Baptist Ch Pimlico (MD)

James &amp; Ruth Flanagan (GA)

Nancy Fowser (NJ)

Freedom Through Faith (MD)

Bob Tribodeau, Pastor

Claire/MaryAnn Fredstrom (NE)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10****NUM 5-8 (Uzbekistan 29.5M)**

Ronald &amp; Brenda Fristoe (VA)

James Fugate (CA)

Travis &amp; Emilee Fulcher (VA)

Estelle Gabbard (KY)

John &amp; Kim Gaines (MD)

Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Ron &amp; Kay Gavette (VA)

Frank Geiger (HI)

Sara George (GA)

Gethsemani Evang Ctr (MD)

Robert &amp; Ann Laura (Pastor)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

Gloucester Co. Community Ch

Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)

Ron &amp; Carol Godwin (VA)

Ronald &amp; Maryann Gold (ND)

Chad &amp; Wendy Goodner (OK)

Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ)

Velma Graven (KY)

Dale &amp; Mary Gray (IL)

Odether Gray (GA)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12****NUMBERS 9-12 (Vanuatu 277,554)**

Linda Gregory (UT)

Charles Hale (VA)

Mike Hall (PA)

Joy Harper (VA)

Bruce &amp; Vivian Harris (TN)

Sadie Harris (VA)

Hazel Hartless (VA)

Jim Hengoe (CT)

Gina Henry (VA)

J. Gordon &amp; Sue Henry (VA)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13****NUM 13-16 (Venezuela 30.9M)**

Jack Henry (TN)

James &amp; Kathryn Henry (MS)

Mark Henry (TN)

Melody Henry (VA)

Roger &amp; Sara Henry (OH)

Sean &amp; Bethany Henry (VA)

Ed &amp; Donna Hindson (VA)

Steve &amp; Donna Hensel (MN)

Frank &amp; Pat Hitchings (VA)

Jeff Hodge (VA)

Jerry &amp; Sandra Hodge (VA)

**WED. FEBRUARY 14****NUM 17-20 (Vietnam 95.3M)**

Joanna Holland (VA)

John &amp; Glenda Holland (VA)

Anita Horton (VA)

Mike &amp; Sonya Hosick (TN)

Coy Hunsucker (NC)

Joyce Hunt (TN)

Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)

Ed Hurlow (IN)

Jide &amp; Bunmi Iware (MD)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul/Suzanne Jennings (TN)

Jonathan &amp; Julia Jobe (SC)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15****NUM 21-25 (Virgin Is 102,951)**

Dan &amp; Jayne Johnson (KY)

Gwen Johnson (AZ)

Jim &amp; Penny Johnson (KY)

Rick &amp; Betsy Johnson (TN)

James Jones (FL)

Paul Jones (KY)

Theodore Jones (MD)

W I &amp; Eloise Jones (SC)

Judy Jordan (VA)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16****NUM 26-30 (Wallis 15,664)**

Mohan Katta (IL)

Suzie Kauffmann (NC)

HarperShelia Keebaugh (PA)

Harriet Kennedy (VA)

Kerby Knob Baptist Ch (KY)  
Daren Hisel, Pastor  
Larry & Janet King (NC)  
Robert/Andrea Klepper (TN)  
Mark & Lois Knolls (DE)  
Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)

### SAT., FEBRUARY 17

NUM 31-33 (W Bank 2.7M)

Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)  
Korean Branch:

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

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Liberty University (VA)  
Jerry Falwell Jr., President  
Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)  
Vince/Mary Lobisco (MI)  
Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)  
Don & Betty Lowry (SC)  
Manship Chapel (DE)  
Bruce & Vickie Tibbett  
Maranatha Baptist Ch (MD)  
Wilma Marcum (KY)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

NUM 34-36 (W. Sahara 587.020)

Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)  
Larry & Sue Mason (VA)  
Beau Ware Masonry (VA)  
Deborah Mathias (NY)  
Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)  
Dan & Fay McConville (VA)  
R. O. & June McHaney (VA)  
Nancy McPherson (ME)  
Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)  
Memorial Christian Ch (VA)  
Terry/Sandra Metzgar (TN)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

DEUT 1-4 (Yemen 27.4M)

