

# REFLECTOR

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*"Holding Forth the Word of Life"*

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## PERSPECTIVES

Spiritual immaturity characterized the Hebrew Christians. The writer of **Hebrews** pointed out that they had been saved long enough to be teachers, but they needed someone instead to be teaching them their "A-B-Cs." Question: Are you stronger in your Christian faith than you were one year ago today? If not, why not?

Frankly, many Christians simply are neglecting the pursuits that will help them grow. Why is this? There are obviously many reasons. A major one is that there are so many good things to pursue we forget some must be priorities, rather than options. Some are requirements, rather than electives. While it is possible to pursue and accomplish many good things, it is also possible to get to the top of the ladder and find out your ladder is leaning against the wrong building! What are you going to do then?

Going a step further, some Christians have never been confronted with the importance of narrowing down their emphases to weed out and discard those activities which do not make a difference. It is amazing how we give ourselves to things which use up our time, energy, and resources — and twenty-four hours after we have done them, it didn't make any difference whether we did them or not. Many of us are majoring on the minors.

The theme of this *Reflector* is a simple one. **THE MAIN THING IS TO KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING.** There are basic emphases that must be maintained if



**Sue with two friends in South Africa**

a person is to **be** the person God wants him to **be** and **do** the things God wants him to **do**. The Lord reminded His followers to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you" (**Matthew 6:33**). Think of pushing a cart through the aisles of a well-stocked grocery store that has not only staples, but a wide variety of other food. Wise choices must be made to assure that the food chosen will maintain life and health. The same is true for us spiritually. There are some basics that must come before other things.

Thirty-two years ago — in 1977 — the Lord graciously confronted me with truths that have brought me where I am today in my spiritual journey. It was that year that He opened my understanding that resulted in a change of direction and focus. I discovered I did not know God very well since I had been too busy seeking His hand, not His face. My time in the Word was to get a message to preach, not for my own food. My prayer life was basically telling God what to do and how to do it. My understanding of being filled with the Spirit was having more of the Holy Spirit, instead of allowing Him to control my life. My concept was a wrong one.

Was I sincere about my Christian walk? Was I working for the Lord? Was I preaching/teaching His Word? Indeed, I was. The problem was I had simply not learned to identify the main thing! Using the example of the believers in the Jerusalem Church, the Lord taught me five emphases that must become the main thing if a person wishes to grow in his personal walk or if a church wants to grow!

Loving God must come first and permeate everything we do. Unless the believer takes care of the basics, his life will never be what it needs to be. The result of implementing the five emphases will be an increased intensity of love and devotion to Him. These remarks are addressed to every believer. Some readers have been saved many years. Others are babes in Christ. Some readers are full-time Christian workers. Others simply attend services. The emphases are for everyone. What are they?

A careful study of the first chapters in Acts will reveal five emphases in the lives of the early believers:

1. The Word of God.
2. Spirit-filled.
3. Prayer.
4. Witnessing.
5. Stewardship.

As you read through the **Reflector**, you will find thoughts related to each of the emphases. My encouragement to you is to use the five studies that follow to examine yourself. Little change will take place until we see ourselves as God sees us. Let the studies be a MIRROR. Spend time assessing where you are and then develop strategies (steps) to move you toward maturity. You and I do not have to be defeated. We do not have to waste our lives. Will it take time? Yes! Will it take effort? Yes! Will it be worth it? Yes! **THE MAIN THING IS TO KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING!**

Yours in Calvary love,

*J. Gordon Henry*

## The Center of the Bible

Did you know? **Psalm 118** is the middle chapter of the entire Bible. **Psalm 117** is the shortest chapter in the Bible. **Psalm 119** is the longest chapter in the Bible. The Bible has 594 chapters before **Psalm 118** and 594 chapters after **Psalm 118**. If you add up all the chapters, except **Psalm 118**, you get a total of 1,188 chapters. 1,188 or **Psalm 118:8** is the middle verse of the entire Bible. There is a very important message in **Psalm 118:8**: *"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in*

## Each Day--a Gift from God

*"This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

**Psalm 118:24**

He has given us morning,  
Brightness and sun,  
Laughter to share,  
And work to be done.

