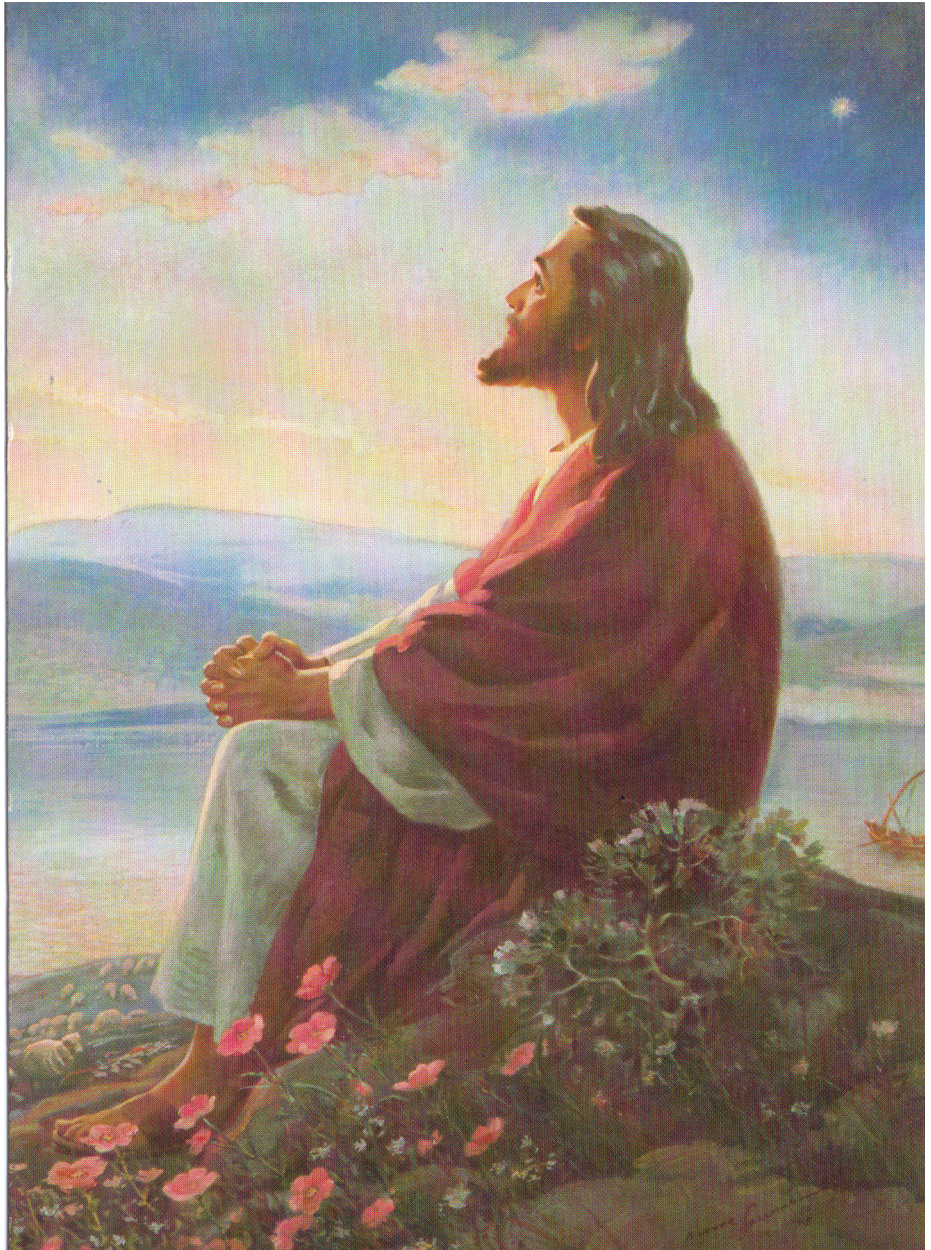


REFLECTOR

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PERSPECTIVES

During the past few months, focus has been placed on the five elements of prayer using a simple acronym **A-C-T-S** to learn and apply the elements: **A-DORATION, C-ONFESSION, T-HANKSGIVING, S-EEKING (1) for self-PETITION and (2) for others, I-NTERCESSION.** While this does not communicate in other languages, those who understand English can use it effectively as a memory device. Even young children and young believers can benefit from learning and applying this model.

