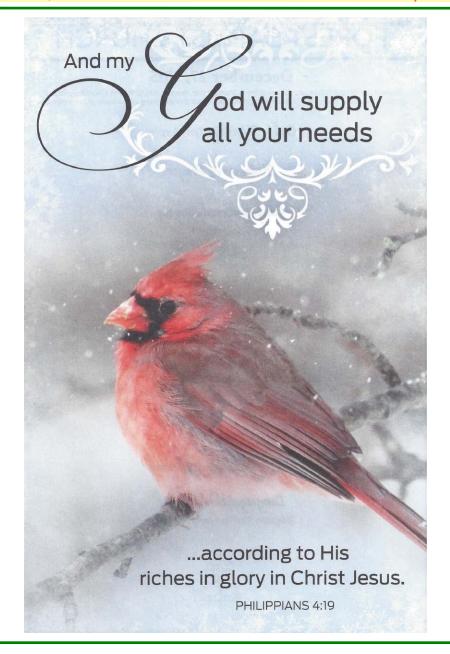
# REFLECTOR

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HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE

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"I am satisfied with Jesus, He has done so much for me; He has suffered to redeem me, He has died to set me free"

"But the question comes to me, as I think of Calvary, Is my Master satisfied with me?"

For as long as I remember, I have looked forward to a New Year. I see it as a special time to do self-evaluation not only for my spiritual life, but for my professional life as well. I see January 1 as an opportunity to enter into the Land of Beginning again! Yes, I make resolutions!

My 2016 "verse for the year," was chosen from an incredible journey that I had taken during 2014 and 2015. The journey began on Wednesday, January 1, 2014. On that day, I "broke in" a new My Daily Prayer Journal. For the next 730 days, I recorded personal thoughts daily. The following is on the January 1 (Wednesday) page. The Scripture chosen for that day was Matthew 6:33: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." I wrote above that verse simply "DAILY MOTTO." Then I wrote along the edge: "January "This month shall be your new beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you" (Exodus 12:2).

2014 JANUARY 1 (WEDNESDAY). Read: Genesis 1-2. Today I am  $78\frac{1}{4}$  years. My intention is to "tighten up" my private life (my thoughts) and be more accountable to the things I have learned. For the things I would not have done differently, I am grateful. Early in my life, I resolved to be a person of integrity so that I would not grow old and look back with regret. To some degree I have been true to that resolve. There are many regrets, however. Any day I could entertain "morbid introspection" about the past. Today I resolve to 'forget the things behind" and consider each day in 2014

## Seven Hints for 2017

Live as in the sight of God. This is what Abraham did: he walked before Him (Genesis 24:10. This is what Enoch did: he walked with Him" (Genesis 5:24). Do nothing you would not want God to see (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Say nothing you would not like God to hear (Psalm 141:3).

Sing nothing that will not be melodious in God's ear (Ephesians 5:19).

Write nothing you would not like God to read (Psalm 139:2).

Go to no place where you would not like God to find you (Psalm 139:3).

Read no book of which you would not like God to say "Shew it Me" (Psalm 119:37).

## DECISIONS DETERMINE DESTINY.

2017

Each new year brings a time for new beginnings.

Make LOVE the heart of your new year's resolutions.

a new day. There is still much work to be done and SO LITTLE TIME.

JANUARY 2 (THURSDAY). Read: Genesis 3-5. Life keeps on presenting us with fresh challenges. Every challenge is another opportunity to grow, not an obstacle to thwart growth. Long ago, ENOCH became my hero. He lived in a very evil time, but he "walked with God." This "pleased" God. Enoch walked by FAITH (Hebrews 11:5). My prayer: "Lord, help me to walk HAND IN HAND with Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ." To "walk with Jesus" is the business of a lifetime. 4:26b "Then began men to call on the name of the Lord." PRAYER HISTORY BEGAN. My prayer: "Lord, help me to remember the role of prayer and to be a praying person when no one else is around. Help me, my Master, to practice what I know "

