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"Set thee up waymarks" Jeremiah 31:21

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"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, AND KNOW MY SHEEP, AND AM KNOWN OF MINE" JOHN 10:14

"I'm Living by Faith and Feel No Alarm..."

"In the Lord put I my trust: how say you to my soul, 'Flee as a bird to your mountain?'" Psalm 11:1

This is one of my favorite times of the year. To me, this is a time to look back and a time to look forward. During the seven years that my family and I served Kerby Knob Baptist Church, a mountain church in Kentucky, we fell in love with the mountain-style singing, a mixture of traditional hymns and gospel songs. Even today, I find myself singing to myself or sitting down at the piano and playing some of the gospel songs. One that touched my heart had a refrain that has never left me: *"I don't know about tomorrow, but I know who holds tomorrow and I know He holds my hand!"* Regardless of what comes to a believer, he can know that God has allowed it to come and He is completely trustworthy. It is our task to trust and to live by faith in Him when things are going well and when things are not going well.

David had plenty of practice coping with discouraging situations; so do we. We can gain the benefit of his experience by learning some of his answers to discouragement. His circumstances were so hopeless at one point that some unnamed advisors suggested that he pack his bags and run for his life. Since he was as human as we are, this thought probably had already occurred to him. We all have a natural tendency to "flee" to the mountains when things get tough.

Following their pessimistic advice, David's counselors pointed out something that he already knew: *"the wicked bend their bow"* (v 2). They were out to destroy him. When opposition forms, it is easy to get the impression that we are being used for target practice. The tougher things get, the harder it is to resist discouragement. Although it is difficult to determine which foundations provoke a horrid, helpless sinking feeling, *"What can the righteous do?"* (v3) reminds us of Andrew's *"What are [five loaves and two fishes] among so many?"* (John 6:9). When it looks impossible, many flee as a bird to their mountain, quit, cop out. They decided

FAITH LOOKS TO THE ONE WHO PROMISES; HOPE LOOKS TO THE THINGS PROMISED.

Hebrews 6:10-11

Facing a New Year Philippians 4:6

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." **New King James Version**

"Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart." **Today's English Version**

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers." **The Living Bible**

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." **New American Standard Bible**

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." **New International Version**

"There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving." **The Jerusalem Bible**

Now--An Assignment

1. Make a written list of the key "to-do" items in Philippians 4:6.
2. Commit to order your life around them in 2014.

their own comfort and protection was more important for attention and concentration than any other cause.

The righteous should never quit. While the believer is just as human as any person, open to those "fiery darts" and prone to discouragement, he does not have to flee to the mountain. David has taught us that there is another course. His calm voice of faith says: "In the LORD do I put my trust." **Trust** is the common word for **faith** and **belief** in the OT and occurs over 150 times in the Scriptures. **Real faith trusts in the Lord.**

There are three different Hebrew words translated "**trust**" in the Psalms. The word here means to "**take refuge in.**" David unashamedly acknowledged that he ran to the LORD as his source of security and safety when pressures came. Another word translated "**trust**" means "**to lean upon**" as in **Psalm 9:10**: "*They that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee.*" How easy when discouraging circumstances come to hide from problems—or run away—or trust our own strengths—or lean on others. How different when we "**lean**" upon the LORD. In the late seventies, a song was introduced that touched the hearts of the folks in our church: "learning to lean on Jesus." Often, we all needed to hear that word. The third word for "**trust**" literally means "**to roll upon**" and is found in **Psalm 22:8** in the prophetic statement concerning the crucifixion of our Lord. While on the cross in dying agony, the Lord made reference to **Psalm 22** and His enemies quoted it: *He trusts in the Lord that He would deliver Him.*" The Lord Jesus Christ "trusted in God." He "**rolled Himself on Jehovah.**" If He needed to take this approach, what makes us think we can get by without rolling our burdens on the LORD?