In the June issue of the „, the **A-C-T-S** model was introduced in a **Perspective** study entitled “A Simple Beginning.” I explained my intentions to cover the elements, not to present new material, but to remind the readers of things they knew already. I suggested that these issues be kept for future study.

A-doration is the praise and worship element when we look at God and love Him for Who He is. This element was the focus of our studies in the July and August issues of the **Reflector**. “Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised” (**Psalm 48:1a**). Praise is glorifying and exalting God for who and what He is His essence, His character, His attributes. We are instructed to “enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures for ever, His faithfulness continues through all generations” (**Psalm 100:4-5**). Note that praise is coupled with thanksgiving, another element of prayer.

Since a productive approach to learning is to introduce material, move to other material, and then return to the initial material, this is the pattern that I pretty well follow in my teaching--introduce, move away, and then come back keeps the

mind active. In the August and September issues, I spent time on the **Model Prayer** as a summary of prayer overall. In the October **Reflector**, focus was being on praying ground to ensure that prayer is meaningful and is getting to God. That issue covered confessing and forsaking known sin and yielding to the Holy Spirit.

Now it is time for the third element of prayer **Thanksgiving**. **T-hanksgiving** is thanking God for what He has done and for what He is going to do. We are reminded by myriad Scriptures to pray with thanksgiving. Paul often counseled his readers to pray **with thanksgiving**. His instruction would be enough to settle the point, but you will find that the emphasis is in many psalms, as well.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication, **with thanksgiving**, let your requests be known to God, and the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (**Philippians 4:4-7**).

As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abound-ing in it **with thanksgiving**. (**Colossians 2:6-7**).

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it **with thanks-giving**. (**Colossians 4:2**)

Therefore, I exhort, that first of all, supplications, prayers, inter-cessions, and **giving of thanks**, be made for all men (**1 Timothy 2:1**).

“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good” (**Psalm 118:1**). After all, God is the One who “daily loadeth us with benefits” (**Psalm 68:19**). The psalmist reminds us: “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits” (**Psalm 103:2**). It is easy to forget. It is very easy to neglect thanksgiving as is illustrated when nine of the ten lepers healed by Jesus did not say “thank you,” which would have been common courtesy. Only one returned to thank Him causing a sense of wonder in the mind of Jesus. He observed, “Were there not ten healed? Where are the nine?” (**Luke 17:17**).

We need to express thanksgiving in our prayer time, not that it will change God. **Matthew Henry** pointed out that we cannot “add to God’s perfections.” He will never be any greater than He already is. Neither praise nor thanksgiving will change God; these elements change us.

THINK-THANK

John Bunyan, in **Pilgrim’s Progress**, described the most dangerous stretch of the journey for Pilgrim as he moved from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City and **Forgetful Green**. I know what he was talking about. Do you? It is **when you become thankful, you will become thankful**.

REMEMBER HIS BENEFITS

Thanksgiving should be both personal and specific as is illustrated in **Psalm 103**, a classic expression of worship blended with thanksgiving. Let’s review a few items listed by the psalmist. (1) **Forgiveness** (v 3) for “all” sins. There is no such thing as partial forgiveness. The Hebrew word for pardon basically means “lifting up,” and the idea is a weight being lifted. Sin weighs upon a person, though he may have

become so accustomed to that burden that he is not conscious of its great load until it has been lifted by the Lord. The night that I was saved (six days away from my thirteenth birthday in a tent meeting in White Pine, Tennessee on September 24, 1948), I walked home from the service and do not believe that my feet touched the ground. You see the burden that I was carrying, (which I was not even aware of until it was gone) was lifted. The idea behind forgiveness is lifting up or a release from the burden of sin lifting and removing a heavy load. Remembering this act of grace from God will evoke thanksgiving. (2) **Healing diseases** (v 3). This is a term that encompasses more than physical infirmities. Rather, it can be applied to any distress of body or mind; frequently, such distresses were associated with wrong doing. Thus, the restoration is more than restoration of physical vigor; it includes restoration of the peace of God. (3) **Redemption** (v 4) *from destruction*. David affirmed that “there is a step between me and death” (**1 Samuel 20:3**). That is true of all of us. From the moment a person is born, he begins to die and there is a constant renewal going on in our cells to maintain life. (4) **Glorification** (v 5). The Lord **crowns us with loving kindness and tender mercies**. (5) **Provision** (v 5) **Satisfies us with good things**. (6) **Strength** (v 5) *--youth renewed like the eagle’s* (7) **Protection** (v 6). The proper response for all He has done for us is thanksgiving. He is worthy. Making a list of His benefits evokes thanksgiving.