JANUARY 3 (FRIDAY). Read: Genesis 6-9. There was a time that I literally hated sin in my own life. I really believed that a holy God was displeased with sin and would punish the sinner. Somewhere along the line, I began to learn more about the nature of God and to see in the Bible displays of His love and grace. At some point I learned "if you are not as close to God don't be confused as to who moved. God did not!" My prayer: "God please show me any sin in my life. What am I doing that You do not want me to do? What am I not doing that You do not want me to do? Father, as conviction from the Holy Spirit comes, I will repent. I will confess the specific sin(s). I will receive with gladness Your cleansing and Your forgiveness. Then I will yield, afresh and anew, to the Holy Spirit. Thank You, Father." THEN, IT IS INDEED A NEW DAY!

For the next 727 days, I wrote my thoughts with the intention of making each new day a new beginning with a new commitment to walk with the King, the Lord **Jesus Christ**. With this background, you will see the reason that I have chosen walking by faith as a guideline and with Hebrews 11:6 as my verse for the year, 2017, "Without faith, it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6). If you have not yet done so, why don't you ask the Holy Spirit to impress on you a VERSE FOR THE YEAR to guide you day-by-day? You will find this a daily blessing. HAPPY NEW YEAR! Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

When there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character; when there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home; when there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation; when there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.

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PRAYER SEMINAR
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#### Satisfied with Jesus



B. B. McKinney was one of my heroes in my early Christian life. I loved it when one of his hymns was chosen in our church. This is one of my favorites. I often sing to myself these words that speak powerfully.

## The Diary of a Bible

January 15. Been quietly resting for a week. The last few nights after the first of the year my owner read me regularly, but he has forgotten me now. Another New Year's resolution gone wrong!

**February 3.** Owner quickly picked me up and rushed off to Sunday school; he did not open me, however.

February 23. Cleaning day. Dusted and put back into my place. I have been in the lower hall since my trip to Sunday school. April 2. Busy day. Owner had to present a lesson at a church meeting and quickly looked up a lot of references.

May 5. In Grandma's lap every afternoon. A comfortable place.

May7,8,9. In Grandma's lap every afternoon. She let a tear fall on John 14:1-3.

May 20. Baby born here today. They wrote his name on one of my pages.

**July 1**. Had a couple of four-leaf clovers put in me today.

**July 5**. Packed in a trunk with a lot of other things. Off for a vacation.

July 7. Still in the trunk.

July 15. Still in the trunk.

July 20. Still in the trunk. Almost everything else is now out.

July 25. Home again in my old place. Quite a journey, though I don't know why I went. August 2. Rather stuffy and hot. Two magazines, a book, and an old hat are on top of me. Wish they would take them off. August 9. Cleaning day. Dusted and put back in my place.

August 16. Cleaning day. Cleaned again with special care and put in a prominent place on the library table. Heard them say the minister is to be here for dinner.

August 20. Owner wrote Grandma's death in my Family Record section. He left his glasses between my pages.

**December 31.** Owner just found his glasses. Wonder if he will make any resolution about me for the New Year?

### GUIDANCE for 2017

In HAPPY moments, PRAISE Him, In DIFFICULT moments, SEEK Him, In QUIET moments, WORSHIP Him, In EVERY moment, THANK Him.

Store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. Where your treasures are, your heart will be also. Be sure your motive is that God will get glory out of your giving.

### **Eight Watches for 2017**

- 1. Watch your thoughts. They can be a benediction or a curse.
- 2. Watch your eyes. Determine to see only things that are good.
- 3. Watch your ears. Train them to listen to harmony. Be selective in what you hear.
- 4. Watch your lips. Teach them to speak truth and righteousness.
- 5. Watch your feet. Plant them upon the solid rock of truth and keep them there.
- 6. **Watch your hands.** Keep them busy only with those activities that will bring joy.
- 7. Watch your heart. Set your affections on things above.
- 8. Watch your will. The silent monitor of your life will help you to make wise decisions. Be sure that it is controlled by the Holy Spirit.

ROPEHOLDERS NEEDED FOR THOSE TOUCHING LIVES FOR ETERNITY IN CUBA, EAST/CENTRAL AFRICA, VENEZUELA BY ESTABLISHING LIGHTHOUSES OF PRAYER FOR THE GOSPEL.

