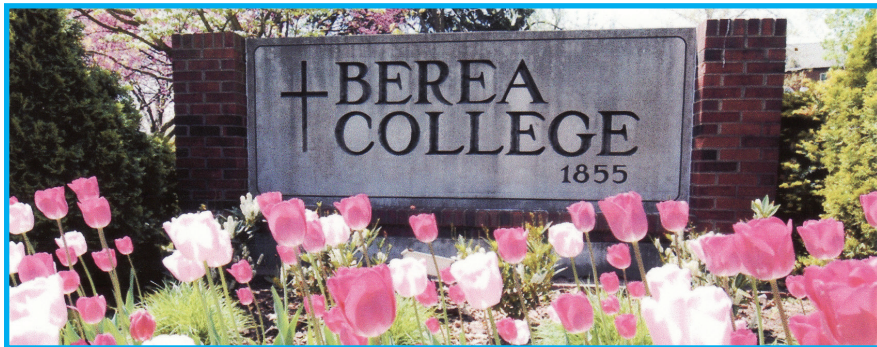


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BEREA COLLEGE BEREA, KENTUCKY WHERE IT ALL STARTED!

When I was informed by Berea College that my application had been accepted, I was deeply elated since the college had an impeccable reputation as one of the best small liberal arts colleges in the nation. That elation was deeply enhanced when I discovered that a program was in place whereby an incoming freshman could live and work on campus during the summer. So off to Berea, Kentucky, I headed in the summer of 1953. Coming from a rural background, the best fit seemed to be the dairy farm, attending to the needs of a prized dairy herd. Basically, two students worked there to assist the permanent staff with responsibilities to keep the hay in the barn, to the facilities clean, and get the milk to the dairy. I had never worked so hard in my life. I became disillusioned when the other college student, a senior, shirked his duties leaving more and more of the work for me.

One bright point, however, was my involvement in the Baptist Student Union and Berea Baptist Church. Both

the pastor, O. B. Mylum, and his wife Dixie, became close life-long friends and mentors. To say that they "believed in me" would be an understatement. I was only seventeen years old. When word came that there was a desperate need for a Sunday school teacher for children in west Berea, a fellow student and I volunteered. The children met on Sunday afternoon in a converted chicken house! Incredible, but true. The response was terrific and interest high. Not only did we teach the Bible, we became a part of the community.

One day, sitting on the front porch of Dewey Rose, he presented a challenge. "Why don't you begin a service for the adults? Most do not go to church. Meet in my house (the biggest and most prominent one in the community)." "But who would be the preacher," I inquired? "You," he said. I had led some Bible studies at our mid-week prayer meeting in Tennessee but had never preached a sermon! Unknowingly, that was my "call" to preach!

A Saturday in Jos, Nigeria

During my tenure as president of Northeastern Bible College, Essex Fells, New Jersey, Dr. Ian Hay, Executive Director, Sudan Interior Missions (SIM) and I became friends. A few years after JGHM was launched to provide the prayer seminar ministry, he asked if I would travel to Nigeria for seminars in their seminaries and Bible colleges. The results still remain among the most profound that we have witnessed. Working closely with SIM and the Evangelical Church of West Africa (ECWA), we traversed the nation with prayer seminars. The seminars were well received by seminar/Bible college administrators, staff, and students. Years later upon returning to Nigeria many pastors and leaders brought their prayer seminar certificates and/or workbooks saying that their entire lives were transformed during those days in ???? Further, during our ???? seminars attended by 13,000, a number of the current leaders of ECWA shared that they were students during the 1988 seminars and had built their lives and ministries on the Word of God and prayer. Whereas ECWA had 2.2 million members in 1988, their membership had grown to 5.6 million, attributing their spectacular growth to the power of prayer.

The very last seminar on our 1988 venue was in Jos, Plateau State, the headquarters of SIM and ECWA. Panya Baba, president of ECWA, had his driver drive all night from Port Harcourt so that he could participate in the prayer seminar. Actually, the seminar was delayed to await his arrival. Not only was the decision made by the ECWA leadership to place priority on prayer in every church, a prayer ministry was born that has literally taken the prayer seminar into hundreds upon hundreds of churches, both churches affiliated with ECWA and other groups.

ABIDING IN CHRIST

by Sunday Bwanhot

“I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

John 15:5

A branch is a natural growth out of a vine or tree. The branch is totally dependent on the vine for nourishment and fruitfulness. The quality of the vine determines the quality of the branches and the fruit they produce, unless the branch is infected by disease. The branch does not need to do anything apart from abiding in the vine and remaining healthy. It will then bear all the good fruit in line with the character of the vine. When we became children of God by faith, we became branches growing out of the Vine Jesus Christ.