The tradition followed in many churches where I served as pastor was asking for testimonies following the injunction “Let the redeemed of the Lord say so” (**Psalm 107:2**). One thing that always struck me is how many began by saying, “First of all, I thank the Lord for my salvation.” **The greatest benefit of all is salvation--forgiveness and cleansing from all sin..**

It would be a good idea to begin and end your day with an expression of thanksgiving for your salvation. You could not save yourself; He paid the price for your salvation when He took your sins in His own body.

BE SPECIFIC

Daily, we receive “exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think” (**Ephesians 3:20**). We neither know all the things we need each day, nor do we have the insight to pray for many of them. **BUT GOD GIVES THEM TO US NEVERTHE-LESS. WHAT GRATITUDE SHOULD THIS AWARENESS AWAKEN IN US!** There is no more accurate spiritual thermometer with which to measure the health of the inner man (spirit-soul-heart) than the presence or absence of expressed gratitude to God. Anyone who really wants to be grateful can be; each person can develop the attitude of gratitude. Frankly, gratitude to God begins with a decision of the human will to be grateful and then come to God **with thanksgiving**.

“Count your blessings.” Make a list. As you name them, one by one, it will surprise you what the Lord has done. If you and I are not careful, to be thankful for EVERYTHING may lead us to be thankful for NOTHING. It is beneficial, always, to be specific. When I was putting the material together (that is now in the **Prayer Seminar Workbook**, p 27), I listed sixteen items that came to my mind as examples: my creation; privilege of being alive in God’s beautiful world; forgiveness of sin, new life in Christ, God’s constant presence, God’s patience, health and strength: mental/physical/emotional/spiritual, abounding material gifts, privilege of prayer and answers, victories in life through God’s power, God’s leadership and guidance, God’s discipline, home: strength, security, and love; blessed fellowship of a local church, Christian friends, and glorious hope of everlasting life. Yes, **if you will**

be thankful, you will be thankful. As you look at your list, you can give thanks for each blessing that you have listed.

Another practical suggestion is to focus on the four basic categories of life physical, material, spiritual, people. Choose one blessing from each category and tell God why you are thankful. Do this daily and it will keep thanksgiving in your praying fresh and rewarding.

THANKSGIVING DAY IN AMERICA

Although we are in the month of **THANKSGIVING IN AMERICA**, my remarks are intended to be helpful during every day. **Adoration (Praise) is glorifying God for Who and what He is. Thanksgiving is thanking God for what He has done and for what He is going to do.** Praise and thanksgiving are expressions of acknowledgement, approval, admiration, and adoration to God for who He is and for what He has done.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

Ephesians 5:18

THANKS FOR DOORKEEPERS! PARTNERS IN MINISTRY!

“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you “ (Philippians 1:3); “We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers” (1 Thes 1:2)

[An item from my prayer list following the Doorkeeper Prayer Calendar daily. JGH]

The Greatest Blessing

**As Jesus died, He cried out, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”
(Mark 15:34)**

These words are undoubtedly the most mysterious in Scripture. It's not that we can't grasp what they mean. Some, of course, say the words reflect the pained surprise of a God-intoxicated man, who finally realized that God would not lift Him from the cross. But the New Testament gives us a better explanation. Paul said that Jesus was made “sin for us” (**2 Corinthians 5:21**). In a moment of time, the dammed up flood of human sin was released, and cascade with awful force and into the Son of God.

In that moment, when the Son of God became sin for us, the Father looked away. For the first and only time in all eternity, within the matrix of the One God, Father and Son were brutally torn apart.