## PRACTICAL. In the new year are you willing ...

To close your book of complaints and to open the book of praise?

To ignore what life owes you and to think about what you owe life?

To stop looking for friendship and to start being friendly?

To be content with such things as you have and to stop whining for the things you have not?

To enjoy the simple blessings of life and to cease sriving for the artifical pleasures of the day?

To forget what you have accomplished and to meditate on what others have done for you?

To cease looking for someone to help you and to devote yourself to helping others?

To consecrate your life to the service of an imperfect church and to remember that Christ chose twelve imperfect followers as His disciples?

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## NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 3071. God gives life; God expects service.

Note 3072. God gives personality; God expects influence.

Note 3073. God gives ability; God expects loyalty.

Note 3074. God gives opportunity; God expects obedience.

Note 3075. ANYONE CAN ACT LIKE A CHRISTIAN, BUT IT TAKES A TRUE CHRISTIAN TO LIVE LIKE ONE.

#### DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2 11/18--12/14/2016

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Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

MAY 2017 BE A BLESSED
YEAR FOR EACH DOORKEEPER
FAMILY! PLEASE KEEP US
UPDATED REGARDING EVENTS
IN YOUR LIFE. REMEMBER WE
ARE JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY.

## RAYER CALENDAR

**JANUARY 2017** "I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

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Norma Ailes (FL)

H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

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GENESIS 1-2 (USA 324.6M)

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Eldon & Gayle Armstrong (SC)

Leonor Avila (MD)

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Tim Bash-GCCC (NJ)

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Dennis Hollandsworth Pastor

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David & Marna Boyd (OR)

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Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)

Kim Bradshaw (VA)

Lurline Braud (VA)

Michal Breed (WI)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

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GEN 10-11 (USA 324.6M)

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Arretta Bruce (TN)

Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)

Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

George & Janet Buck (NJ)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

GENESIS 12-14 (USA 324.6M)

Janice Bugg (TN/ENGLAND) Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL) Eileen Camarsena (NJ)

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Joeretha Capers (FL)

Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)

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Mary Columbus (VA)

Larry & Sue Cooper (DE) Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC) Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

GENESIS 15-17 (USA 324.6M)

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Harold & Tama Decker (NY)

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA) Lynn Elkins (TN)

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Don & Mary Enoch (FL)

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#### MONDAY, JANUARY 9

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Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Frank Geiger (HI)

Sara George (GA)

Gethsemai Fvan Center

Robert & Ann Lara Pastor

Gloucester Co. Community Ch (NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor

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Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)

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Joy Harper (VA)

Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN) Sadie Harris (VA)

Hazel Hartless (VA)

Jim Hengoed (CT)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

## GENESIS 25-26 (USA 324.6M)

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J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

Jack Henry (TN)

James & Kathryn Henry (MS)

Mark Henry (TN)

Melody Henry (VA)

Roger & Sara Henry (OH) Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

#### GENESIS 27-31 (USA 324.6M)

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Ed & Donna Hindson (VA)

Frank & Pat Hitchings (VA) Jeff Hodge (VA)

Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)

Joanna Holland (VA)

John & Glenda Holland (VA)

Anita Horton (VA)

Mike & Sonya Hosick (TN)

Jim & Debbie Howell (MD)

Coy Hunsucker (NC)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

GENESIS 32-36 (USA 324.6M)

Joyce Hunt (TN)

Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)

Ed Hurlow (IN)

Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)

Gerald/Tanny Jackson (WA)

Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

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Millicent John (NY)

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Paul Jones (KY)

W I & Eloise Jones (SC) Mohan Katta (IL)

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

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> Pray for safety and that the Word of the Lord will have free course.

## IN LOVING MEMORY A FRIEND OF THE PRAYER SEMINAR

MINISTRY
DR. ROBERT SUMNER
8/3/1922-12/5/2016
BAPTIST PASTOR,
EVANGELIST, AUTHOR,

FOUNDER-EDITOR
THE BIBLICAL EVANGELIST

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



## REFLECTOR ENTERS 63rd YEAR

Preparing copy for the Reflector is one of the responsibilities that I look forward to each month. The feedback has been precious beyond words. Some say they sit down and read the Reflector through and put it in their Bibles for future reference.