When we abide in Christ, we become spiritually fruitful (**John 15:5**), experience answered prayers (**John 15:7**), experience peace (**John 16:33**), experience new life (**2 Corinthians 5:17**), live a righteous life (**Philippians 3:9**). It is impossible to be a fruitful Christian and not be abiding in Christ. But why are we not all fruitful? Just as disease hinders some branches from bearing fruit, so also **SIN** causes believers to be unfruitful, even though we are in Christ. Deal with **SIN** in your life so that you begin to bear fruit else the fate of fruitless branches will befall you.

A very distinguished gentleman with tribal marks on his cheeks listened intensely to every word and made copious notes in his workbook. During every break, he was there asking questions. His name was **Onesimus Sule**. He was pastor of one of the ECWA churches in Jos and was chaplain of the local seminary. It was during the Jos seminar that God called him to resign his positions and give his life to the prayer seminar ministry. A few days later, a young man, Sunday Bwanhot, who was in charge of the SIM/ECWA printing department received the same call and the two joined forces to develop one of the most remarkable prayer ministries in the world. Both had deep understanding of the content of the prayer seminar and were gifted administrators/teachers. A strong prayer ministry continues to this day.

Sunday's testimony is classic. Initially, he did not plan to attend the prayer seminar due to the six hours it would require. After all, he knew how to pray and practiced daily prayer. His compromise was to let the workers know that he would be sitting near a door and available when questions/problems arose. After being interrupted a few times, he informed the workers not to do it again because he wanted to be in the seminar. During the next few days, he began to put into practice new things that he had learned and his mind was troubled with a feeling that he should resign and devote his life to prayer seminars. Finally, he made an appointment to talk this matter over with Onesimus Sule. When time came, before Sunday had an opportunity to explain the reason he had come, Onesimus said: "I know why you are here.

God has called me in the same way!" Thus the two formed the prayer ministry. Their work was impeccable. Not only did they begin to teach seminars throughout Nigeria, they produced a publication similar to the **Reflector** that promoted prayer. Further, Sunday translated the prayer seminar into a book entitled **LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY**, a publication that is still in print and available in bookstores and through our office.

When Sunday informed me that God was calling him leave Nigeria with his family and move to Chicago as a missionary. I assured him that God was not, because he was needed in Nigeria. He was right and I was wrong. For the past eighteen years, he has worked with West Africans in the United States. Nor only does his influence continue in his native country, Nigeria, it has expanded greatly in our nation.

Onesimus retired and has been followed by outstanding Christian leaders whose influence with ECWA has been tremendous. The son of a Muslim oman, he served the Lord faithfully and has now been promoted to Heaven.

For the next few months, I want to share some of insights about prayer that Sunday has developed from the Word of God and from the crucible of experience. We will begin with his series entitled, **GROWING YOUR PRAYER LIFE**.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

**PRAY FOR PEACE TO
RETURN TO BURUNDI!**

Growing your prayer life

Of all the Christian disciplines we can enumerate, prayer tops the list as the most difficult of such disciplines. It is not surprising then that it also stands as the most repeated prayer need of most believers: to grow in my prayer life. A prayerless Christian is a powerless and ineffective Christian. Everything he stands for as a Christian will come crashing down when Satan trips him. One can then appreciate the intense teachings Jesus gave on prayer and how he devoted more time in prayer than to His teaching ministry. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation" (**Mark 14:38**). "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (**Luke 11:9**). "Then Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up: (**Luke 18:1**),

The early Church had nothing to rely on but prayer, and they prayed. Paul urges us to "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests: (**Ephesians 6:18**). "Devote yourselves to prayer" (**Colossians 4:2**), "Pray continually" (**1 Thessalonians 5:17**).

Most Christians have a deep-down desire to grow in his/her prayer life following biblical and practical approaches. A few years ago, Sunday Bwanhot wrote a series of practical steps to take to grow your prayer life based on the knowledge and insights that he gain from the prayer seminar. When we published them in 2007's **Reflectors**, we did so with the following challenge: **IF YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN WHO IS NOT**

ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER, WHY NOT GET STARTED BY FOLLOWING CAREFULLY SUNDAY'S SERIES DEALING WITH PRACTICAL STEPS TO GROWING YOUR PRAYER LIFE? The challenge remains the same.