So we do know what the words mean. What we can never understand is what the experience they represent meant to Father and to Son. We can never plumb the depths of Jesus' anguish or sense the waves of pain that echoed out through all eternity. We can never envision the corrosive scars that sin engraved on sinlessness.

All we can do is stand at the foot of the cross, hear that cry, and realize that what Jesus did for us cost Him more than we can begin to imagine.

And say, “Thank You, Lord.”

Larry Richards

I am His and He is mine

Loved with everlasting love,
Led by grace that love to know
Spirit, breathing from above,
Thou has taught me it is so!
O this full and perfect peace,
O this transport all divine
In a love which cannot cease,
I am His and He is mine.

Heav'n above is softer blue,
Earth around is sweeter green;
Something lives in ever hue
Christless eyes have never seen!
Birds with gladder songs o'erflow,
Flow'rs with deeper beauties shine,
Since I know, as now I know,
I am His and He is mine.

Things that once were wild alarms
Cannot now disturb my rest;
Closed in everlasting arms,
Pillowed on the loving breast!
O to lie forever here,
Doubt and care and self resign,
While He whispers in my ear
I am His and He is mine.

His forever, only His
Who the Lord and me shall part?
Aha, with what a rest of bliss
Christ can fill the loving heart!
Heav'n and earth may fade and flee,
Firstborn light in gloom decline,
But while God and I shall be,
I am His and He is mine.

Wade Robinson

SEND US

Send us around the world with the news of Your saving power and Your eternal plan for all mankind. How everyone throughout the earth will praise the Lord! . . . And people from remotest lands will worship Him.”

Psalm 67:2-3, 7b Living Bible

Gleanings from Letter-Writing Month

The front cover is a painting from **Warner Sallman** that was on a card sent by **Sara Underwood** (one of my high school classmates and a very faithful **Door-keeper**). Her message is precious: "Wishing you treasured moments spent with our Savior . . . a lifetime blessed with His love." Included was the following poem written by **Phyllis Robins**:

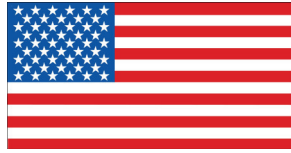
Strength for today is all you need,
Not strength for today and tomorrow;
Tomorrow's dawn will always bring
A fresh supply to borrow;
Use every bit of strength God sends;
He gives beyond all measure,.
Giving mercy day by day
Is our loving Father's pleasure.

Sara wrote: "God is so good! Hope you two [Sue & Jim] have many years together." On my seventy-sixth birthday September 30, I set aside time to read the greetings from around the nation and draw strength from the love of Christ that the expressions represented. I am so blessed by the friendships that God has given me through the prayer seminar ministry. Thank you, my brothers and sisters.

A grateful heart

Thou has given so much to me,
Give me one more thing a grateful heart,
Not thankful when it pleases me,
As if Thy blessings had spare days
But such a heart
Whose pulse may be Thy praise.

George Herbert



**GOD
BLESS
AMERICA!**

**NOTES
from my
BIBLE**

Note 2056. God's giving deserves our thanksgiving and thanksgiving.

Note 2057. Think and thank on Thanksgiving Day. Include both to be blessed as never before.

Note 2058. No one can give thanks who has a short memory.

Note 2059. Our despondent moods are, for the most part, moods of ingratitude. Try thanksgiving! Sincere gratitude is a spiritual attitude.

Note 2060. Thanksgiving is possible only for those who take time to remember.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

September 21-October 19, 2011

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Cuba	21	2,110.50
Total	71	\$5,537.00



THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!