He has given us rainbows,  
Flowers and song,  
And the hands of our dear ones  
To help us along.

He has given us prayer,  
With its wonderful power  
To lighten our hearts  
In a troublesome hour.

He has given us blessings  
To brighten our way,  
And always  
THE GIFT OF ANOTHER NEW DAY.

## No sacrifice too great

If Jesus Christ be God, and He died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.

*C.T. Studd*

## Emphasis One: Word of God

***“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine.” (Acts 2:42b)***

Dwight Moody observed that he had never seen a useful Christian who was not a student of the Word of God. The remarkable thing is few Christians are in the Word of God in our generation. Why? Satan does not want us to fill our minds with Scriptures because he knows the Spirit will bring them alive as we engage in spiritual warfare. Since the mind is not born again, we must “*renew the mind*” (**Romans 12:2**) which is done by putting Scripture into our minds.

God speaks out of the Word. If a person wants to know God’s way and will, He must meet God in the Word. God reveals Himself in the Word. A person will never know God if he does not spend time in His presence — which includes both prayer and Bible study. What is the importance of the Word to the believer who wants to be a prayer warrior? A person will never be a prayer warrior apart from allowing the Holy Spirit to control his life (Spirit-filled). When there is unconfessed and unforsaken sin, He cannot be in control. Sin for the Christian has two aspects: doing forbidden things and failing to do expected things. What am I doing that God does not want me to do? What am I not doing that He wants me to do? A Christian will not be able to experience cleansing until he is aware of sin (conviction), which is the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to bring conviction — and most Christians are not in the Word! Consequently, there is little conviction. It is that simple!

Most of us pay no more attention to the Word of God than we do any other literature. The result is that we are not used mightily. We must hear, read, study, memorize, and meditate on the Word of God. Meditate (which means to mutter, to muse, to talk to yourself) is the key. It is when the Word of God pervades our minds that we begin to see life from God’s point of view.

In 1977, I discovered my time in the Word of God was to get a message to preach. That year I began to read the Bible (from Genesis to Revelation) systematically for my own food. The result was a changed life. I learned to read with a pen and six-inch ruler in hand — so I could take notes and mark my Bible. What a blessing! In 1978, I soon discovered I could not use the same study Bible I used in 1977 — because I was bound by the notes taken and the underlinings. It was then that I understood to use a new study Bible each year. God has a message for today. If you read three chapters a day and five on Sunday, you can go through the Word of God in one year. If you would like one of the “***I’m Reading the Bible Through***” bookmarks, let us know. Then when you finish a book, you can mark it off and at the end of the year you will rejoice — and get ready to go through again in the new year. Around 1978 or so, I began taking a page of notes out of my reading every day. That increased the impact of the Word! Finally, my daily prayer time begins with adoration, praise, and worship — which springs out of my Bible reading for the day.

A verse that bothers me more than any other verse in the Bible is **Isaiah 66:2b**, God says that He will look to the person who is humble (which means depending on God, not self) and who trembles at His Word! Remember it is awfully easy to become overly familiar with the holy and then you will not have victory! Get in the Word, and listen! God has a message for us. After you hear from God in the Word, you will then be ready for a meaningful time of prayer as you talk to Him. My book, **A Christian’s Necessary Food**, has many suggestions. It is available for an \$8 gift to the prayer seminar ministry. Contact us (434) 239-8837 for information or to place an order.

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## Emphasis Two: Spirit-Filled

*“And they were all filled with the Spirit” (Acts 4:31)*

A passage every believer should master is **John 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17**. Why is this passage so important? This is the Upper Room Discourse that contains the final instructions of the Lord Jesus Christ before He returned to His place in Heaven. In a few short hours, He would be crucified. He was preparing the disciples to carry on His work after He returned home to the Father.

Two major subjects Jesus covered were the Holy Spirit and prayer. It is imperative that a believer understand the Biblical teachings related to the Holy Spirit if he is going walk in the Spirit, not the flesh. The most important command in the Bible for the Christian is obviously “don’t be filled with wine, but be Spirit-filled” (**Ephesians 5:18**). Note that I said “command” — which means that God expects us to put this into operation! It is not optional!