Growing your prayer life

Sunday Bwanhot

Growing your prayer life:

1. **What is Prayer?** The journey to a successful prayer life begins with a proper understand of what prayer is. Although all Christians have uttered a prayer at one time or the other in their lives, prayer is still largely misunderstood by the majority of Christians. How else can we explain that fact that one of the most powerful tools available to us PRAYER is the least attractive of our Christian activities? Most western Christians spend an average of four minutes in prayer in a day and Church prayer meetings are either non-existent or attended by fewer than five percent of the congregation. What then is prayer? Prayer is more than just asking God for things or His intervention in situations that your own resources cannot provide for you.

Some people turn to prayer only when they have a need. Prayer is more than a wish to a benevolent being without an assurance that it will be answered. Prayer is fellowship with the Living God. It is a real fellowship where God's Spirit and your spirit commune together with God's Word (the Bible) and your word (prayer) "dialoguing." This fellowship brings a mortal being into the presence of the immortal

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"Pray!" Russ Hornbaker's last word: —and then he left for Home!

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints" (Psalm 116:15. "For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens ... to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:1,8c).

For over ///years, William Russell and Dorothy Hornbaker have provided prayer and financial support for the prayer seminar ministry. A deep friendship has developed. When we became friends, he was in the process of retiring from an administrative position with the Grand Rapids, Michigan, schools. Not only was he an educator, but a scout leader, a Christian leader, an avid golfer and golf pro at the Holland County Cub. "Steady" was the first word that came to mind anytime I thought of him. He and Dorothy had been married for seventy years.



A few days ago, our brother did not feel well with considerable pain. He was eighty-nine. On Saturday, April 11, he could not get out of the shower. Dot called 911 and he was rushed to the hospital. On Sunday morning, April 12, Dot and Kathryn, their nurse daughter, were with him. He said, "PRAY." Dot put her hands on him and began to pray when Kathryn said, "Mother, he is gone." What a way for a person of faith to make his exodus. Dorothy said that "his pain is gone. He is now home in Glory" with the Father, the Son, and is now among that great cloud of witnesses where so many of our Doorkeepers now reside.

CHRISTIAN BASHING CONTINUES

In a panel discussion at Georgetown University on Tuesday, April 12, there was an open attack on Christians from the highest level of the U. S. government. One headline simply stated, "Christian Bashing Continues." When one reads a synopsis of the remarks, he would have to conclude that the lines have now been drawn. The particular vices of Christians have been articulated: defending traditional marriage, anti-abortion, LGBT.

Without doubt, Christians are locked in a fierce conflict with liberal, immoral forces who despise Christianity, its teachings, and its followings. How should we react? We should begin by **STANDING UP FOR JESUS** on our knees and then making our voices heard. It's time! Let's defeat the effort to change America. Together, we can!

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Since it was the Baptist tradition for a home church to "license" a person who felt a call to preach, I preached my first sermon a few days before my 17th birthday at the White Oak Baptist Church, Valley Home, Morristown, Tennessee and was duly "licensed" to preach. The adult "home" meetings soon were formed into Westside Baptist Church, Berea, Kentucky. A few months later, I was called as pastor by the Liberty Avenue Baptist Church where I received my "boot training" for ministry!

Wilson Evans, Dean of Labor, heard of my unhappiness at the Dairy Barn and suggested that I visit Dean Charles Shutt in the Office of Guidance and Testing. The skills that I developed with Dean Shutt and Miss Margaret Sloan, his administrative assistant, have served me well both in my career as a professional educator and as a pastor. To say that the Berea College education "prepared" me for further graduate students and for life would be an understatement. In a real sense, being a Berean has made a difference in my life that is beyond explaining by mere words! I thank God for a Berea College education!

SHAME ON U.S.

The U.S. is one of the few remaining countries in the world that allows abortions after twenty weeks.
SHAME ON US for allowing murdering babies!

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NOTES from my BIBLE



Note 2276. Prayer is the work that must come before all other work done for God.

Note 2277. God has ordained prayer as the undergirding tool to get His work done.

Note 2278. Prayer is without doubt our most untapped resource.

Note 2279. "Lord, help us to meditate on Your revealed truths in Your written Word until these become realities in our lives.

Note 2280. If your Bible were misplaced, how would its absence affect your daily life?

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

April 22--May 21, 2014

Regular	?	?
Brazil	?	?
Kenya	<u>1</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total	6?	\$6,720.00



THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!

Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:9

PRAYER CALENDAR**JUNE 2015***"I will give myself to prayer..."*

Psalm 109:4b

MONDAY, JUNE 1

Psalm 1-6 (Fiji 896,758)

Mae Adams (NC)
 Marie Adams (VA)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
 Norma Ailes (FL)
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

Psalm 7-12 (Fiji 896,758)

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

Psalm 13-18 (Finland 5.3M)

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)

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Psalm 19-24 (France 66M)

Everett/Deborah Boston (MD)
 William/Debbie Bowden (NC)
 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)

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

Psalm 25-30 (Fr Polynesia 277,293)

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Psalm 31:36 (Gabon 1.6M)

Janice Bugg (TN/Chin)
 M/M Vernon Bundt (IA)
 Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Mary Campbell (ID)
 Laura Cannon (FL)
 Joeretha Capers (FL)
 Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)
 Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)
 David & Martha Cecil (VA)

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Psalm 31-36 (Gambia 1.9M)

Gus/Janice Christofield (VA)
 Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)
 Vernia Coleman (MD)
 Mary Columbus (VA)
 Kathie Connolly (VA)
 Foster/Georgia Covington (VA)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
 Jerru & Joan Crain (SC)
 Dan Cravey (VA)
 Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

MONDAY, JUNE 8

Ida J. Davis (GA)
 John Davis (VA)
 Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
 Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
 Mary J. Dugans (LA)

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Psalm 37-44 (Gaza Strip 1.8M)

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)
 Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Don & Mary Enoch (FL)
 Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
 James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Psalm 45-49 (Georgia 4.6M)

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Psalm 50-54 (Germany 81.1M)

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

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Psalm 55-59 (Ghana 25.2M)

Linda Gregory (UT)

Charles Hale (VA)
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
 Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)
 George & Joy Harper (VA)
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
 Jim Hengoed (CT)
 Gina Henry (VA)
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
SATURDAY, JUNE 13
 Psalm 60-66 (Gibraltar 29,111)
 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)
 Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)
 Anita Horton (VA)
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)
 Joyce Hunt (TN)

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Psalm 67-72 (Greece 10.8M)

Ed Hurlow (IN)
 Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)
 Gerald/Tanny Jackson (WA)
 Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

MONDAY, JUNE 15

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Psalm 73-77 (Kenya 44M)

Howard/Suzie Kauffman (GA)
 Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY) Darren Hisel, Pastor
 Larry & Janet King (NC)
 Robert/Andrea Klepper (TN)
 Quintin & Mary Knauer (OH)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17**Psalm 78-83 (Kenya 44M)**Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
Korean Branch:Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
Steven/Dawn Lambert (NC)
Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
Phil & Edra Landers (OK)
Charles/Cynthia Larson (MI)
Bob Lawrence (MD)
Del & Mary Leach (VA)
Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)**THURSDAY, JUNE 18****Psalm 84-89 (Kenya 44M)**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)
Ed Lucas (VT)
Rachel Mann (NC)
Manship Chapel (DE)
Bruce & Vickie Tribbett
Wilma Marcum (KY)**FRIDAY, JUNE 19****Psalm 90-97 (Kenya 44M)**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)**SATURDAY, JUNE 20****Psalm 95-108 (Kenya 44M)**Betsy Miedema (MI)
Gwen Miller (VA)
Marvel Mills (VA)
Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)
Ted & Natalie Monroe (KY)
Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
French & Laura Moore (VA)
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)**SUNDAY, JUNE 21****Psalm 104-106 (Kenya 44M)**Elaine Moser (MN)
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)**MONDAY, JUNE 22**Ben Poplin (VA)
Ayers Porter (TN)
Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)
Dave & Marilyn Rainey (VA)
Jeannette Ralph (VA)
Marjorie Randall (TX)
John Reed (NH)
Dave Ricker (ME)
Alice Riddick (NC)
Joyce Riley (KY)
Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)
Cynthia Roach (VA)
Bo & Betty Robinson (MS)
Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)**TUESDAY, JUNE 23****Psalm 107-110 (Kenya 44M)**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)**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24****Psalm 111-118 (Kenya 44M)**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)
Charlie & Liz Sill (VA)**THURSDAY, JUNE 25****Psalm 119 (Kenya 44M)**Paul & Mary Smith (TX)
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
Leroy/Suk Hi Standifer (WA)
Tim & Pam Steger (ID)**FRIDAY, JUNE 26****Psalm 120-127 (Kenya 44M)**Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
Charles Stinson (VA)
Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX)
William Suttles (NC)
Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)**SATURDAY, JUNE 27****Psalm 128-134 (Kenya 44M)**Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)
Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
Stephanie Taylor (GA)
Rose Tengstrand (VA)
Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)
Larry & Donna Thompson (VA)
Montez Thompson (WI)
William & Katie Toney (NC)
Virginia Trask (VA)**SUNDAY, JUNE 28****Psalm 135-139 (Kenya 44M)**Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)
Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
Malcom Troutman (KY)
Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)
Willie/Diane Troutman (KY)**MONDAY, JUNE 29****Psalm 140-145 (Kenya 44M)**Tommy/Frances Turpin (VA)
Sara Underwood (TN)
Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
Harris/Jane Verkaik (MI)
George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
Keith/Doris Snyder Verrall (FL)
Walter/Mary Ann Voss (DE)
Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)
Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)**TUESDAY, JUNE 30****Psalm 146-150 (Kenya 44M)**Kay Warmerdam (TX)
Joyce Warpoole (TN)
Rodger Watts (WI)
Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
Kay Wice (GA)
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)
Jeff Williamson (GA)
Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
Julie L. Wilson (PA)
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
Eva Winebarger (VA)
Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
David & Lili Wykle (VA)
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DAILY INTERCESSION