"**There is a God in Heaven**" (**Daniel 2:28**) whose eyes see. There is no time when He is not watching over His own. We need to be reminded constantly that there is a throne in Heaven and God is still on the Throne. We need to **lean on,**

roll upon, and take refuge in Him. Let's **trust** the One who never fails—not only for our own personal lives, but for the prayer seminar ministry as well.

Yesterday God helped me;

Today He'll do the same,
How long will this continue?

FOREVER, praise His name!

I heard of a group of travelers whose flight took them through a terrible storm that was upsetting to all the passengers except one little boy—who was calm and serene much to the amazement of his fellow travelers. When someone finally asked the lad while he was not frightened, his answer was direct: "*My father is the pilot. He will get us through the storm!*"

There is no doubt! Sooner or later, you and I will go through the fire and through the waters. But we need not fear, we have a Heavenly Father who loves us, a Savior who died for us and is now interceding for us, and a Holy Spirit who lives in us who will help us, guide us, and empower us day by day and moment by moment. What more could we want?

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

Diligence Rewarded

Dr. A. B. Simpson once said, "God has hidden every precious thing in such a way that it is a reward to the diligent, a prize to the earnest, a disappointment to the slothful soul. All nature is arrayed against the loungers and the idler."

"The nut is hidden in its thorny case; the pearl is buried beneath the ocean wave; the gold is imprisoned in the rocky bosom of the mountain; the gem is found only after you crush the rock that encloses it; the very soil gives its harvest as the reward of industry to the laboring husbandman. So truth and God must be earnestly sought. 'To him that knocks, it shall be opened'" (**Matthew 7:7**).

60 Years! Who would have thought it?

1954 proved to be a very busy year in my life. As an eighteen-year old college student, attending **Berea College**, an institution known for its demanding academic rigor, quality time was required for study. The college was also known for its student labor program. Every student had to work. My assignment was in the **Office of Guidance and Testing** (under the tutelage of **Dean Charles Shutt** and his administrative assistant, **Margaret Sloan**) located on the second floor of the beautiful Draper Building. I was pastor of the Liberty Avenue Baptist Church. To say that my life revolved around my commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ would be an understatement. Much of my free thought time centered on following Jesus and the church—how to grow the church, how to encourage the believers, and how to reach the community with the Gospel. I firmly believed that a pastor must visit homes and show interest in all the people and do the things that Jesus would do if He were in that role. Visiting time, however, was limited due to classes, studying, and student labor.

I strongly believe that the Holy Spirit answered our prayers for guidance. **Why not "visit" homes via a newsletter?** I prayed for a typewriter and a mimeograph machine. Through Sears Roebuck mail order store, I purchased a manual, Underwood typewriter. The terms were \$20 down and \$20 a month until the \$100 was paid! Across the hall from the Office of Guidance, a mimeograph machine

was lodged in the Dean of Men's office. Dear Orwig kindly gave **Helen Gill**, a Berea College student and member of Liberty Avenue, permission to print the paper. Postage was one penny. I named the publication the **Reflector** after the Tennessee Baptist paper, **the Baptist and Reflector**, started in 1835.



Helen Gill Dean (1/23/1938-1/4/2013)

It has been a great joy to prepare **Reflector** copy year after year. Many stories are on file and in my mind of God using a **Reflector**. Paul talked about using all means to share the Gospel. I have never doubted one moment whether the **Reflector** is worthwhile. Simply, **"This was the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes"** (Psalm 118:23). Obviously, there will come a time when travel to conduct prayer seminars will be impossible. My "hope" is that we can continue to touch lives through the printed page and through the web-site. Knowing that prayer covering is being provided by many friends and supporters is a point of great encouragement to my heart. As my "father in the ministry," the late **H. B. Harris**, often advised: "Keep on keeping on!" With the Lord's help and His amazing grace, my commitment is to "keep on keeping on." **MAY YEAR # 60 FOR THE REFLECTOR BE THE BEST EVER!** Thank you from the bottom of my heart; join me in giving God great glory for what He has done.