**WHEN SOMETHING NEEDS TO
BE DONE, AND IN THE LONG RUN, IT
IS NOT DONE, THEN YOU AND I ARE
AMONG THOSE WHO DID NOT DO IT.**

PRAYER CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2011

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

ACTS 1-4 (Niue 1,298)

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)
Zane & Burman Abbott (VA)
Marie Adams (VA)
Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
Norma Ailes (NJ)

H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

ACTS 5-7 (Norfolk Is 3,141)

Milcie Arnold (VA)
Leonor Avila (MD)
Bill & Karen Baker (VA)
Consuela Baker (NC)
Carolyn Barkley (NY)
Walter & Marilyn Barry (VA)
Wendy Barthel (IL)
Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

ACTS 8-9 (N. Cyprus 31,484)

Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)
Jean Beasley (TN)
Tommy Bell (TN)
Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)
Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)
Bob & Beverly Blankenship (TN)
Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

ACTS 10-12 (Mariana 51,484)

Bob Bouchard (KY)
William & Debbie Bowden (NC)
Gordon/Chloe Ann Bowyer (VA)
David & Marna Boyd (CA)
Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
Emilee & Kim Bradshaw (VA)
Nancy Bretz (PA)
Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)
Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)

Mary Ann Brown (GA)
Thomas & Norma Brown (NC))

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 **ACTS 13-15 (Norway 4.6M)**

Jack & Arretta Bruce (KY)
Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)
Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)
Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
George & Carol Buck (NJ)
Janice Bugg (TN/CHINA)
James L. Burke (IL)
Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
Mary Campbell (ID)
Laura Cannon (FL)
Pat & Cindy Caparossi (MI)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

David & Martha Cecil (VA)
Gus & Janice Christofield (VA)
Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)
Margarie Coffee (VA)
Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)
Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)
Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

ACTS 16-18 (Oman 3.4M)

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
Bill & Beverly Curtis (PA)
Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)
Ida J. Davis (GA)
John & Margaret Davis (VA)
Mark & Charmaine Davis (VA)
Lelia Dean (FL)
Harold & Tama Decker (NY)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

ACTS 19-20 (Pakistan 175M)

Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
Jamie Dugan (IL)
Mary J. Dugans (LA)
Ivy Early (NC)
Walt Edwards (NC)
Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)
Grace Eldridge (NJ)
Lynn Elkins (TN)
Evalena Enoch (VA)
Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)
Lynne Farrow (NJ)
Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

ACTS 21-23 (Palau 20,796)

June Fisher (TN)
Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
Estelle Gabbard (KY)
Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)
Frank Geiger (HI)
Robert & Sara George (GA)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

ACTS 24-26 (Panama 3.4M)

Gloucester Co. Community Ch
Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)
Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)
Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
Chad & Windy Goodner (OK)
Odether Gray (GA)
Linda Gregory (UT)
Tim & Merry Gregory (Thailand)
Charles Hale (VA)
George & Joy Harper (VA)
Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)
Jim & Joyce Hengoe (FL/CT)
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11
ACTS 27-28 (Papua N.G. 5.9M)
Bruce/Gina/Sean Henry (VA)
Doug Henry (TN)
J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
Jacqueline Henry (VA)
Jamey Henry (MS)
Mark Henry (TN)
Melody Henry (VA)
Roger Henry (OH)
Susan Henry (TN)
Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
Joanna Holland (VA)
John & Glenda Holland (VA)
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12
ROMANS 1-3 (Paraguay 7M)
Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)
Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
Sam & Linda Hough (VA)
Coy Hunsucker (NC)
Joyce Hunt (TN)
Wilbert & Almaretta Hupp (PA)
Ed Hurlow (IN)
H. J. Hutchins (LA)
Jide & Bunmi Iwarere (MD)
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13
Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)
Gene & Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)
Louis & May Jenkins (DC)
Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
Millicent John (NY)
Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
Wilbur & Gwen Johnson (AZ)
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14
ROMANS 4-5 (Peru 29.5M)
James/ Geneieve Jones (FL)
Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)
M/M Robert David Jones (VA)
W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
Jean Jonte (SC)
Shem/Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)
Mohan Katta (IL)
Howard & Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)