The problem is most Christians are ignorant of the Bible teachings on the Holy Spirit and even avoid too much talk about the subject. Most Christians have no idea what it means to be Spirit-filled (including many pastor-teachers and other church leaders). Until 1977, I thought “Spirit-filled” meant quantity — getting “more” of the Holy Spirit. It was then I became fully aware that the moment a person comes to Christ, the Holy Spirit literally moves into his spirit. In fact, that is the meaning of the term “new birth” (**John 3:3**). God had clearly informed Adam that he would die the day he ate the forbidden fruit (**Genesis 3**). Did He die? Not physically or as a person. But he did die! His spirit died to God when Adam sinned and everyone since Adam has been born dead to God because of his sin.

Conversely, the moment a person receives the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, he becomes alive to God. Why? Because the Holy Spirit moves into his spirit! This is in accordance with **John 14:17** (when Jesus taught that the Holy Spirit would be in a person), **Romans 8:9b** (which teaches that if a person does not have the Holy Spirit, then he does not belong to God), and **1 Corinthians 3:16** (the believer’s body is the temple of the Holy Spirit).

But just because the Holy Spirit is resident does not make Him president. For most Christians (95 out of 100), self is still on the control seat — not the Holy Spirit. To come to the place that a believer is Spirit-filled (which means controlled — just like a drunk man is controlled by the drink in him and his walk changes and his talk changes), there are five things that must occur: conviction, repentance, confession, forgiveness and cleansing, and a change of direction. After this, he must yield control by an act of the will! He must further learn to discern when self gets back into control and deal with it immediately if he is to walk in the Spirit and be Spirit-filled.

During a prayer seminar, I teach extensively about the Holy Spirit. The material is available on a two-hour teaching cassette tape and in a book that Dr. Robert Witty, founder of Luther Rice Seminary, and I co-authored entitled **The Enabler**. Both are available through our office. Contact us for information. My book, **Upper Room Discourse**, is helpful as well. You do not have to be defeated. Learn how to be filled with the Spirit and you will be amazed at the results.

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## Emphasis Three: Prayer

**“And they continued steadfastly in prayer” (Acts 2:42)**

The place of prayer in the lives of the early believers is unquestionable. There was a ten-day prayer meeting preceding Pentecost. They got in trouble and prayed their way out. Someone noted that the angel fetched Peter from the prison (**Acts 12:5-19**) and prayer fetched the angel!

How unlike those Christians are believers today. Most Christians are like the college student who said, *“Yes, I have a prayer life. But it is nothing to write home about right now!”* No church is stronger than the praying of its people — not in a corporate prayer meeting, but in personal, regular, daily lingerings before God. A Christian is no stronger than his prayer life.

Satan places high priority in destroying a person’s prayer life because the only time a believer is a threat to Satan is when he is praying. Upon entering prayer, many believers can’t stay awake. Others find their minds centering in on something that must be done immediately! Others are distracted, with mind wandering and loss of concentration. Hence, there is much struggle. It is not easy to pray. It is easier to be a preacher, a deacon, a youth worker, a Sunday school teacher, or a visitor. Maintaining a personal, daily prayer life is **HARD WORK!**

It is vital that a believer learn the importance and place of prayer. A soldier puts his armor on to go to battle. Information about the spiritual warfare we are in and a description of the armor a Christian is to wear is provided in **Ephesians 6:10-17**. A person will never win the war, however, if he does not know where the battle is being fought. Note that the first activity mentioned after the armor is on is prayer (**Ephesians 6:18**). If you expect to win the battle, it is necessary to understand and practice prayer.

The purpose of the prayer seminar ministry is to help a believer become a person of prayer. For six hours, an effort is made to ground the participants in every aspect of prayer from definitions of prayer, to a treatment of the doctrine of prayer, and to practical ways to implement prayer. The seminar shows how a believer can have a daily time of prayer and what to do during the prayer period.