The Word of God and Prayer in 2014

Prior to 1977, I was in the Word for one primary purpose. It was to get a message to preach. Since my academic background did not include a Bible or seminary education, I worked hard to find a message to preach. Actually, I needed three messages during my early years—two Sunday worship service messages and a radio message. After a couple of years of turning to the Scriptures daily for spiritual food, things changed. The issue was no longer finding a message to preach; rather, it was finding time to share the Word that filled my mind.

Reading the Bible Through BOOKMARKS

If you need additional copies of the *I'm Reading the Bible Through* bookmark for others in your family and/or your Bible study members, let us know. While a person can begin reading the Bible through any day of the year, it is helpful to begin on January 1. Remember the Word is **the Christian's necessary food**. As you would not do well without daily physical food, the same is true of spiritual food.

Many **DOORKEEPERS** use the Bible reading program in the **Doorkeeper Prayer Calendar**. The **Reflector** fits into many Bibles and is easily retrievable. You will be reminded to pray for one another and to remember the world as you focus on one nation each day. You will be reminded, also, to pray for the prayer seminar ministry around the world.

**JESUS
IS
LORD!**

Further, I learned to let the Word explain the Word. The best commentary on the Bible is the Bible. I have often reflected on John Wesley's simple thought: "God did not give us His Word to mend, He gave us His Word to mind [obey]."

Preparation for the New Year

I encourage you to seriously make a commitment to the Word of God and prayer, two primary disciplines in the Christian life. Paul had never visited the church at Colosse, a small town in the province of Asia, about 100 miles east of Ephesus. The Colossian church was an outgrowth of Paul's three-year ministry in Ephesus about 52-55 A.D. Epaphras, a native of Colosse, was likely the church's founder and leader (**Colossians 1:7-8; 4:12-13**). Paul advised the believers to undergird their lives with two Christian disciplines: the Word of God and Prayer. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (**3:16-17**); "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving" (**4:2**).

The Word of God. Study, think about, memorize, believe, and live the Word of God so it becomes part of who you are. Let the Word inhabit your conversation with others and your worship of God. Devote yourself to Jesus and to knowing His Word. Once you have a message from Him in the Word, you will then be in a position to talk to Him.

Prayer. Give yourself constantly to prayer. Be watchful, wakeful, and thankful. Ask the Lord to teach you to pray and to increase your endurance and your capacity to pray. Remember, prayer is an exciting and incredibly fulfilling journey with God.



SUE AND CARTER-BEST FRIENDS

For almost fifty years, we have counted **Carter Mylam Baynes** a "best friend." She & Sue have traveled across the nation, have taken a cruise in the Caribbean, and have traveled abroad. On December 12, we were in Charlotte NC to celebrate our friend's 98th Birthday.

JESUS IN ME

I have a Savior
He lives inside of me.
He goes everywhere I go.
He is in the heart of me.
He is in my restful sleep,
He sees every thing I see.

When I think of Him
And what He wants of me.
I get a taste of heaven
As I do the work He's given me.
How can I be quiet about
What He has done for me!

As I meet folks along the way.
I just want to say!
He is my loving Savior..
He loves and cares for me
Now I ask this question
Has He done the same for Thee?

Walt Sommers
Lynchburg, Virginia



NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 2151. A true friend has been defined as the first person who comes in when the whole world has gone out.

Note 2152. Value a friend who, for you, finds time on his calendar--but cherish the friend who, for you, does not even consult his calendar.

Note 2153. An old friend is better than two new ones. **Russian Proverb**

Note 2154. When we lose a friend, we die a little.

Note 2155. If you really want to know who your friends are, make a mistake.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

October 16--December 16, 2013

Regular	81	\$7,907.00
Venezuela	3	195.00
	84	\$8,102.00



THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!

Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:9

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!
GLORIFY YOUR FATHER
WHO IS IN HEAVEN.

PRAYER CALENDAR**JANUARY 2014****"I will give myself to prayer..."****Psalm 109:4b****WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1****GEN 1-2 (Sint Maarten 36,689)**

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)
 Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)
 Mae Adams (NC)
 Marie Adams (VA)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
 Norma Ailes (FL)
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2**GENESIS 3-5 (Slovakia 5.5M)**

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
 Milcie Arnold (VA)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Bill & Karen Baker (OK)
 Consuela Baker (NC)
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)
 Marilyn Barry (VA)
 Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3**GENESIS 6-9 (Slovenia 2M)**

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)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4**GEN 10-11 (Solomon Isl 597,248)**

Everett/Deborah Boston (MD)
 Bob Bouchard (KY)
 William/Debbie Bowden (MD)
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)
 Emilee & Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Jim & Judy Britt (GA)
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Arretta Bruce (TN)
 Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)
 Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
 George & Carol Buck (NJ)

MONDAY, JANUARY 6**GENESIS 12-14 (Somalia 10.3M)**

Janice Bugg (TN/Chin)
 Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
 Mary Campbell (ID)
 Laura Cannon (FL)
 Joeretha Capers (FL)
 Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)
 Bob & Evelyn Casey (FL)
 David & Martha Cecil (VA)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**GEN 15-17 (South Africa 48.6M)**

Gus/Janice Christofield (VA)
 Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)
 Vernia Coleman (MD)
 Kathie Connolly (VA)
 Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)
 Foster/Georgia Covington (VA)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
 Dan Cravey (VA)
 Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**GEN 18-20 (South Sudan 11.1M)**

Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)
 Ida J. Davis (GA)
 John Davis (VA)
 Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
 Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
 Mary J. Dugans (LA)
 Ivy Early (NC)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9**GENESIS 21-24 (Spain 47.4M)**

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)
 Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)
 Fellowship Baptist Church (FL)
 William & Virginia Green
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
 James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10**GENESIS 25-26 (Sri Lanka 21.7M)**

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**GENESIS 27-31 (Sudan 34.8M)**

Gloucester Co. Community Ch
 Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)
 Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)
 Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
 Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)
 Sam/Michele Graisbury (NJ)

Velma Graven (KY)
 Dale & Mary Gray (IL)
 Odether Gray (GA)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Linda Gregory (UT)
 Charles Hale (VA)
 George & Joy Harper (VA)
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
 Jim Hengoed (CT)
 Gina Henry (VA)
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

MONDAY, JANUARY 13**GEN 32-36 (Suriname 566,846)**

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14**GENESIS 37-40 (Svalbard 921)**

Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)
 Ed Hurlow (IN)
 Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)
 Betty Jackson (OH)
 Gerald/Tanny Jackson (WA)
 Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)
 Gene/ Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
 William & Marsha Jester (DE)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15**GENESIS 41-44 (Swaziland 1.4M)**

Millicent John (NY)
 Bob & Rhonda Johnson (FL)
 Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
 Gwen Johnson (AZ)
 Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
 Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)
 James Jones (FL)
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16**GENESIS 45-47 (Sweden 9.1M)**

Howard/Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
 Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Mohan Katta (IL)

Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY) Bruce Kirby, Pastor
 Larry & Janet King (NC)
 Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
 Robert & Rose Klous (VA)
 Sherry Klutz (WA)
 Quintin & Mary Knauer (OH)
 Mark & Lois Knolls (DE)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

GENESIS 48-50 (Switzerland 8M)
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
 Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
 Joel & Jackie Kramer (VA)
 Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
 Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
 Phil & Edra Landers (OK)
 Charles/Cynthia Larson (MI)
 Bob Lawrence (MD)
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)
 Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

EXODUS 1-2 (Syria 22.5M)
 Gaylen & Linda Leverett (VA)
 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)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