Bruce Kirby, Pastor
 Larry & Janet King (NC)
 Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
 Robert & Rose Klous (VA)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
ROM! 6-8 (Philippines 98M)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
 Soma Kovoor (TX)
 Korean Branch: Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
 Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
 Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
 Phil Landers (OK)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
ROMANS 9-11 (Pitcairn Is 48)
 Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)
 Bob Lawrence (MD)
 Maurice & Von Laws (TX)
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)
 Raymond & Janet LeMay (VT)
 Nuhu & Mercy Leo (Nigeria)
 Karl & Rebecca Leonard (NC)
 Gaylen & Linda Leverett (VA)
 Liberty University (VA)
 Jerry Falwell, Jr., President
 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
 Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17
ROM 12-16 (Poland 38.5M)
 Manship Chapel (DE)
 Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)
 Dan Martin (VA)
 Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA))
 Deborah Mathias (NY)
 Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18
1 COR 1-6 (Portugal 10.7M)
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Memorial Christian Church (VA)
 Virgil & Sue Knipp, Pastors
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19
1 COR 7-10 (Puerto Rico 4M)
 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)
 Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)
 Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)
 Roger & Carolyn Minney (VA)
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20
 French and Laura Moore (VA)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
 Katherine Morgan (VA)
 Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (S. Africa)
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
 Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21
1 COR 11-14 (Qatar 839,285)

Ann Palumbo (PA)
 Ellen Paulson (MN)
 Roger & Kay Pede (VA)
 Sandy Pederson (MI)
 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)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
1 COR 15-16 (Romania 22.2M)
 David & Marilyn Rainey (VA)
 James & Jeannette Ralph (VA)
 John Reed (NH)
 Dave Ricker (ME)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 Bo & Betty Robinson (MS)
 Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23
2 COR 1-5 (Russia 140M)
 Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
 David & Amy Ross (KY)
 Sandra Rumore (VA)
 Denise Russell (OR)
 John Saint (PA)
 Don & Marie Satterwhite (FL)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24
2 COR 6-9 (Rwanda 10.7M)
 Philip/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)
 Richard/Margaret Seigfield (SC)
 Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)
 Wonsub.YoungMi Sheen (Korea)
 Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA)
 Eric Farel, Pastor
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
 Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
 Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)
 Mary Skiles (KS)
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25
2 Cor 10-13 (Rwanda 10.7M)
 Paul & Mary Smith (TX)
 Walt & Betty Smoller (VA)
 John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
 Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)
 Marion J. Stansell (TX)
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)
 Carol Snow Stewart (AZ)
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
 Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26
GALATIANS (St. Helena 9,637)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)
 Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
 Stephanie Taylor (GA)
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27
 Earline Thigpen (TN)
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
 W. D. & Jackie Thomason (TN)
 Mildred V. Thompson (GA)
 Montez Thompson (CO)
 Paula Tipton (TN)
 Virginia Trask (VA)
 Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
 Malcom Troutman (KY)
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28
EPH (St. Kitts/Nevis 40,151)
 Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)
 Willie & Diane Troutman (KY)
 Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)
 Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)
 Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
PHIL (St. Lucia 150,267)
 George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Doris Snyder Vernnall (FL)
 Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil)
 Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
 Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)
 Beau/Ashley/Willow Ware (VA)
 Kay Warmerdam (TX)
 Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
COL (St. Pierre 7.063)
 Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
 George & Virginia Whitner (FL)
 Herbert & Kay Wice (TN)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Elijah Williams (NJ)
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
 Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)
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From one man's heart

Recently many of us have been very critical of the way things are being, or in not being, taken care of at the White House. Matters continue to spiral downward. I voted, as well as you, so I think I have the right to be critical when I see things being done the way they are and the effects it will have on us in the future.

No, I don't have the answers; however, I do know one who does have the answer and that is **God**. I am a firm believer that God answers prayers and He can heal our nation (**2 Chronicles 7:14**) I know some have prayed about this matter and will continue to pray. That is why we haven't completely sunk as a nation. But I also believe if more of our citizens prayed, God would see the sincerity and love we have for our country and answer our prayers and heal our nation. I don't mean this will happen overnight, but it will happen.

This is what I'm asking my friends and each of your friends to do. Starting the day you read these words set aside a time to pray for our nation. It doesn't matter what time since God will hear you at any hour of the day or night. Let's ask God to give our leaders wisdom and knowledge regarding the matters concerning our nation. Let's ask Him to heal our land and continue to keep us "One Nation Under God." Continue to pray this prayer each day of the week and I believe good results will come from it.

I am burdened for our future generations as well as the present. I want them to have the freedom (so many have died for) and pleasures we've had in our lifetime as American citizens. Thanks and may God continue to bless you and your family and America.