I covet your prayers. There is no subscription price. Anyone who wishes to be on the mailing list will be welcomed. It is through the Doorkeeper prayer and financial support that we are able to provide a print ministry. Thank you.

May each word strengthen you.

### JGHM: CUBA/VENEZUELA BRANCH

Over here we miss you very much. You and Adam are always present in our prayers. We ask God to bless the seminars we plan for January 1-15 in Santa Clara Province. The venues are set. Both pastors and the Cuban churches are excited and are ready. WE WANT OUR CHURCHES TO BE PRAYING CHURCHES.

[SPANISH: Aquí te echamos mucho de menos. Tú y Adán están siempre presentes en nuestras oraciones. Pedimos a Dios que bendiga los seminarios que planeamos del 1 al 15 de enero en la Provincia de Santa Clara. Los lugares están establecidos. Tanto los pastores como las iglesias cubanas están entusiasmados y listos.]

We have arranged the best price for printing the Spanish Prayer Seminar Workbooks, the manuals that will be our teaching tool in the language of our people and a gift to each participant from the Doorkeepers who love their brothers and sisters in Cuba. As Ropeholders, they allow us to go into the Cuban spiritual darkness with the gospel for the unsaved and with instruction for the saved.

We are eager to launch JGHM: CUBA AND VENEZUELA BRANCH as the ongoing vessel to establish Lighthouses of Prayer throughout our nations. We promise to do our best and use the ministry wisely.

For here we are in good health, thank God. The projector that JGHM gave me has been very helpful in teaching in different places and for the extension of the Kingdom of God. Thank you for coming to Cuba.

Receive a big hug from my wife, Lisbeysi, and daughter who has had her first birthday. We love you in the love of God.

Digmar and Lisbeysi. Santa Clara and Placetas Santa Clara Province

January 1960 I traveled to Cuba to conduct a crusade under the auspices of First Baptist Church, Placetas. Nine of the seventy saved were present when I returned in 2010, fifty years later. Through the grace of God, Digmar Garcia (pastor of First Baptist, Placetas, in 2010 and now pastor of Ninth Baptist Church, Santa Clara,) will become the director for J. GORDON HENRY MINISTRIES: CUBA AND VENEZUELA BRANCH.

Here is the strategy that we will follow to establish the new

ministry. ADAM AND DIANNA NATHANSON will work with Digmar for the first two weeks of January 2017. This will be a time of orientation for Digmar with Adam serving as his co-teacher and his mentor. After this, Digmar will be on his own. During the May seminars, Digmar taught sections of the prayer seminar under my guidance. He never knew before hand what sessions he would teach. "Come and teach this session, Digmar" was his only signal. As he taught, Adam interpreted into English what he was saying and

I was literally amazed not only at Digmar's grasp of the material, but his communication ability.

Fifty-seven years ago, God sent me to Cuba with an evangelistic message. What a wonderful way to begin 2017. There is a strong spirit of love and togetherness among the evangelical believers

On November 9, I ASKED the DOORKEEPERS to consider BECOMING ROPEHOLDERS FOR PRAYER SEMINARS IN EAST/CENTRAL AFRICA AND FOR CUBA/VENEZUELA. Martin Shikuku is the director for JGHM; EAST/CENTRAL AFRICA BRANCH (Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan, and Sudan). Digmar Gracia, assisted by Adam Nathanson, is the director for the newly formed JGHM; CUBA/VENEZUELA BRANCH.

The goal was \$7,000, an amount deemed sufficient to cover the January prayer seminars in Cuba and to replace funds that were used to support Martin's prayer seminars with Sudanese refugees in Nairobi, Kenya.

A door has been opened for Martin to telecast a full six-hour prayer seminar that can be seen by over three million. We have provided funds for this project, but additional funds will be needed.