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)
 Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Gwen Miller (VA)

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

EXODUS 3-6 (Taiwan 48.3M)
 Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)
 Roger Minney (VA)
 Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
 French & Laura Moore (VA)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
 Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)
 Elaine Moser (MN)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

EXODUS 7-10 (Tajikistan 7.9M)
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
 Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)
 Ann Palumbo (PA)
 Raleigh & Janet Parker (VA)
 Roger & Kay Pede (VA)
 Sandy Pederson (MN)
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
 Mildred Pittman (NC)
 Ben Poplin (VA)
 Ayers Porter (TN)
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
 Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

EXODUS 11-12 (Tanzania 48.3M)
 Dave & Marilyn Rainey (VA)
 Jeannette Ralph (VA)
 Marjorie Randall (TX)
 John Reed (NH)
 Dave Ricker (ME)
 Alice Riddick (NC)
 Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

EXODUS 13-15 (Thailand 67.4M)
 Fred/Jeanette Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
 Sandra Rumore (VA)
 John Saint (PA)
 Don/Marie Satterwhite (FL)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

EXODUS 16-18 (Timor 1.2M)
 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)
 Walter & Pearl Shields (VA)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

EXODUS 19-20 (Togo 7.2M)
 Faye Skaggs (KY)
 Mary Skiles (KS)
 Paul & Mary Smith (TX)
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
 John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
 Leroy/Suk Hi Standifer (WA)
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)
 Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)

Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)
 William Suttles (NC)
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
 Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)
 William Stroman, Pastor
 Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)
 Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
 Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
 Stephanie Taylor (GA)

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

EXODUS 21-24 (Tolaleu 1,353)
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
 W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)
 Montez Thompson (CO)
 William & Katie Toney (NC)
 Virginia Trask (VA)
 Carroll/Ouida Troutman (KY)
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
 Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

EX 25-27 (Trinidad/Tobago 1.2M)
 Malcolm Troutman (KY)
 Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)
 Willie/Diane Troutman (KY)
 Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)
 Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)
 Harris/Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)

George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Keith & Doris Snyder Verrall (FL)
 Walter/Mary Ann Voss (DE)

WED, JANUARY 29

EXODUS 28-31 (Tunisia 10.8M)
 Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
 Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)
 Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)
 Kay Warmerdam (TX)
 Don/Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)
 Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)

THURS JANUARY 30

EXODUS 32-34 (Turkey 80.7M)
 Kay Wice (TN)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)
 Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

EX 35-40 (Turkmenistan 5.1M)
 Neil/Melinda Wilson (VA)
 Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
 Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
 David & Lili Wykle (VA)
 Fred & Susan Zeller (MD)

ISN'T IT TIME FOR SOME RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION FROM USA BELIEVERS?

JESUS WEPT FOR JERUSALEM. WHO WILL WEEP FOR THE UNITED STATES?

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Hardly a day goes by without a news story that demonstrates how we are living in a society that is at war with Christian principles. When secular humanists are allowed to control a nation, there are dire consequences that we see with our own eyes.

Christian principles and a Christian lifestyle are looked upon as being out of touch with the kind of nation that is being promoted, even by our government. We can hide our heads in the sand as if nothing is wrong, but this won't take it away. In spite of the empirical evidence that we see all around us, the majority of Americans appear to deny that our right to religious freedom is under attack. While it is time for some "righteous indignation" to spring forth, there is silence. Mostly, the pulpits are silent. A leading retired Florida pastor said that most pastors are silent about ethical and moral matters because they fear they will be fired. Of course, that was his opinion, but if one would dare "listen" to the spirit of religious services, he would soon begin to wonder where is the righteous indignation.

A strong faith in Christ is viewed as a threat to society. Those who believe in the Constitution and its Bill of Rights are looked upon as the enemies. If you are a Christian you are "suspect." The Bible and Constitution have been bedrocks upon which our national

exceptionalism has been built. Both are under attack.