There are two ways you can receive the instruction. One is to attend a seminar. If your church has never sponsored a seminar or has not had one recently, we encourage you to schedule one soon. Send us three dates or call for scheduling information. Few Christians become prayer warriors on their own. The other way is self-study listening to the prayer seminar on DVD following the prayer seminar workbook. Not only is this approach good for anyone who has never been in a prayer seminar, it is an excellent refresher course for those who have. You can order through our office. We suggest a \$20 contribution for the DVD and a prayer seminar workbook.

In addition, there are two books available through our office that provide deeper insight regarding two of the elements of prayer—adoration and intercession: **Adoration: Prayer as Worship** and **Intercession: Prayer as Work**. The suggested contribution is \$8 per book.

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## Emphasis Four: Witnessing

***“they spoke the Word of God with boldness” (Acts 4:31)***

Just prior to His ascension, the Lord Jesus Christ met with His followers on the Mount of Olives, just outside the city of Jerusalem. One of the most important commands that He made was for the believers to be His “witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (**Acts 1:8**). He told them to wait for the Holy Spirit because He would be the power to enable them to be truly effective witnesses.

The Gospel is “the death, burial, resurrection of Jesus for our sins” (**1 Corinthians 15:1-4**). A witness is one who has firsthand information to share because of what he has experienced in his own life. Note that the instruction in **Acts 1:8** reveals that a believer “is” a witness — not simply one who delivers a message.

A major key to witnessing is a burdened, compassionate heart. You will remember the wonderful insight provided in **Psalms 126:5-6**: “*They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goes forth and weeps, shall without a doubt come again with rejoicing bringing His sheaves with Him.*” Herein, lies the problem that explains why Christians simply disobey the command to be a witness. There is no burden to do so. When I became a pastor at the age of seventeen, believers had burdens that were reflected in their lives. You could see the burden on faces and hear the burden in voices in prayer requests. Often a saint would kneel at the altar or stand at the door upon leaving and weep over a lost son, daughter, or loved one. It has been years since anyone stood at the door and held my hand to weep over a lost person. Most Christians simply do not have a burden. Two things have impacted the Christian to rob him of his burden. The first is the television and the other is prosperity. It takes time in the Word and in prayer for a burden to develop. It takes a spirit of dependence on God, not things or possessions, to understand the need to look beyond the earth into eternity. We need to get the burden back and we need to share the Gospel.

The Lord Jesus Christ promised the disciples that the Holy Spirit would be their power to witness. The progression would be that they would first receive the Holy Spirit, then witness, He would provide power, and their witnessing would bring extraordinary results. When the order is reversed, witnessing is impotent because it is our own power that is being exercised. Someone has pointed out that witnessing is not showing what we can do for God, but showing and telling what God has done for us.

One tool JGHM has available is a sixty-minute teaching tape on witnessing. Side one deals with how a believer can develop his personal testimony to use in his witnessing using Paul (**Acts 22 & 26**) as a model. Paul said four things, “*I’ve not always been a Christian.*” “*Here’s how God got my attention.*” “*Here’s what I did when God got my attention.*” “*Here’s how my life changed.*” Side two deals with bringing a person to Christ using a passage of Scripture (**Romans 10:1-3, 8-13**). The same material is available on DVD.

If you need help in witnessing, we encourage you to order the witnessing DVD or tape, available from the prayer seminar ministry for suggested gift of \$5.

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## Emphasis Five: Stewardship

**“.. Neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own ...” (Acts 4:32)**

In April 1972, my family and I were making plans to move from our Kentucky home to Lynchburg, Virginia where I had accepted a position at Lynchburg Baptist College (now Liberty University). We were quite concerned about where we would live. We had unusual needs, such as a stable for Mark's horse. God gave us beautiful property on Timberlake Road between Lynchburg and Roanoke — and it had every feature we needed.

One feature that was a delight was the beautiful landscaping that was done by a previous owner. His work in preparing the lawn and shrubbery was outstanding. Our new neighbors shared that when he got everything “just right,” he sat under one of the big trees and died of a heart attack — and did not need the property any more. Have you learned this lesson yet?

Somehow most Christians fail to acknowledge their stewardship — which means we do not own our lives or our possessions. Rather, He does and we are managers for Him. This includes our time, talents, possessions, and influence. The early believers were exemplars of good stewards. The result was that God blessed their lives with much fruit (**John 15:8**). Has God's expectations changed? No, because the Word states that *“It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful”* (**1 Corinthians 4:2**).