In Christ,
Clark Rogers
Evington VA

Note: **Clark and Marie Rogers** have been our close friends for almost forty years. When Clark shares, I know that what he says will be worthwhile. It is obvious that he is on to something. The work that needs to be done for America is prayer work. A few years back, another **Doorkeeper**, **Susie Kauffmann** (Mrs. Howard), Atlanta, expressed a similar burden and asked us to become **2 Chronicles 7:14** Christians. If you have not joined, I encourage you to do so today. See if you can get others (why not twelve or forty) to join with you. Above all, don't give up on America! **PRAY! BELIEVE!**

A gift from Clark

In **Ephesians 6:10-18**, we have "the warfare passage." We are in a spiritual war. God has provided armor to protect us in the battle, but He does not put the armor on for us. Each soldier Must put it on. Once you are protected, go to prayer because prayer is where the battle is being fought. One piece of the armor is shoes, which have to do with witnessing. God is counting on each of us to carry His Word to each person.

There are many ways to witness. Clark has prepared a "PASS IT ON" WITNESSING CARD. We have placed one in your Reflector. Please take time to find your gift. Then make plans to use it.

Ask the Holy Spirit to identify a person with whom to share the card. Pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare that person's heart to receive this invitation from the Lord. Since Satan has blinded the minds of unbelievers (**2 Corinthians 4:4**), it is especially important to ask God to bind Satan so the person's mind will be open to understand the meaning and message of the card. That will be vital. Pray for conviction to come. Let us know what happens.

Thanksgiving/Praising with a song

One way to express thanksgiving is through a song. Through the psalmist we are so directed. "Oh, come let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God . . . Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand: (**Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7**).

Paul directed us to sing with thankfulness in our hearts to God and included ancient hymns in some of his epistles (**Colossians 3:15-17, Ephesians 1:2-14, Philippians 2:6-11**). Singing has always been a means of prayer for the people of God, a means by which they especially offer thanksgiving and praise to Him. The only New Testament reference to "the word of Christ" is when Paul admonished the Colossian believers: "Let the word of Christ dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (**Colossians 3:16**). The word of Christ is of such nature than when it dwells within, it seeks expression through singing. Singing "with thankfulness" means to acknowledge properly the gifts that God has given to the singer. We are to engage in "giving thanks through Him to God the Father" (**Colossians 3:17**). Our Lord is described as gathering up the thanks (and we could include praise) of His people and presenting it to the Father (**Hebrews 7:25, 12:24, 13:15; 1 Peter 2:5**).

Congregational singing, directed by an anointed song leader, brings a spirit of harmony that draws God's people in a tie that binds our hearts together in Christian love. A worship service is not quite

complete for many in my own generation unless there are included what we call "specials" which can be quartets, trios, duets, and solos. Our hearts are stirred in a heaven-like time of thanksgiving/praising with a song. Imagine what heaven will be like when all focus is turned toward the "Lamb that was slain" and the Father who gave His Son, when the great celestial choir begins to sing! What a day that will be!

In Loving Memory

"absent from the body, present with the

Lord" (**2 Corinthians 5:8**)

Doorkeeper

Bonnie Houston

1947-9/22/2011

Lenoir City, Tennessee

Following a prayer seminar in Friendship Baptist Church, Lenoir City, Tennessee, on March 20, 1988, **Bonnie** became a **Doorkeeper**. No one has been any more faithful. We will miss her and look forward to the Grand Reunion Day in our eternal home..



Prayer Warrior Ministry Nigeria

Although it was twenty-three years ago, I remember it as though it were yesterday. My friend, **Dr. Ian Hay**, international director for Sudan Interior Ministries (**SIM**) the founding agency for the Evangelical Churches of West Africa (**ECWA**), asked me to schedule a series of prayer seminars in their Bible colleges and seminaries in Nigeria. I will never forget the seminar in **Billiri Bible College** in **Gombe State** on Thursday, November 24. With eagerness the students received their prayer seminar workbooks and gave themselves attentively to learn the purpose and power of prayer. In my journal, I wrote: "The spirit of joy/readiness among students/pastors was obvious. One student was from a mountain tribe that was only found three years ago." It was in this seminar that, for the very first time, I heard anyone singing "What a mighty God we serve" in perfect harmony and in agreement. During the seminar, I asked them to sing it again several times.