Betsy Miedema (MI)  
Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)  
Keith & Joan Mistretta (ME)  
Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)  
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)  
Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)  
Drever/Robertta Morton (VA)  
Elaine Moser (MN)  
Eileen Murphy GCCC (NJ)  
Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)  
NE Baptist College (VT)  
President Mark Ballard  
Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI)  
Peter Dorn, Pastor  
Zack & Jackie Olcott (VA)

### WED., FEBRUARY 21

DEUT 5-7 (Zambia 15.5M)

Ann Palumbo (PA)  
Raleigh & Janet Parker (VA)  
Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)  
Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)  
Barbara F. Powell (NY)  
Pecks Baptist Church (VA)  
Bryan Sheehan, Pastor  
Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)  
Barbara Powell (NY)  
Elbert/Barbara L. Powell (VA)  
Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)  
Jeanne/Maggie Pribble (VA)  
Marjorie Randall (TX)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

DEUT 8-11 (Zimbabwe 14.5M)

Dave Ricker (ME)  
Joyce Riley (KY)  
Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)  
Cynthia Roach (VA)  
John & Sandra Roberts (NC)  
Dorlos/Betty Robinson (MS)  
Isabel Robotham (NY)  
James & Shelly Rode (FL)  
Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

DEUT 12-16 (World 7.3 Billion)

Fred & Wanda Rolater (TN)  
Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)  
John Saint (PA)  
Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO)  
Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)  
Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

DEUT 17-20 (Afghanistan 33.3M)

Phil & Wendy Schrank (IL)  
Steve Schrank (IL)  
Sam & Jill Scott (VA)  
John & Peggy Seibert (AL)  
Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)  
Shenandoah Valley Bapt Ch (VA)  
Gene Jones, Pastor

Nellie F. Shepard (CT)

Lola Simpson (NY)

Mary Skiles (KS)

Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

St. Paul Baptist Church (IN)  
C. L. Adams, Pastor  
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)  
Helen Sourlis (MD)  
Randy & Cheryl Stauter (MN)  
Tim & Pam Steger (ID)  
Carol Snow Steward (CT)  
Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)  
Charles Stinson (VA)

Johnny/Rose M. Street (TX)  
William Suttles (NC)  
Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)  
Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)  
Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

DEUT 21-26 (Albania 3M) Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)  
Stephanie Taylor (GA)  
Jimmy & Mary Thomas (VA)  
Mona Henry Thomas (VA)  
W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)  
Larry Thompson (VA)  
Montez Thompson (WI)  
Cathy Tilton (VA)  
Paula Tipton (TN)  
William & Katie Toney (NC)  
Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)  
Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)  
Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)  
Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)  
Malcom Troutman (KY)  
Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)  
Frances Turpin (VA)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

DEUT 27-30 (Algeria 40.3M) Sara Underwood (TN)  
Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)  
Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)  
Harris/& Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)  
George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)  
Patsy Ann Voss (DE)  
Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)  
Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)  
Kay Warmerdam (TX)  
Joyce Warpoole (TEN)  
Holland & Mary Warren (VA)  
Rodger Watts (WI)  
Naomi Webb (NJ)  
Frank & Nell Weer (KY)  
Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)  
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)  
Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)

### WED., FEBRUARY 28

DEUT 31-34 (USA 324.6M)

Jeff Williamson (FL)  
Ken & Carol Willis (VA)  
Julie L. Wilson (PA)  
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)  
Eva Winebarger (VA)  
Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)  
Jon & Selena Wood (PA)  
David & Lili Wykle (VA)  
Yeshua Ministries (TN)  
Frank Bell, Pastor  
Fred & Susan Zeller (VA)

## DAILY INTERCESSION

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Zane & Burma Abbott (VA))  
 Stan Baskin [Emily] (TN)  
 Dr. Jim Britt [Judy] (GA)  
 Joe Bruno [Martha] (CO)  
 Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)  
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)  
 Mazie Taylor [Ronald] (VA)  
 Willie Troutman [Diane] (KY)  
 Harris Verkaik [Jane] (MI)  
 Dr. Harold Willmington [Sue](VA)

### IN LOVING MEMORY

"absent from the body,  
 present with the Lord"  
 2 Corinthians 5:8

DOORKEEPERS  
 Dan Cravey  
 12/9/1922-10/16/2017  
 Richmond, Virginia

Ray Shields  
 6/7/1933-12/18/2017  
 Lynchburg, Virginia

FRIEND/PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUE  
 Dr. Tom Dowling  
 3/8/1940-1/7/2018  
 Georgetown, Kentucky

### WHAT CAN NOT BE FULLY KNOWN

The love of Christ that passes  
 knowledge (Ephesians 3:19);  
 the peace of God that passes  
 understanding (Philippians 4:7);  
 and the ways of God which are  
 past finding out (Romans 11:33).