Someone has well said, *“Only one life, 'Twill soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last.”* Until a believer understands that he does not own his life, he will likely have little interest in leaving a legacy that will honor God. Certainly, he will never develop the **“Yes, Lord”** attitude that is submission to Him for any task He assigns us without equivocation. Most Christians, until there is a consciousness that we do not own our lives, want to know His assignment before deciding whether to obey in order to exercise the veto power.

One purpose of prayer is to report to duty as is proper for a servant before his Master. If you have yet to settle the question of stewardship, do so today. You will then be in a position to extend your energy in prayer as work!

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### At home with the Lord

For the past decade, J. Gordon Henry Ministries has had a web site, thanks to the work of **Lon Thomas Anderkin**. Lon put hours and hours into designing and maintaining this aspect of our ministry. Now, he is at home with the Lord whom He served through internet programming. Actually Lon has been my special friend for over fifty years. His parents were Dad and Mom to Sue & me during college years. We will miss him. My plans are to learn to maintain the website working directly out of our office in Virginia. If you have not reviewed the website, we encourage you to take a look at [www.jgordonhenryministries.org](http://www.jgordonhenryministries.org).

### Benediction for 2009

**“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.”**  
Numbers 6:26-28

**PUT CHRIST FIRST;  
HE WILL SUPPLY ALL YOUR  
NEEDS.**

## PRAYER CALENDAR JANUARY 2009

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



### THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

#### **GENESIS 1-2 (Argentina 40.7M)**

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)  
Burnace Abrams (OH)  
Marie Adams (VA)  
Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)  
Rosalee Adams (VA)  
Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)  
Norma Ailes (FL)  
Clyde & Kathryn Allen (VA)  
Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

#### **GENESIS 3-5 (Australia 20.6M)**

Milcie Arnold (VA)  
Solomon & Kriskna Arrington (MD)  
Leonor Avila (MD)  
Carolyn Barkley (NY)  
Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)  
John & Joan Bateman (PA)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

#### **GENESIS 6-9 (Bahamas 307,451)**

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 (NC)  
Stephen & Joyce Bishop (VA)  
Charles & Andrea Black (VA)  
Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)  
Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

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)  
Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)  
Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)

Shirley Brown (VA)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 5

#### **GENESIS 10-11 (Botswana 1.8M)**

Jack & Arretta Bruce (KY)  
Joe & Martha Bruno (AL)  
Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)  
Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)  
Janice Bugg (TN)  
Ruby Burger (TN)  
Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)  
Mary Ann Cabannis (VA)  
Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)  
Lew & Mary Campbell (ID)  
Ron & Julia Carlin (AL)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

#### **GENESIS 12-14 (Brazil 191.9M)**

David & Martha Cecil (VA)  
Merry J Chandler (MD)  
Mary Clarke (VA)  
Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)  
Margarie Coffee (VA)  
Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)  
Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)  
Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)  
Joel & Paula Criz (HI)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

#### **GENESIS 15-17 (Canada 16.5M)**

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)  
Bill & Beverly Curtis (PA)  
Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)  
Ida J. Davis (GA)  
John & Margaret Davis (VA)  
Lelia Dean (FL)  
Robert & Virginia DeBoer (NE)  
Harold & Tama Decker (NY)  
Nick & Wilma DeGroot (IL)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

#### **GENESIS 18-20 (Chile 16.5M)**

Delmarva Evangelistic Church (MD)  
Ruth Chamberlain, Pastor  
Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)  
Mary J. Dugans (LA)  
Walt Edwards (NC)  
Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)  
Lynn Elkins (TN)  
Evalena Enoch (VA)  
Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)  
Lynne Farrow (NJ)  
Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

#### **GENESIS 21-24 (China 1.3B)**

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 Geiger (HI)  
Robert & Sara George (GA)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

#### **GENESIS 25-26 (Congo DR 66.5M)**

Frances Glass (AL)  
Gloucester Co. Community Church  
Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)  
Ronald & Maryann Gold (CO)  
Odether Gray (GA)  
Linda Gregory (NJ)  
Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)  
Jim & Joyce Hengoe (FL/CT)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