When I shared about the **24/7 prayer chapel ministry** we had established in Virginia, the administration, faculty, and students seemed intrigued. A decision was made to do the same on their campus under the charge of the students. The student leader was **Shem Kamla Ladan** who organized the prayer ministry and kept us informed step-by-step. Twenty-three years later, that ministry continues although the college has more than doubled in students. People come from all over Nigeria to have the students pray for them. Some miraculous answers to prayer have been recorded. In looking back, Shem writes: "I never knew that Christian life is prayer life throughout my Christian life until the Lord opened my eyes through the J. Gordon Henry Ministries." He then moved onto the battlefield for Jesus!

Upon his graduation, **Shem** established the **Prayer Warrior Ministry**, using the materials from the prayer seminar ministry, in Gombe State, the stronghold of the Muslims. He answered the call of God to work in what we would term a "difficult and dangerous" area. For many years, he has faithfully traveled throughout the region teaching the things pertaining to prayer and the Christian life. Reading his quarterly reports has been like reading another chapter of **Acts**. He and his wife **Deborah** (along with their three children) are determined to make a difference in their nation depending on the Lord for their protection.

During my first visit to Nigeria's **Imo State (Owerri)** January 19-February 6, 1987, working with the **Ibo**, it became obvious that Islam is not a peaceful religious in that nation. The reports were rampant of Christians being killed by Muslims in the northern part of Nigeria. Now the trouble has escalated southward and there has been much violence in beautiful Jos, Plateau State, where many Christian ministries are headquartered, including **ECWA** and **SIM**, as well as our prayer seminar ministry.



SHEM KAMLA--SHARING THE SEMINAR IN NIGERIA SINCE 1988

DOORS CLOSED FOR CUBAN NOVEMBER SEMINARS

A few days ago, we were informed by **Digmar Garcia**, the coordinator for the November 11-28 prayer seminars in Cuba, that it appeared that the Cuban government was canceling all religious visas for November. Today (October 20), we received news that the seminars were postponed until January 2012. **Digmar** said: "Please forgive us. The situation has gotten out of hand in our country and things are unpredictable."

Subject to **Adam Nathanson's** schedule, we have penciled in January 6-23 for the **Cuban seminars: Artemisa, Buena Vista, Havana, Holguin, Placetas, Remedios, Santa Clara**. Please add to your Cuba prayer list "that doors will remain open in Cuba." **Since we will need help with the late February-early March 2012 seminars scheduled for Venezuela, if God has placed on your heart to support the Cuba seminars, I encourage you to send that gift in now.**

Nigeria impact

From a human standpoint, it appears that the greatest impact of the prayer seminar ministry has been in Nigeria, Africa's largest nation with 149 million people. Following a series of prayer seminars in the Bible colleges and seminaries established by **SIM** (then Sudan Interior Missions, now Servants in Mission), **Onesimus Sule** answered the call of God to resign his positions with **ECWA** (the Evangelical Church of West Africa) and establish a prayer ministry using our materials. Soon, he was joined by **Sunday Bwanhot**. The work that these two did to establish a strong prayer ministry for a nation exhibited a level of excellence that I have never seen surpassed. By the way, Sunday's testimony of how God called him to this ministry is thrilling. Perhaps in the future, we will ask him to tell his story. The president of **ECWA**, **Panya Baba**, soon reported that *a spiritual awakening was sweeping Nigeria*.

Years have passed. The goal of the prayer ministry has been to establish a strong prayer ministry in each church (there are now over 5,000 churches). There have been hundreds upon hundreds of prayer seminars. At the beginning **ECWA** reported 2.2 million members; now there are over six million members. **Prayer works!**

The present leader of the Nigerian prayer ministry is **Nuhu Leo**. He recently reported that there have been twenty prayer seminars in local churches with an average attendance of 100. A one-day prayer and fasting program has been established in the District Church Councils throughout the nation with a "response [that] has been encouraging." He further reported "Last weekend, we had an intercessors' retreat with many local churches represented." **Prayer is the work that must be done; prayer works!** Your support has made a difference! Thanks for joining us!

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