**DO YOU HAVE THE PEOPLE  
 OF THE WORLD ON YOUR  
 HEART?  
 DON'T FORGET TO PRAY!**

The "Daily Intercession" list is for pressing needs. Most relate to health issues. For God's glory, let's ask for healing (**James 5:14**). **You never have to bear your burden alone.**

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**with you and then supply needed prayer**  
**support daily. Keep us updated.**

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR REFLECTOR IN**  
**YOUR BIBLE FOR DAILY REFERENCE**  
**FOR THOSE ON PRAYER LIST (PP**  
**7-8). DON'T FORGET!**

**PRAY FOR SAFETY, FOR**  
**PROVISION, AND SPIRITUAL**  
**STRENGTH. PRAY THAT**  
**THE WORD OF THE LORD**  
**WILL HAVE FREE COURSE.**

### International: Representative Missionaries

Ben & Judy Armacost (England/Europe)  
 Luciana Bongarra (Argentina)  
 Digmar & Lisbeysi Garcia (Cuba)  
 Shem & Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)  
 Mulumba Placide Kituta (DR Congo)  
 Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)  
 Enock & Patience Mulomba (Botswana)  
 Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)  
 Andrew & Celestine Sakari (Kenya)  
 Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)  
 Joseph & Esther Tan (Singapore)  
 Cliff & Marcia Vincent (China)  
 Roberto & Joana Waisman (Brazil)  
 Othnel Wakili (Nigeria)  
 Silas & Comfort Yashim (Nigeria)

## Encouraging words

I cannot tell you the number of people throughout the world who have informed Sue and me that they pray for us every day. I can tell you that this information has brought encouragement to our hearts. When some of these began to leave us for Heaven, I thought, "Now someone is speaking on our behalf "face to face" with our Heavenly Father and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The prayer seminars will surely be more powerful than ever before!" It will be interesting to learn if my supposition was true!

Four who come to mind are **Bob Brey**, **Willis Snow**, **Ed O'Brien**, and **Harris Verkaik**. God used Bob to strengthen me in the early years of the prayer seminar ministry. He lived on Staten Island in New York City. Willis, who had served as water commissioner for Connecticut, was one of the best writers whom I have known. I have kept many of his letters and reread them from time to time. He included with every letter one page of funny stories advising me to take time to laugh because "laughter is good for the soul." But Willis was an intercessor, spending hours daily praying by name for many in ministry on mission fields around the world. His prayer list was well worn. Ed, a pastor in Pennsylvania, had an epiphany related to prayer during an annual meeting of the Conservative Baptists in his state. I was given four hours of the convention to share the prayer seminar. **Haddon Robinson**, at that time the president of Denver Baptist Seminary and recognized as one of the most powerful spokesman, was the preacher. The Holy Spirit settled on that convention and many lives were openly changed. From that time on Ed took prayer seriously. He used our **A-C-T-S Prayer Diary** and filled many of them with his prayer notes. When he died, there was a display of his prayer books where folks could turn through pages for themselves. He prayed for Sue and me every day.

Then there is **Harris Verkaik** who is now in his eighty-fifth year (b 1933). His ministry was in Michigan, Illinois, and Florida. His interest in prayer was ignited during a prayer seminar in his church in Granville, Michigan. To this day, I remember the large crowd, on a Sunday, spending "A Day in God's Courts" with a prayer seminar. During the commitment time at the end of the seminar the front section of the large auditorium was filled with people to my right and to my left. Every person present came forward to share that he/she had made

decisions about their prayer lives. It occurred to me as I looked at the crowd that the middle aisle was full of people and the configuration formed the appearance of a cross!