Bruce & Gina Henry (VA)  
Doug Henry (TN)  
J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)  
Jacqueline Henry (VA)  
Mark Henry (TN)  
Melody Henry (VA)  
Roger Henry (OH)  
Sean Henry (KS)  
Susan & Jamey Henry (TN)  
Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)  
Joanna Holland (VA)  
John & Glenda Holland (VA)  
Jayson & Marylynn Hooker (VA)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 12

#### **GENESIS 27-31 (Costa Rica 4.3M)**

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 & Almaretta Hupp (PA)  
Ed Hurlow (IN)  
H. J. & Paula Hutchins (MS)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

#### **GENESIS 32-36 (Cuba 11.4M)**

Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)  
Louis & May 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)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

#### **GENESIS 37-40 (Ecuador 13.9M)**

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)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

#### **GENESIS 41-44 (England ?M)**



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  
Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)  
David & Cathy Laing (FL)  
Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)  
Phil & Loetta Landers (OK)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16**

**GENESIS 45-47 (Fiji 931,741)**

Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)  
Bob Lawrence (MD)  
Raymond & Janet LeMay (VT)  
Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)  
Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)  
George & Ginger Locklear (NC)  
Stacy Logsdon (KY)  
Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)  
Brian & Stacey Loomis (VA)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17**

**GENESIS 48-50 (France 64M)**

Kenneth & Debra Magee (SC)  
Manship Chapel (DE)  
Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)  
Larry & Sue Mason (VA)  
Dan & Meribeth Martin (VA)  
Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)  
Bill & Mirle Matheny (VA)  
Deborah Mathias (NY)  
Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)  
Bill & Shirley Maybin (SC)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18**

Dan & Fay McConville (VA)  
Gary & Anna McElwaine (KY)  
Sid & Jane McLaughlin (AL)  
Jim & Lin McLean (TN)  
Leonard & Martha Meador (VA)  
Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)  
Memorial Christian Church (VA)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19**

**EXODUS 1-2 (Germany 82.4M)**

Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)  
Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)  
Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)  
Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)  
Mike & Cherylann Miller (CO)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20**

**EXODUS 3-6 (Greece 10.7M)**

Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)  
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)  
Katherine Morgan (VA)  
Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)  
Craton & Helen Noyes (KY)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21**

**EXODUS 7-10 (India 1.2B)**

Ann Palumbo (NJ)  
Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)  
Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

Luther & Leslie Poellnitz (MD)  
Ben Poplin (VA)  
Ayers & Nina Porter (TN)  
Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)  
Brandon Jeanne, Maggie Pribble (VA)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22**

**EXODUS 11-12 (Indonesia 237.6M)**

Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)  
Cynthia Roach (VA)  
Windi & Caleb Roach (OK)  
John & Sandra Roberts (FL)  
Bo & Betty Robinson (MS)  
Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)  
Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23**

**EXODUS 13-15 (N. Ireland ?M)**

Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)  
Bob & Shirley Rose (MI)  
David & Amy Ross (KY)  
Sandra Rumore (VA)  
Curtis & Trudy Russell (VA)  
Denise Russell (OR)

John Saint (PA)

Don & Marie Satterwhite (MD)

David & Betty Schaum (NY)

Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA)

Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)

Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24**

**EXODUS 16-18 (Israel 7.1M)**

Philip & Wendy Schrank (IL)  
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)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25**

Paul & Mary Smith (TX)  
Doris Snyder (FL/OH)  
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)

John & Helen Sourlis (MD)

Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)

Marion J. Stansell (TX)

Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

Carol Snow Stewart (AZ)

Gary/Leta Fern Stillwagon (GA)

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26**

**EXODUS 19-20 (Italy 58.1M)**

Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)

William Stroman, Pastor

Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)

Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church (TN)

Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)

Stephanie Taylor (GA)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27**

**EXODUS 21-24 (Jamaica 2.8M)**

Temple of Praise (TX)

Gilbert Perez, Pastor

Mona Henry Thomas (VA)

Mildred V. Thompson (GA)

Paula Tipton (TN)

Virginia Trask (VA)

Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)

Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)

Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28**

**EXODUS 25-27 (Japan 127.3M)**

Malcom Troutman (KY)

Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)

Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)

Sara Underwood (TN)

Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)

Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)

George & Jeanette Vernarchik (NY)

Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29**

**EXODUS 28-31 (Kenya 38 M)**

Tommy Waddell (TN)

Horace & Becky Ward (NC)

Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)

Beau Ware (VA)

Kay Warmerdam (TX)

Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)

Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)

Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)

Allan & Judy Whitmore (VA)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30**

**EXODUS 32-34 (S. Korea 49.2M)**

George & Virginia Whitner (FL)

Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)

Edward Williams (NC)

Elijah Williams (NJ)

Julie L. Wilson (PA)

Tim & Merry Gregory (Thailand)

Mulamba Placide Kituta (Congo)

Stephen Latong (Nigeria)

John/Egberta McSween (Trinidad)

Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (S Africa)

Adam/Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)

Andrew J. Sakari (Kenya)

Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)

Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)

Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil)

Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31**

**EXODUS 35-40 (Lesotho 2.1M)**

Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)

Dot Winfield (MD)

Amos Wipf (GA)

The Word Church (NJ)

Buz Offenbacker, Pastor

Bert & Teresa Worley (VA)

Greg & Lori Worley (GA)

Todd & Stephanie Wright (KY)

Lili Wykle (VA)

Robin & Deborah Yohee (PA)

## Itinerary

*"Strive together in your prayers to God for me - that I may come to you with joy by the will of God and may be refreshed together with you..."*

**Romans 15:30, 32**

### January

- 10 Light of Hope Church  
Hampton VA
- 15-17 Beacon Institute of Ministry  
BFBRC  
Opelika AL\*
- 25 Abington Bible Church  
Abington VA
- 29-31 Beacon Institute of Ministry  
CP COGOP  
Greenville SC\*

### February

- 19-21 Area-wide Monongalela PA  
First Baptist Church  
Monongalela PA

### March

- 5-7 Beacon Institute of Ministry  
AGM  
Collierville TN\*
- 13-29 Prayer Seminars  
East Africa/Central Africa

\* Ten hour video

Pray specifically that God will prepare hearts and for traveling grace. Pray that seeds of renewal and revival will be planted and nations set aflame with spiritual awakening!

**SHOULD YOUR CHURCH SCHEDULE A SEMINAR IN 2009 or 2010? GIVE US A CALL FOR SCHEDULING INFORMATION OR SEND THREE DATES. EVERY CHURCH CAN HAVE A PRAYER SEMINAR!**



## NOTES from my BIBLE

**Note 1186.** Though we cannot bring all the world to Christ, we must bring Christ to the whole world.

**Note 1187.** When you find yourself wearing a "spirit of heaviness," try changing it with the "garment of praise."

**Note 1188.** It is true of both men and nations that God honors those who honor Him.

**Note 1189.** The Bible is God's mirror that shows man as he is—not as he thinks he is.

**Note 1190.** Prayer with obedience is power; prayer without obedience is presumption.

## DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

**1 Thessalonians 1:2**

**November 4-December 16, 2008**

Regular	59	\$13,670.00
South Africa	36	3,208.00
Total	94	\$16,878.00



**THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!**

## Gratitude for the Reflector

Many expressed gratitude for the December **Reflector**. As we begin our 55<sup>th</sup> year of publication, it is our desire to encourage our readers each month. It is a joy to share.

**Dr. David L. Chancey**, pastor, McDonough Road Baptist Church, Fayetteville GA, recently wrote: "The last **Reflector** was especially meaningful and your 'Perspective' quite challenging. Thank you for your ministry and for allowing God to use you in so many ways through the years. You are touching and encouraging people that you don't even realize you are touching. I wish for you and Sue a very great and blessed Christmas season. Keep up the good work for our Lord. God bless you."