Can the tide be turned? Is it too late for America? What would happen if believers became "engaged" in the war? For sure, you will not be welcomed. Immorality is freedom; the morality that you and I espouse is looked upon as repressive.

In the October 2013 issue of **Decision**, a magazine published by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, under a **Biblical Values** heading, a four-page "SPECIAL REPORT" was included. It was entitled **A Perilous Path** by Charles Chandler. The attention grabber was "President Devaluing Bible Principles, Christian Liberties, Constitutional Ethics." The well-written article is thorough. Example after example is given to bring forth evidence for his bold assertion. The key concerns covered are **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, REDEFINING MARRIAGE, ABORTION, CONSTITUTIONAL ETHICS & POWER PLAYS**. Every sentence is frightening, but obviously true. **We are in trouble!**

But **Decision** is not the only publication that points out truths that convince us that we must awaken. Many others are sounding a clarion call. In a recent document, Kelly Shackelford of the Liberty Legal Institute, gave 192 "Examples of Hostility to Religious Expression in the Public Square." Google this article if you are interested. One recent publication was devoted to one issue: "Mother of all Scandals: Obama's War on Christians." Most readers, especially Christians, would sense righteous indignation rising and would cry out, "This must be stopped!"

I have long maintained that we are in a spiritual war and devote a segment of the prayer seminar workbook to this phenomenon. I begin with a key truth and a key Biblical passage. The key truth is "I will never win the war if I do not know where the battle is being fought." The key passage, which I term "The Warfare Passage," is **Ephesians 6:10-18**. After we are told to put on the "whole armor" that God has provided (*you have to put it on, God does not do it for you!*), you are ready to go to battle. The first activity mentioned after the armor is on is found in **verse 18** and that is prayer. **Prayer is where the battle is fought.** To be effective in prayer, a Christian must confess and forsake any sin in his life. Otherwise, he is not on praying ground and God does not hear his words.

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Another year

Another year is dawning,
A path unknown, untried.
'Twould fill me with foreboding,
Had I no hand to guide;
But He who walked beside me
All through the yesteryear,
Whatever may betide me,
Has promised to be near.

Another year with Jesus!

Ah, then, no dread I know,
His love is ever precious,
Howe'er the winds may blow,
E'en when the storm is fiercest,
In Him my soul may rest,
And find sweet peace and comfort
Upon His loving breast.

Another year to trust Him

Yes, I can trust Him still,
Who never yet has failed me
As I have sought His will.
His rod and staff He giveth
To be my strength and stay,
And tenderly He leadeth
Along the homeward way

Another year to serve Him,

To labor for Him here,
E'en while the shadows lengthen
And night is drawing near,
I know not when He'll call me
To lay my sickle by
Oh, may I then be faithful
While now the moments fly!

Another year to love Him,

Whom I have loved so long;
Another year to praise him
In glad triumphant song.
Whate'er the future holdeth
Of sorrow, toil or pain
His precious Love endureth
Forevermore the same.

Another year with Jesus!

I thank Thee, Lord, today
For Thy unfailing presence
Along life's rugged way.

Guide me, O blest Redeemer,

Teach me to do Thy will,
And Thine own perfect purpose
In me each day fulfill.

Avis Christiansen

Words of encouragement to begin a new year

As Christians we are pilgrims and sojourners in this land. This world is not our home. This is a clear message in the book of **Hebrews**, a message we need to remember as we commence a new year with 365 days ahead of us. We need words of encouragement to begin a new year and they can be found in **Hebrews 6:13-20**. We learn about our great High Priest, the **Lord Jesus Christ**. We are first taken to Mount Moriah where the Lord gave a promise to Abraham (v 15). God's promises are affirmed (vv 16-18).

Then the writer takes us on a "journey of encouragement" by piling up one metaphor after another about **Jesus Christ**. He is called a "refuge" and our "hope," and "anchor" both "sure and steadfast." He even refers to the anchor going "within the veil" and states that Christ our "forerunner has entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek" (v 20).