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You do not have to bear your burden alone. We are eager to pray with you and then supply needed prayer support daily. Keep us updated.

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Katherine Morgan (VA)

Isabel Robotham (NY)

Pearl Shields (VA)

Sam Simpson [Lola] (NY)

Mary Skiles (KS)

Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)

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

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Paula Tipton (Thailand)

Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil)

Robert & Joana Waismam (Brazil)

Silas Yashim (Nigeria)



Prayer board pictures

To all of you who have sent "new" pictures for the **Doorkeeper Prayer Board**, thank you. Since I am in that room often throughout the day, I can "see" and pray for you. A picture that came from Nowata, Oklahoma, brought back memories of a prayer seminar at First Baptist Church on February 23, 1992. I was a guest of **M/M Phil Landers**, who became **Doorkeepers** for the prayer seminar ministry and have remained in the "most faithful" category.

When I reviewed the February calendar, I was "shocked" to see that I was on the road nineteen of the twenty-nine days either conducting prayer seminars (Florida, Hawaii, Michigan, Virginia, Wisconsin) or visits for the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (Florida, Hawaii, North Carolina). In addition, I participated in the Governor's Prayer Breakfast in Nashville, Tennessee.

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God and what happens there is better experienced than described. When rightly engaged with God in this fellowship, your personal needs shrink and become secondary compared to the exaltation of the Presence and attributes of God. Praising God is the chief need and the chief end of man. Until you get into this sort of prayer ground, you are only living on the fringes of your relationship with God. This is what prayer is and about.

Growing your prayer life.

2. Why Pray? We have defined prayer as fellowship or communion with God. This definition also provides the strongest motivation on why we should pray. First, we should pray because fellowship, or communion, requires a dialogue God and you! God does not need you and me to be God and He is not less fulfilled because someone is refusing to have fellowship with Him. We, rather than God, are the ones who desperately need to reconnect to God. Our search for meaning in life and ways to make our lives count are expressions of our deep longing to reconnect with the God who make us. As long as people do not get to the point of "dialoguing" (praying) with God regularly, their lives will remain empty, unfulfilled, frustrating and even depressing. A second reason to pray is that your own resources cannot meet your needs. Therefore, you need to turn to God who owns everything and can supply all your needs. Thirdly, God commands us to pray. Whether there is benefit in praying or not, that is beside the point. We cannot ignore God's command for that matter and

go scot-free.

God delights in your prayers; don't deny Him. Your family, friends, and nation, are being supported by your prayers; don't pull the plug on them. You yourself need your own prayer to remain sane in this world; don't go crazing by not praying.

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3. Prayer not a spiritual gift, but a Command! We have defined prayer as fellowship or communion with God. God desires it; we will be insane without it and our lives will just be plain purposeless. All through Scriptures, God calls on His people to pray. Just a few examples will suffice for now: "If My people ... shall humble themselves and pray ..." (**2 Chronicles 7:14**); "Call to Me and I will answer ..." (**Jeremiah 33:3**); "Devote yourselves to prayer ..." (**Colossians 4:2**); "Pray continually" (**1 Thessalonians 5:17**); "Watch and pray so that you do not fall into temptation" (**Matthew 21:41**); "I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer" (**1 Timothy 2:8**). Unlike spiritual gifts, which are assigned differently to individuals as the Holy Spirit chooses to give them, prayer is a basic foundational premise for every believer. We are all commanded to pray.