## South Africa/Botswana Report

Three wonderful weeks (Nov.12 Dec. 2)

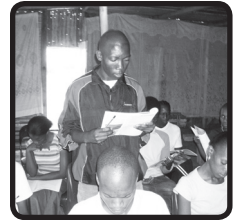
### "Give account of your stewardship"

Prayer seminars	13
Attendance	780
Number of Churches	35
Number of pastors	40
Evangelism Clinic	1
Pastors' Conference	1
Sermons	2
Professions of Faith	145
 Miles Traveled	 22,146
Air (International)	18,264
Air (Domestic)	1,502
Ground South Africa	1,380
Ground Botswana	1,000

### South Africa

It is always interesting to see the direction our time in South Africa is going to take. From the beginning, eleven years ago, we have followed **Leslie Motsalane's** suggested venues. This year, Leslie felt that the best use of our time was to provide prayer seminars in a number of black townships in the Free State: **Bloemfontein** (Phase 6), **Welkom** (Thabong), **Wesselsbrong** (Mongakeng), **Odendarveus** (Kutallong), **Allenridge** (Nyakallong), **Theunissen** (Nasilo), **Payrs** (Tumahole), **Virginia** (Bronville). These are mostly small, indigenous churches that have never had any help. In each seminar, pastors from neighboring churches attended which enabled us to extend our influence.

As has often been the case over the years, God gave us ideal weather (hot days, but cool nights). Much needed heavy rain came the week before our arrival (flooding in some places) which moderated the temperatures significantly and settled the dust. God has been good to us along these lines. Some years ago, we were warned that the dust would be overwhelming as we would be traveling many unpaved roads. We prepared by taking face masks. Much to the surprise of our hosts, God provided an untimely rain that settled the dust for the duration of our ministry.



SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS

As usual, Leslie's scheduling was quite demanding. Several days, we had a morning seminar and an evening seminar usually traveling long distances between the locations.

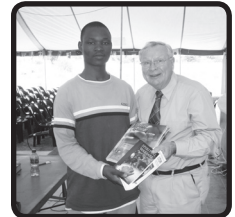
### Botswana

**David Livingstone**, the pioneer missionary opened Africa to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in the middle 1800s. His journeys and exploration into the African interior opened Africa to the world. He brought Jesus to every tribe he met and left a road map for missionaries who would follow.

Although on this trip, we worked in northern Botswana (in **Maun** and **Sewore**) and did not visit **Zimbabwe** or **Zambia**, we were very conscious that we were in Livingstone territory and thought often of his sacrifices to carry the Gospel to so many tribes. **It was a privilege and joy to meet men and women carrying the torch for Christ there today.** It was interesting to learn the reactions of natives to the Gospel today. Being with **Enock & Patience Mulomba** was a blessing for us since he is the catalyst for all our work in southern Africa.



WITH DR. MULOMBA



WITH BUSH PASTOR

### Support

Both prayer and financial support were excellent. A large number indicated that they followed our steps day by day with prayer covering. Seventy-nine provided the needed funds giving \$413 over the budget. We are grateful for each partner God gives us.

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## Annual Report 2008 Year Twenty-eight

***"...that those who sow and those who reap may rejoice together ..."*** (John 4:36)

Forty-six prayer seminars were conducted during 2008 in ten states (AL, FL, GA, KY, LA, NC, OR, PA, TN, VA) and six foreign countries (Botswana, Brazil, Canada, France, South Africa, Venezuela). Sermons--11. Miles traveled -- 58,547. Days on road -- 90. We have now conducted 1,354 seminars in forty-six states, the District of Columbia, and fifty other nations. Total miles traveled during the twenty-eight years that we have been conducting prayer seminars total 2,260,040.

We are grateful to those who have made JGHM's 2008 work possible through faithful prayers and generous gifts. As "sowers" and "reapers," we can rejoice together. And yet, we know our work is not done. The cycles of sowing and reaping must continue to enable us to touch more lives around the world.

## New Year Prayer

Not for more, or longer days, dear Lord

My prayer shall be

But rather teach me how to use the days

Now given me.

I ask not more of pleasure or of joy

For this brief while.

Rather let me, for the joys I have,

Be glad and smile.

Nor shall I ask that life should give to me

Another friend,

Just to keep me true to those I have, dear

Lord, Until the end.

Selected

**The Lord hath done great things  
for us, whereof we are glad.**

**Psalms 126:3**