I have included in each of my books a section entitled **PRAYER SEMINAR HELPS YOU GET STARTED** and details related to scheduling are given. Out of hundreds of testimonies I choose sixteen to allow readers to understand the impact a prayer seminar could make on individuals and churches. One was written by **Dr. Verkaik** and I want to share it:

**Hitherto hath the Lord helped us (1 Samuel 7:12)**

Thank you, thank you, thank you for the prayer seminar. Can people sit for over six hours to be instructed in the work of the prayer? They can! Time speeds, interest grows, and conviction comes by the Holy Spirit. Growth and change come out of the Holy Spirit's work as your prayer seminar proceeds. I have heard only positive, and grateful, expressions of appreciation for the changes God has produced. I can say without hesitation that I learned more about prayer in the seminar than I learned in seminary and in over thirty years of pastoral ministry. Your humble help was felt by so many people here. I will pray for you as long as I live, and for your ministry.

Dr. Harris J. Verkaik, Pastor  
Calvary Reformed Church

Over the years, my life has been lived knowing that a brother was calling out my name with specific, relative intercession every day. His impact on my life cannot be put into words. The year 2017 has been one challenge after another for Dr. Verkaik, and his beautiful wife, Jane. He has written an article for the **Doorkeepers** and other readers. If you have never needed the message that he is conveying yet, you should preserve this **Reflector** for sooner or later you will need it. As I have written with memory alive, I weep for my brother and sister knowing that the most beautiful music that lives is coming forth now. After all, many musicians attest that it is when the violin string is stretched to the breaking point that the most beautiful melody comes forth. Once again, God has used a mighty man of prayer to touch and mold my life as I look to the future. Your life will

also be impacted! Then may the Almighty God, our Creator and our Father, be glorified one more time through the words of a giant in His army.

**"It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, and those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."**

**-Abraham Lincoln**



## NOTES FROM MY BIBLE

**Note 4031.** With God behind us and His arms beneath us, we can face whatever lies ahead of us.

**Note 4032.** When troubles call on us we can call on God.

**Note 4033.** No danger can come so near the Christian that God is not nearer.

**Note 4034.** No one is hopeless whose hope is in God.

**Note 4035.** God sometimes puts us in the dark to show us that He is the Light.

**Welcome, New Doorkeepers!**  
**Barry & Melanie Cox (VA)**



## A Doorkeeper's Discoveries

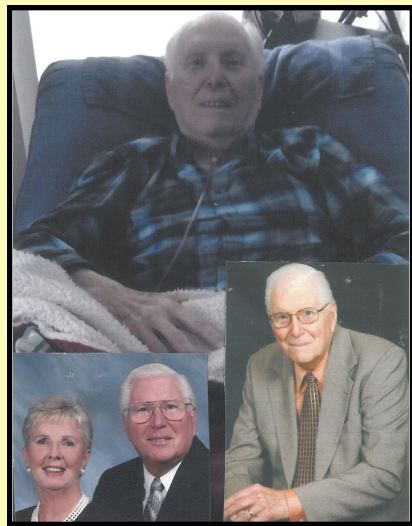
Dr. Harris Verkaik  
Hudsonville, Michigan

During the sixty-two years of our marriage and over sixty years of preaching and teaching the Gospel, there was and still is just one motto for our marriage together: "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2 NIV).

**2017 was a year of change and transition.** It began with the end of my public preaching. My mind and heart were able, but my body was not. The second major transaction began with hospitalization. Monday, August 18, that ushered in four hospitalizations and two Rehab therapies that kept me in **excruciating pain for more than four months**, during which time I had four major surgeries to treat infection in and on my chest; this in spite of being treated with mind-confusion major pain medication. Like many others, I wrestled with big questions: why, why now, and will this ever end? The pain exceeded any sufferings in my life.

I believe that a partial answer came when God spared my life to share my assurance of Heaven and my lack of fear of dying with a college student who is terrified of dying. What a blessing!

I came home from my second rehab therapy and the first evening home I was unable to breathe. My wife, Jane, saved my life by calling 911 and providing additional oxygen till further help came. When I awakened the next day two doctors



**DR. HARRIS & JANE VERKAIK**

came into my room with the same message. They could do nothing for a permanent cure but they could make me comfortable by removing the 80cc of fluid that was in my lungs. Immediately they began heavy-duty antibiotics and Lasix treatments.