God gives you twenty-four hours a day and commands you to use part of that time to pray. When you choose to use the time for something else He did not command you to do, what excuse can you give to God? If we are not obeying God, then we are not following Him. Sounds too hard? Sometimes that is how the truth sounds and certainly now!

Lessons from longest prayer in the Bible

Note. God's Word abounds with commands, examples, promises, and encouragements to pray. There are 650 recorded prayers in the Bible, not counting those in the Psalms. 450 have recorded answers.

Kneel down and worship. The Hebrew words usually translated worship mean "to bow down" or "to prostrate oneself out of respect." The underlying thought is that of showing reverence, a growing awareness of who God is, the expression of awe and praise. Worship is praising God for who He by nature is.

One helpful study is Solomon's prayer of dedication of the temple recorded in 2 Chronicles 6:12-42. It is the longest prayer recorded in the Bible and is full of both praise and petition. Ascending a special platform in the temple court, Solomon spread out his hands and prayed. He had much for which to be thankful. Emboldened by grace, he had much for which to ask. Two of the five elements of prayer are involved: **ASKING**: seeking for self (petition) and seeking for others (intercession).

First of all (6:14-17) Solomon prayed about the throne of Israel. God had kept His word thus far concerning His promises to David. The king asked that His faithfulness might continue. The four sentences that follow (6:18-21) contain the sum and substance of the entire prayer. All that follows is an expansion of the simple thought expressed by the verbs "hear" and "forgive" (v 21).

Solomon requests the Lord to hear & judge oaths taken before His altar (6:22-23). Then he asks forgiveness for sin that might cause Israel to be defeated by her enemies (vv 24-25). He requests rain after drought caused by sin (vv 26-27). He requests deliverance from famine or pestilence in order that the people might learn the fear of the Lord (vv 28-31). He requests that foreigners may see God's work when they come to call on His great Name (vv 32-33). He requests victory in battle (vv 34-35). Finally, He requests deliverance from captivity once the people repent and confess their wickedness (vv 36-39).

Solomon closed by requesting three things (6:40-42). (1) that his prayer be accepted; (2) for grace and joy for the priests, those who served God in the temple; and (3) for favor for himself based on God's great love for his father David.

Lest you think that prayer consists of **ASKING** only, go through it once more. There is a great deal about the attributes of God here that we can incorporate in our worship as we pray: God's uniqueness (v 14), lovingkindness (v 14), transcendence (v 18), infinity (v 18), omnipresence (v18), justice (v 23), forgiveness (vv 25,27, etc), omniscience (v 30), grace (v 33), and mercy (vv 38-39).

Be sure that you set aside some quality time in your praying to worship and adore God. Our praying does not change God. He will never be any greater than He already is. Mortal man cannot add to God's perfections. Our worship will not change God; our worship changes

Favorite pictures



When I say that we have thousands of pictures from our work in other nations, I am not overly stating the matter. For many years, we used a polaroid camera and had a goal of one-hundred pictures for each trip overseas. Actually, I have a mind full of memories, but often simply enjoy turning through albums. Some have become favorite pictures for sure.

The above picture is from **South Korea**. The director/founder of JGHM: **Korean Branch, Dr. Shin, and his wife** are putting boxes of prayer seminar workbooks into a public bus for transport to the next prayer seminar.



TYPICAL SCENE



OUTDOOR PRAYING (PLAZA)

BRAZIL REPORT

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During our 2008 visit, the theme was **Blessing Believers in Brazil**. **Establishing Lighthouses of Prayer to Push Against Spiritual Darkness** was the 2015 theme. Both efforts were highly successful. There were nineteen different venues established for the prayer seminars (either full- or mini-seminars) ranging from Igreja Baptista da Lagoinha (60,000 members) to the historic First Baptist Church, founded in 1912, in the Center of Belo Horizonte. There were thirty-five professions of faith and many decisions of rededication and commitment to become Lighthouses of Prayer. **You prayed! You gave! God blessed and gave the increase!**

BEGIN TO PRAY NOW FOR THE OCTOBER PRAYER SEMINARS IN VARGAS STATE, VENEZUELA. PLANS ARE TO CONDUCT A PRAYER SEMINAR IN EACH OF THE THIRTEEN REGIONS IN THIS IMPORTANT STATE, HOME OF THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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