At first glance, these metaphors all seem unrelated. One Bible scholar has pointed out that the word "forerunner" was a little ship that took the anchor into the harbor. What a picture we have here for these days in which we live. Our refuge, our hope, our anchor, has been taken into the harbor of heaven beyond the veil by our High Priest. While here in life, coping in a complex world, we are **anchored in Jesus**, in the harbor of Heaven as secure here as He is there, as our High Priest.

ONLY BELIEVE!

All things are possible!

PRAY AND BELIEVE!

His Unfailing Presence

Another year I enter

Its history unknown;

Oh, how my feet would tremble

To tread its paths alone!

But I have heard a whisper,

I know I shall be blest;

**"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."**

What will the New Year bring me?

I may not, must not know;

Will it be love and rapture,

Or loneliness and woe?

Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper;

I surely shall be blest;

**"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."**

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World on your heart Six Continents Impacted

Kenya! Venezuela! Uganda! 2013, the twenty-ninth year for our international ministry, brought immeasurable joys with prayer seminars conducted in these three nations. Each seminar afforded its own distinct dynamic and blessing. Thousands attended, including hundreds of pastors, listening, making notes in their workbooks (usually in their own language) eager to receive the instruction. During the year, the prayer seminar workbook was translated into one additional language, Uluganda, joining dozens of other languages.

Through God's grace, doors have been opened into fifty-eight nations on six continents: North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia. There have been some seminars in remote areas. Some have been conducted in challenging circumstances. For example, Sue and I traveled to Asbest in Russia's Ural Mountains only to find opposition by the Orthodox church. Although they had their own church building and we were using a community center, they objected that we were using the center too many hours. Their "threats" frightened our interpreter, the only English-speaking person in the area and he, like Demas, forsook us. We finished the seminar by enlisting a very intelligent man to help us. I pointed out with my finger sections that I wanted him to read in the Russian prayer seminar workbook and the Holy Spirit's unction was open and obvious.

Many seminars have been taped, some video taped, for future use. The Holy Spirit has touched the hearts of many to teach the prayer seminars throughout their nation. Hundreds have gone through a "leaders' seminar." A few have even traveled to other nations with a supply of workbooks. Only eternity will reveal the overall impact on individuals, churches, nations, and continents. God has been

faithful raising up an army of supporters known as **Doorkeepers** who have provided financial and prayer support.

The indigenous church. Because many pray and give, we are able to strengthen and encourage the indigenous church. The role of missionaries has been outstanding in planting and nurturing churches. But the time has come when missionaries must step aside and leave the responsibility in the hands of nations. This is vividly illustrated in Indonesia and Malaysia. The content of the seminar, laid out for systematic study in the workbook, is most appropriate to church leaders in any nation who have the task of guiding the growth and development of the local churches. We know this is true because we are witnesses.

The world on your heart. We are grateful for all who have helped us touch thousands upon thousands. You prayed! You gave! **You have the world on your heart.** Folks in many nations have been blessed because you care. Thank you for being faithful partners. **Although I have had to "slow down" somewhat, plans are to conduct four two-week trips during 2014, the Lord willing. Seminars are scheduled in South Africa (Feb 14-Mar 4), Kenya (May 16-Jun 2), and Venezuela (July 18-Aug 1). We are praying for God's guidance for the fourth nation since we have had invitations from many nations. Please pray for wisdom. Where God guides, He provides.**

**LORD, YOU BE THE NEEDLE
AND I WILL BE THE THREAD!
WHEREVER YOU LEAD,
I'LL GO WITH JOY! FATHER,
ALL OF US IN JGHM
SERVE YOU GLADLY
WITH THANKSGIVING
FOR EVERY STEP OF EVERY
DAY. WE LOVE YOU!**