As of Wednesday, December 14, when this copy is being written, forty Doorkeepers have given \$6.935.00 toward the goal. Based on the giving pattern for our Doorkeepers, we will receive the full amount and more.

## LOOKING AHEAD Sunday, January 15

PRAYER SEMINAR
9 s.m. -- 4 p.m.
Shenandoah Valley Baptist Church
4699 Valley Pike
Stephens City, Virginia
Gene Jones, Pastor
Contact: (540) 868-4020

## Broken things

God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to yield rain, broken grain to give strength. It was the broken alabaster box that gave forth perfume, and it was Peter, weeping bitterly, who returned to greater power than before.

Vance Havner

## Walking with God

Sometimes I walk in the shadow, Sometimes in the sunlight clear; But whether in gloom or brightness The Lord is very near. Sometimes I walk in the valley,

Sometimes on the mountain's crest; But whether on low or high road, The Lord is manifest.

Sometimes I walk in the shadow, Sometimes in waters cold; But whether by sands or streamlets

The Lord doth me enfold.
Sometimes I walk in green pastures,
Sometimes on barren land;

But whether in peace or danger, The Lord holds fast my hand.

Anonymous

ROPEHOLDERS NEEDED FOR OUR TEACHERS IN CUBA, EAST/CENTRAL AFRICA, VENEZUELA

#### THE ESSENCE OF GOD

GRACE depends on who and what God is. Therefore, since grace is based on God's character, it is essential to learn the characteristics of God's nature.

- 1. God is sovereign (Deuteronomy 4:39; Hebrews 6:13). God has "final say" and answers to no one. He is the Supreme Being of all the universes. He has absolute and perfect will and authority. He, and He alone, has final say.
- 2. God is absolute righteousness (1 Samuel 2:2; Luke 18:19, Psalm 145:17). This means that God is perfect goodness. He has no sin. He cannot be compared to anyone else.
- 3. God is perfect justice (Deuteronomy 32:4; Acts 10:34-35). It is impossible for God to be unfair. His justice demands that He punish sin. But since the Cross has satisfied God's justice, He is just to forgive our sins.
- 4. God is love (Deuteronomy 7:7-9; 1 John 4:8,16). Love is a perfect mental attitude minus hate, worry, hostility, revenge and jealousy. This is God's attitude of grace.
- 5. God is eternal life (Psalm 90:2; 1 John 5:20). This is God's life in us. It has no beginning nor ending. Thus, when we become a believer our lives will never end.
- 6. God is all knowing (Psalm 139:1-6; Colossians 2:3). God has always known everything about everything. He possesses all knowledge. This is God's omniscience.
- 7. God is everywhere at the same time (Psalm 139:7-12; Matthew 28:20). He is always with us, yet He is not a part of nature. This is God's omnipresence.

- 8. God is all powerful (Jeremiah 32:37; Luke 1:37; Matthew 28:18). This is God's omnipotence He is unlimited in ability and authority.
- 9. God is unchangeable (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8; James 1:17). God is immutable. He keeps His word. He is faithful.

10.God is perfect truth (Numbers 23:19; Hebrews 6:18; Titus 1:2). God is never in error. His truth is eternal and sustains us. This is God's veracity.

These thoughts give us some idea of how wonderful God is. Yet to the unbeliever and the uninformed, negative, carnal believer, God's essence is a threat. But to the positive informed, spiritual believer, God's essence is the source of the confidence, peace of mind and mental stability that is God's solution to every pressure and problem we face.

In 1988, I was conducting a prayer seminar at the Billiri Bible College in Northeast Nigeria. It was obvious that the Holy Spirit was doing a mighty work within those attending. During one worship period, I heard a song rendered in beautiful harmony of voices that I had never heard before. "What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve. Angels bow before Him, Heaven and earth adores Him, What a mighty God we serve." Several times following, I asked the students to sing that song again! All over Nigeria, a spiritual awakening swept the nation. Headlines in newspapers said, "Spiritual awakenings sweep Nigeria." Learn the essence of God and (your life will never be the same.

Remember that prayer is entering into the Holiest through the blood of Jesus (Hebrews 10:19).