My wife and I both prayed and decided to receive Hospice Care at home. During this time, Jane is my primary caregiver with wonderful nursing care that is exceeding our expectations. In the last week in the hospital I had **wonderful discoveries sharing the Gospel** with nurses, aides, and other visitors and discovering other Christians. One was a nurse who rubbed my shoulders saying, "Say hello to Jesus for me when you get there."

During that week **my children** came from their homes in other locations. Like the patriarchs of old, I had the privilege of telling them how much I valued them, and their living faith. We gave them our blessings. Grandchildren

and great-grandchildren who live near us came to visit. I was filled with joy to have the opportunity to encourage them to continue to follow Jesus and to trust the Blood of Jesus totally for the salvation from their sins. How grateful I am to our Grace-Filled Heavenly Father to talk via "Face Time" with many other grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

What ecstasy to hear the positive responses that so blessed Jane and me. We look forward in faith to having as our legacy our beloved family members. As Jane and I begin the year of our Lord 2018 with whatever time God gives me, I live in great joy and anticipation of soon prostrating myself before my glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

During this time shut-in at home, I have been blessed to welcome many visitors. Some have shared how their lives were changed by my witness. I did not remember some of the incidents. Visitors have included friends, Christian acquaintances, pastors, and neighbors bringing encouragement, love, comfort and God's promises. Many have telephoned to extend best wishes. Their precious presence means so much to both Jane and me.

I continue to fulfill my prayer ministry using Dr. J. Gordon Henry's prayer diary, which has now become something of a book. A description of my life-style in these latter years of my life is in Psalm 73:23-26, 28.

## This Moment

A Very Present Help - Psalm 46:1  
 He's helping me now - this moment,  
 Though I may not see it or hear,  
 Perhaps by a friend far distant,  
 Perhaps by a stranger near,  
 Perhaps by a spoken message,  
 Perhaps by the printed word;  
 In ways that I know and know not,  
 I have the help of the Lord.

He's keeping me now - this moment,  
 However I need it most,  
 Perhaps by a single angel,  
 Perhaps by a mighty host,  
 Perhaps by the chain that frets me,  
 Or the walls that shut me in;  
 In ways that I know and know not,  
 He keeps me from harm or sin.

He's guiding me now - this moment,  
 In pathways easy or hard,  
 Perhaps by a door wide open,  
 Perhaps by a door fast barred,  
 Perhaps by a joy withholden,  
 Perhaps by a gladness given;  
 In ways that I know and know not,  
 He's leading me up to heaven.

He's using me now - this moment,  
 And whether I go or stand,  
 Perhaps by a plan accomplished,  
 Perhaps when He stays my hand,  
 Perhaps by a word in season,  
 Perhaps by a silent prayer;  
 In ways that I know and know not,  
 His labor of love I share.

Annie Johnson Flint

**OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**"ONE NATION UNDER GOD"**

**OUR SONG**  
**"GOD BLESS AMERICA"**

## INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES



We rejoice with **Digmar Garcia** for his 2017 work in **Cuba** and the **Dominican Republic**, the first year of **JGHM: Cuba/Venezuela Branch**. There were 23 prayer seminars with 978 attending (99 pastors, 64 missionaries). There were 32 professions of faith.

**Adam and Dianna Nathanson** were advised by their churches not to return to their home in **Caracas, Venezuela** due to the political unrest that is sweeping the nation. They will oversee that work from temporary quarters in **Panama City, Panama**. A major event has been planned for Panama and Spanish prayer seminar workbooks are available for 200 participants. Having traveled throughout Venezuela mobilizing prayer warriors, my heart breaks for this nation.

**Martin Shikuku** reports that there were 29 prayer seminars with 3,477 participants (803 Churches; 1,163 pastors; 425 professions of faith; 3,101 miles traveled. A detailed plan to organize prayer warriors in every state in Kenya is being carried out with unusually great success.

**Plans are being developed to provide a series of prayer**

**seminars for Pakistan. JGHM** will be responsible for providing Urdu prayer seminar workbooks and covering basic expenses related to the seminars. As the venues are organized, a budget will be developed and we will share the need with the **DOORKEEPER/ROPEHOLDERS**.

We continue to be amazed at reports from many nations where the prayer seminar materials are being taught including **Nigeria, South Korea, Argentina, Brazil, and South Africa**. We are depending on our partners to provide a prayer covering for the ongoing work.

### DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

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Regular	70	\$7,386.
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